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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Santa Barbara South County needs to provide affordable housing for commuters who already work in Santa Barbara.

As a Board Trustee for Santa Barbara Unified School District, I urge you to approve rezoning for The Tatum Parcel at 4750 Hollister Avenue. The rezoning of this parcel, in conjunction with Red Tail LLC and SB Housing authority will include much needed housing for teachers and staff at SB USD. Also, please consider rezoning the Glen Annie Golf course parcel, so that SB UUSD in partnership with JTGVL LLC and the SB Housing Authority, can also develop critical SB USD workforce housing there.

With the Parma development, along with these two other properties, SB USD can afford to attract teachers who teach the students who range from Carpinteria to the eastern Goleta Valley. SB USD employs approximately 1,826 employees, the majority of whom meet the criteria of "low income" here in Santa Barbara. 40% of teacher shave a second job to make ends meet. Only 58% of Santa Barbara teachers live near their schools, with 26% commuting a moderate distance to their schools, and 17% commuting from as far away as Ojai and Oxnard. Creating housing for SB USD teachers and staff not only allows SB USD to retain teachers for their entire career, but also impacts how much of the district's revenue can be allocated towards educating the students in our community. More importantly, SB USD teachers and staff are a large part of the fabric of our community, and they are the people who belong here in this community with their own families.

Development in Santa Barbara is happening, whether people prefer this or not. I support rezoning of more than just the parcels mentioned. We need to have a say in terms of developments that favor those who are already work here and contribute so much to everyone's lives.

Thank you for you attention,

Sunita Beall
Board Trustee, Santa Barbara Unified School District.

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