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Dear Staff: Please find attached a comment letter for tomorrow's BOS meeting. We ask that you send this to all supervisors and include our letter in the packet for this item. Could you let me know via a brief e-mail that you received this letter and were able to disseminate it to the board members.

Thank you.

Marell Brooks



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December 5, 2021

To: Board of Supervisors

RE: Item D 2022 Legislative Platform: Proposed Change to Hollister Ave Streetscape Benefits

Dear Chair Nelson and Board Members:

Citizens Planning Association was surprised to learn of a proposed change to a longstanding principle in one of the County's Legislative Platform—the Hollister Avenue/State Street Improvement project, on PG 19 of your proposed new Legislative Platform.

Specifically, one of the “public benefit” bullet points, under the Public Benefit of “infill development” which the street widening project would allow for, has been completely eliminated in the proposed draft. It read:

- Reduce conversion of agricultural land, sensitive habitat, and open space for new development.

The preservation of urban agricultural land, and sensitive habitat, and open space were all pivotal foundations of the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan and served as public benefits that would derive from the increased density that the EGV plan provided for on certain parcels.

Citizens Planning Association was a part of the coalition, along with EDC, Urban Creeks and other environmental groups, that advocated repeatedly for preservation of urban agriculture, sensitive habitat and open space during the several years the EGV plan was developed.

It is perplexing to understand how the Board would have any interest in removing those important public benefits to a plan that will add infill development.

We urge you to retain that important bullet point in the 2022 Legislative Platform, and also to retain the County's commitment to supporting the integrity of its community plans.

Sincerely,

Marell Brooks, President

Citizens Planning Association