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Chairman Salud Carbajal
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: Save Goleta Beach Park

Dear Chairman Carbajal and Honorable Supervisors:

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As an official voting member of the Goleta Beach Working Group, I urge you to support the preservation and enhancement of Goleta Beach Park. This was the sentiment of the majority of the Working Group.

There are several underground utility easements and facilities such as a natural gas pipeline, tele communication, water and sewer lines at the park. These essential public services and facilities must be protected by sand retention facilities such as permeable groins, buried rock revetments, extending the west headlands and other sand accumulating solutions to protect them and the beach park from erosion.

These are environmentally friendly and cost effective ways to preserve the utilities, beach, grass, parking area and other amenities for the 1.5 million people who annually enjoy the park. Managed Retreat will not accomplish preservation.

The Goleta Water Board has also raised a concern about potential degradation of the groundwater supply should Goleta Beach Park be breached by the ocean allowing seawater into the slough.

Many of our employees and their families enjoy Goleta Beach Park. Thanks for your willingness to preserve and enhance the amenities of this valuable community asset.

Sincerely

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