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Janet Wolf, Chair of Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
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Dear Supervisor Wolf,

I am writing on behalf of the More Mesa Preservation Coalition, a group of almost 1000 community members whose mission is to preserve all of More Mesa in perpetuity. As such, we are concerned about whatever issues affect not only More Mesa, but the beach directly below it as well. And, since More Mesa Beach is down current, and only a short distance from Goleta Beach, we have always been heavily involved in various proposals concerning Goleta Beach:

- Goleta Beach Working Group: I was a member of the Goleta Beach Working Group, and party to the original recommendation that included a “Managed Retreat” approach for the western end of the beach. At the conclusion of our deliberations, all the members of the committee agreed upon, this “Managed Retreat” proposal.
- Permeable Groin: Later, after the original recommendations of the Goleta Beach Working Group had been summarily discarded (without explanation), MMPC attended, and spoke at, all the meetings (Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and Coastal Commission) that proffered the “Permeable Groin” solution; an approach that had never been mentioned during the entire tenure of the Goleta Beach Working Group. At these later meetings (conducted in 2008-2009), we vociferously opposed the “Permeable Groin” solution because of the likelihood of massive erosion occurring at down coast beaches, and More Mesa Beach in particular. Indeed, in July of last year, the Coastal Commission overwhelmingly rejected this approach as well.
- Goleta Beach 2.0: Of late we have attended all the meetings held to explain this new solution proposed by County Parks.

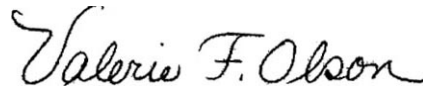
After learning about “Goleta Beach 2.0”, we can say that we enthusiastically support this approach. We see it as an innovative plan to protect and enhance Goleta Beach County Park, and are convinced that it successfully deals with one of our greatest concerns; namely it would not add to down coast erosion of More Mesa Beach. In addition, it:

- Removes rock walls that are not permitted and in violation of Coastal Commission policy.
- Preserves not only the park, but enhances the environment
- Also provides additional recreational facilities that would increase usage and

be inclusive of some members of the community that do not currently use the park.

Add to all the above, the location of sewer and utility lines as far back as possible, and out of the critical erosion zone, this plan then represents a genuine long term solution for Goleta Beach. Finally, in these most difficult economic times, this new approach is much less costly than previous proposals. We urge you to support Goleta Beach 2.0 and do everything you can to make this important project possible.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie F. Olson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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