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Hello Chair Smith and Planning Commissioner's:

I am writing you as I am not able to attend the planning workshops but have many concerns that I would like to address.

I am a long time resident of Old Town Goleta whose residential property is adjacent to the General Industrial site on Depot Road.

If you have never toured this Industrial Site on the east side of Depot Road towards Alondra Drive you should. It's a mess!

Here are things that make living in the area not so pleasant.

1. Drive down the cul de sac end of Alondra Drive and you can see all of the junk, and make shift awning covers from the street. There is no screening to hide any of this junk from our neighborhood view other than a 6ft retaining wall. I have been fighting this problem for over 30 years. I thought any industrial site that is adjacent to residents needs to be screened.
2. Vehicles are repaired, body work done and at times painted in these awning covers.
3. There is no such thing as a setback between my property line and the industrial site on the other side. Whatever they can put up against the retaining wall they will!
4. The worst problem is the smell of auto paint in the evenings when someone is painting their vehicle out in the open. The smell consumes my yard!

I would like to know from the Planning Commission what protection is in the general industrial zoning laws that protect residential home owners from hazardous odors, noise from vehicle repairs, setbacks between residential/general industrial property lines and screening from the trash and junk we have to look at.

Please consider us Goleta families, our homes, property and the air we breathe and put into the General Industrial Zoning, laws that protect us.

Thank You,

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