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RE: GOLETA TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS POLICY UPDATE

Dear Chair Carbajal and Board Members,

After nine months of public workshops and study, on January 17, the City Council considered possible amendments to the General Plan, one of which pertains to a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. In light of the fact that the Board of Supervisors will be considering the use of TDR's at a hearing on February 5, this letter summarizes the City's TDR Program and recent City Council direction regarding possible related amendments to the General Plan.

The current Goleta General Plan provides support for a TDR Program that is entirely internal to the city. Policy implementation action LU-IA-6 authorizes the creation of an ordinance prescribing procedures for transfer of development rights from parcels within Goleta that may not be buildable due to policy limitations associated with habitat resources to receiving sites within the city that allow for residential uses.

At the January 17 public hearing, the City Council unanimously authorized the initiation and processing of a General Plan Amendment that would expand the TDR Program beyond the city limits. What this means is the City is interested in a regional approach to TDR, one that looks at the resource base and residential opportunities of the South Coast as a whole.

The City appreciates the efforts of the Board of Supervisors to frame a responsible TDR Policy Program for the region. Over the next few months, the City Council will engage in final deliberations on the TDR-related General Plan Amendments.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Bennett
 Mayor

cc: Goleta City Council