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SB County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors;

We are writing to urge your support of prudent coastal management at Goleta Beach. The current 'Goleta Beach 2.0' (GB 2.0) proposal is an innovative, creative way to preserve and improve the park for the community. Goleta Beach 2.0 is a progressive alternative to shoreline armoring, which threatens the very existence of our recreational beaches.

You should be aware that just down the coast in Ventura, the Surfers' Point Managed Shoreline Retreat Project is scheduled to break ground this September. The Surfers' Point project will relocate damaged infrastructure inland in order to restore the coastal buffer zone and ensure the continued existence of one of our county's most popular recreational beaches. The project is the result of more than a decade of cooperative planning between state and local government agencies and the community.

A similar opportunity now exists at Goleta Beach;

- We support the concept of GB 2.0 as a way to protect and enhance Goleta Beach Park.
- The sewer and utility lines should be moved as far inland as possible to avoid future sewer spills and avoid the need for a "Protection Zone"

As communities are faced with rising sea levels, they look to California as an example. Long-term strategies such as managed shoreline retreat are critical to ensuring the continued existence of our world-class beaches for future generations.

Sincerely,

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