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Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara CA 93101

Re: Goleta Beach 2.0 Project

Dear Honorable County Supervisors:

The UCSB Associated Students Environmental Affairs Board (EAB) strongly supports the “Goleta Beach 2.0” project and urges the County of Santa Barbara to implement this innovative plan. EAB’s mission is to enhance, protect, and preserve the local and global natural environment. As Goleta Beach is adjacent to our beautiful campus and used by many of our students and faculty on a daily basis, EAB believes it is in the county’s best interest to adopt this plan because it not only preserves but improves this recreational area as well as the sensitive ecosystems.

This year, EAB received the Community Service Award from the UCSB Environmental Studies Program for our tireless efforts to clean and preserve our community through beach clean-ups, tree planting, Adopt-A-Block trash pickup, and local ecosystem restoration. We also received the Campus Progress Best Event award for our Climate Change Conference held on campus in April 2010. These awards reflect the hard work EAB has dedicated to our community since our founding in 1992, and the wider community’s recognition of our status as a respected steward of the land and leading voice for UCSB on environmental issues.

Today we urge you to adopt the “Goleta Beach 2.0” plan, which is founded on environmentally conscious and scientifically sound reasoning. The “Goleta Beach 2.0” will benefit the community both socially and environmentally. It will add a much-needed acre to the beach, which will allow for the use of more recreational facilities such as kayak rentals. This proposal is also a long-term solution to the beach’s erosion problems, as it removes the rock seawalls and relocates sewer and utility lines inland, out of the critical erosion zone.

In summary, this proposal protects the park, recreational facilities, beach, and the sensitive ecosystem, including local species such as the Snowy Plover. Please seriously consider implementing this plan, as it is the best option to sustain the beauty that is Goleta Beach for generations to come.

Please feel free to contact EAB if you have any further questions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Environmental Affairs Board

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