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To the members of the board-

I am writing to express my support for the views of the Goleta City Council on Agenda Item 9, the housing element. I would like to bring attention to the issue of rezoning agricultural land as a means of satisfying the housing element.

While rezoning agricultural land may **seem like the easiest solution**, it is **not the best one**. It promotes sprawl and does not prioritize good infrastructure or improvement of existing areas. Additionally, rezoning agricultural land may lead to landowners seeking to have their land rezoned in order to increase the value of their property.

I believe that we should instead focus on putting the required housing in places that already exist, and work towards improving these areas through infill projects. There are many existing areas in the county that have not been updated since the 60s or earlier, and it is time to invest in these areas and make them livable and desirable for current and future residents.

By prioritizing infill projects and improving existing areas, we can avoid the negative effects of rezoning agricultural land and promote sustainable growth and development in our county.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Joshua Levi
Goleta Resident