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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

The Santa Barbara County Action Network (SBCAN) supports "Goleta Beach 2.0" as an innovative plan to protect and enhance Goleta Beach County Park.

The Parks Department's new plan preserves and expands the beach by over an acre!

It adds recreational facilities like kayak rentals and trails and removes the unpermitted rock seawalls which damage the beach.

By relocating the sewer and utility lines out of the "critical erosion zone" the plan is a long-term solution.

The County's sewer line should be moved all the way back to Highway 217 to avoid future sewage spills on the beach and avoid the need to consider a controversial "backstop revetment" seawall which would damage the beach.

Goleta Beach 2.0 protects the Park and the environment and is far less costly than prior proposal which have been rejected by the Coastal Commission.

We urge you to support Goleta Beach Park and direct staff to pursue all options to move the sewer line further inland.

Sincerely,

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