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**From:** Leane Ledbetter <leaneledbetter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 8:45 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Glen Annie Golf Course housing possibility

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I was born and raised here in Goleta and while I technically don't live in Goleta (I live in Nomad Village near El Sueno), I am still fond of our town.

Goleta has seen a massive expansion of housing in a relatively short period of time and while I know housing is an issue and the state is asking cities to expand, Glen Annie Golf Course is a poor choice.

The impact on traffic alone at the intersection of Glen Annie and Callie Real and the off ramp there are already congested enough. Traffic routinely backs up to Los Caneros and beyond since the off ramp is only one lane. When the ramp was redone, it should have been expanded to two lanes since two hotels, numerous housing and shopping areas were added into the area serviced by that off ramp.

Adding a 1,000 unit housing building will only add to the heavy congestion at peak times with no relief in site. My mother, who is 81 and drives out to Costco for prescriptions is now driving the back way to avoid that offramp. You will also be adding congestion to the high school area which doesn't need additional traffic.

Please reconsider using the golf course as a housing area. There are far better places to put a housing unit. The space between Turnpike and the County buildings off Calle Real is much better suited for this.

Thank you for your time.  
Leane Ledbetter

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Nanci <nancigardiner@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 8:50 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Input for May 3, 2024 - Board of Supervisors Meeting  
**Attachments:** Nanci Gardiner Letter to Board of Supervisors 5.3.24.pdf

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See my letter attached. Thank you.

Nanci Gardiner

Nanci Gardiner  
8460 Vereda del Padre  
Goleta, California 93117

May 3, 2024

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of our community.

I write as a very concerned citizen of Goleta and Santa Barbara County, having lived at the west end of Goleta for over 40 years. We built our home in the mid-80's when no housing was allowed, and we had to petition to build ONE home on ONE lot. That's how much things have changed!

I am very troubled by the changes seen in Goleta in the last number of years. You may instantly think, "oh, it's classic NIMBY", but that's not it at all. *It's a concern about decisions being made that will have forever consequences, decisions that can't be mitigated for, reversed, or tempered in any way. Decisions that affect the safety of Goleta, and the quality of life for all in the years to come.*

It's unbelievable to me what the State is mandating. And yes, I realize you are in a most difficult situation of trying to make decisions within very narrow confines.

But please, please, PLEASE think carefully about what you are doing today and going forward. *Please be careful about rezoning large ag properties, and especially do not be permanently changing the General Plan!!! Changes to the General Plan are not required by the State. Please don't make lasting changes that are not well thought out. Don't give up any more than we have to!*

We citizens of Goleta implore you to consider the lasting effects of your decision today. It's more than just "a certain number of dwellings".

Serious safety and infrastructure issues are at hand!!

Decisions you make today will impact traffic safety, circulation, and congestion. Creating massive housing developments will also impact the nearby schools, water resources, and other infrastructure. The proposed projects appear to be attempting to bypass the required mitigations.

There is absolutely no way the stretch of Calle Real near the proposed Kenwood development will be able to support the increased amount of traffic. And the impact on the Storke-Glen Annie on and off ramps will be daunting.

And the proposal for the Glen Annie Golf Course area has the same issues, even more so. Cathedral Oaks is not capable of handling all the potential traffic a new large development will create. And again, the impact on the Storke-Glen Annie interchange (already overly impacted) will be substantial.

And then there is the issue of parking!! There appears to be a belief or "wish" floating around that if a new development offers a reduced number of parking spots that the residents will all be so cool and just bike or walk

and be so enlightened from the burden of fossil fuel! This is absolutely not true, and all that will happen is those residents will be parking on side streets or other places because no one is going to give up their car (or multiple cars).

The current state of the roads at the west end of Goleta is unbelievable. Potholes abound, and not just small ones. Roads are extremely rough and desperately in need of some major care. *These are the same roads you are proposing to add further burden to!*

*And what about water?* There are many of us who are still trying to conserve, and for what? For developers to overdo it and overtax our system? Yes, we've had much rain this year, but the historical trend is not receiving enough rain and it affecting our water supply.

*But the biggest concern for me is the stress on our fire protection in the west end of Goleta.* We already do not have a fire station that can handle what exists in terms of housing. What happened to the planned-for fire station near Sandpiper and Ellwood? *Much of the proposed building areas are designated "high fire risk zones". This is a serious issue.* I've been evacuated many times and roads in and out of neighborhoods, fire services, and the ability to protect are severely at stake in what you decide today. For example, picture hundreds of people trying to evacuate Glen Annie Golf Course area, as El Encanto mixes with that as they all try to migrate to the Storke-Glen Annie interchange? Of particular concern is how we would evacuate this community in an emergency, with thousands more residents added to the mix, all heading for Cathedral Oaks and the freeway at the same time, in conditions that are likely to be chaotic and with the power out. It's troubling.

*Additionally, it is likely the new Glen Annie development residents will have trouble obtaining homeowners insurance.* My insurer, State Farm, is already threatening to drop my coverage and they have dropped thousands previously covered in California.

*And the proverbial "elephant in the room" is the preponderance of UCSB students, with enrollment numbers growing by the minute.* Much of newer housing in Goleta (such as behind Hollister Village) is NOT housing to permanent residents but rather filled with students, and the developers jack up the prices to take advantage of that demographic (with apparently endless financial resources). *How will we ensure that any new housing will be for those who truly need it, not to create more space for UCSB's out-of-control expansion, and the State of California ruling that no enrollment at the UC's can be capped?*

Supervisors!! Please please(!) don't toss Goleta to the side! Please consider carefully today's decisions.

It's painful to observe the changes that are altering Goleta forever, and the assumption that Goleta will bear the brunt of all new housing mandated by the State. How did that even happen?

Please consider carefully the Ag land you are rezoning. Zoning is there to protect areas and ensure proper use. Throwing out zoning is a scary slippery slope. Rezoning and converting ag land is forever.

And please also do not capriciously change the General Plan! It's not required, and gives some modicum of control in this crazy California we are now living in.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Nanci Gardiner*

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Nancy <nancynpwork@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 8:51 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** SBCAN: Urge the county to build housing on county-owned land

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Good morning County Board of Supervisors,

See the link below for a petition created by SBCAN to Urge the county to build housing on county-owned land.

<https://www.change.org/support-affordable-and-workforce-housing-SBcounty>

As of 8:45 AM, we have 97 signatures, 10 paying promoters, and \$191 contributed. Please reply to this email for an excel form list of signees.

Best regards,

Nancy Avoce  
Santa Barbara County Action Network (SBCAN)

## Sarah Mayer

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**From:** ROBERT SMITH <ginanboys@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 8:52 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Gina Smith  
**Subject:** Glenn Anne Projects and Goleta overbuilding concerns

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To Santa Barbara Count Board of Supervisors,  
This is a decisive moment in our city's future!  
Please do not vote to overbuild Goleta and surrounding land that will negatively impact our already increasing traffic flow and safety.  
Fire safety and ability to obtain home owners insurance is of much concern to many Goleta residents.  
Many homes near Cathedral Oaks are already losing their current coverage and having trouble finding replacement companies.  
We need to take care of our community.  
Robert and Gina Smith

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Kirkman Gardiner <kirkmangardiner@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 8:58 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Input for Board of Supervisors

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Board of Supervisors,

I write as a longtime resident of the West end of Goleta.

I am deeply concerned about the proposed projects for this area, as we try to meet the demands of the State.

Traffic is a real concern and the roads adjacent to proposed developments will clearly NOT handle the increased circulation.

Fire safety is a serious concern, as we do not currently even have enough protection for the El Encanto, Winchester, and Rancho Embarcadero areas, especially with the stalling of the new fire station promised and proposed for the Ellwood and Sandpiper area. Fire safety is such a serious issue that a major insurer, State Farm, is threatening to remove my coverage and has already removed coverage for thousands of people. Glen Annie is also designated "high fire risk" and the homes will likely not be insurable.

Parking is a ticking time bomb. The assumption that new residents will be so environmentally conscious that they will not want to have a car or multiple cars is unrealistic at best. This will lead to parking in adjacent neighborhoods.

The stretch of Calle Real fronting the proposed Kenwood site will in no way handle an increase of hundred of residents.

And how will we ensure that new housing will not just be filled by UCSB students? This is a real issue in our town and drives up prices as wealthy students are willing to pay whatever to live in Goleta, and those who really need the housing are not able to afford it. We need extra protections in place, especially as the State has not prohibited enrollment caps throughout the UC system.

Supervisors, please be careful about rezoning agricultural land. These decision are forever!

Please not make changes today to the General Plan. This is not required by the State, and we need to retain any shreds of local control that we can.

Thank you,

Kirkman Gardiner

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** gkgfamily@cox.net  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 9:01 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Input - May 3 meeting

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Board of Supervisors,

I do not support changing the General Plan and it's not necessary.

Please be careful about rezoning agricultural land. This is a forever decision.

Please consider that the roads of west Goleta will not support what you are proposing.

Fire safety is a serious problem, as well.

Thank you.



**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Pat Sheppard <pat.sheppard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 9:00 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Proposed housing in unincorporated SB county

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please consider that the proposed rezones on unincorporated south Santa Barbara County are too heavily concentrated on one area. This area is right under an area heavily trafficked with jets taking off and landing, resulting in noise and air pollution. Unless SBA mitigates its routes, this housing will be subject to loud noises starting at 5 a.m. and going throughout the day into the night. Jet fuel pollution will affect the health of everyone in the area.

In addition, the rezoning unfairly concentrates housing in an area that has previously been open agricultural land, a hallmark of the Goleta Valley. Please consider lessening the impact of such a large swath of the unincorporated area east of Goleta. Traffic, congestion, and pollution impacts will all be severe.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Patricia Sheppard

## Sarah Mayer

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**From:** Pat Sheppard <pat.sheppard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 9:40 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Other sites to consider

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Looking at the map of the areas in the non-incorporated sections of Santa Barbara County, I see that they are heavily concentrated under the flight path of Santa Barbara airport. The amount of noise and air pollution generated by this flight path are well documented. In fact, the jet fuel pollution can be observed on the tile roofs of the Village at Santa Barbara, located on San Ricardo and Calle Morelia roads in the 93111 zip code area.

You can see for yourselves the black film that adheres to the roofs of the Village--we would be pleased to show you. We are 40 multi-unit housing on 9 acres east of the proposed rezoning area off of Patterson. The noise and pollution are alarming and will affect all the housing that is proposed.

Has the Board of Supervisors and staff looked at the agricultural area known as La Patera ranch, north of Cathedral Oaks? If that area were rezoned for housing it would be out of any air traffic corridor and therefore much healthier. It is large and could support many housing units without noise and pollution problems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Sheppard  
5235 Calle Morelia  
Santa Barbara (county) 93111

Sarah Mayer

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**From:** Sasha <sashkaps@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 9:54 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** I oppose converting agricultural land to residential

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Dear Board,

I'm against converting agricultural land to residential.

A Study by the AFT found that that acre for acre, developed land emits about 58 times the greenhouse gases emitted by cropland. The wildlife in the surrounding open space will also be greatly affected by this massive development. These animals are losing their habitat at a fast pace; surrounding areas have sensitive habitats and must be protected.

Traffic and congestion will also be too much for this area. We have limited Agricultural land and this area should be left alone. Housing should be spread out throughout the county and not in one concentrated area. The impact of this massive development will be de detrimental to this area. Please vote No.

Thank You,

Sasha Kontos

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Chris Mobley <thadmobley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 9:56 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Steele, Jessica  
**Cc:** Supervisor Das Williams  
**Subject:** Re: Comment on Adoption of the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update Rezone Amendments

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As a follow up: I meant to refer to VanWingerden 1, not Van Wingerden 2 in the 3rd bullet of my letter.

Sincerely, Chris Mobley

On May 2, 2024, at 20:18, Chris Mobley <thadmobley@yahoo.com> wrote:

Please consider the attached comments.

Chris Mobley and Lotus Vermeer  
4224 Venice Ln  
Carpinteria, CA 93013  
<Rezoning-Comments-SB-BoardSupes-Mobley.pdf>

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Susan Chamberlin <landscapehistory1993@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 10:35 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Housing Element Rezones

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TO: The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Susan Chamberlin, a resident in the 93103-zip code area  
RE: Housing Element Rezones

Please stand up to the State building mandates to protect agriculture and open space in our community. The State Regional Housing Needs Allocations do not consider the impact of overdevelopment on limited resources and sustainability.

The oil embargo of the 1970s should have taught us what can happen when we rely on other countries for our essential needs. If we have to rely on Mexico for our food because we no longer have agricultural lands, they gain an advantage over us that can be exploited. Our open space protects wildlife and raptors. In drought years, there is not enough water for the current population.