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Subject: (3) Three Hot Button Issues

Dear Mayor Perotte and Council Members,

1.) Zoning Update: Recreational Vehicles.

I am hoping the city will resist the sizeable but minority group of residents that are organized and lobbying to allow recreational vehicles to further junk-up our neighborhoods. The efforts of the residents to sway the processes has been forceful but I believe most people in the City do not want to change the ordinance. Please do not reward the efforts of this group and their zoning violations. Please do not ignore the problems created by the vehicles, including, safety, blight, ingress and egress issues, sightline problems by adjacent properties and even noise (covered vehicles disturbing neighbors on windy days.) Although the RV group expressed seemingly valid points for the justification of their violations some were really making excuses and blaming their neighbors for their own negligent behaviors, even to the point of suggesting those in disagreement should move. Again please do not legitimize what most of these recreational vehicle owners are doing, again storing their junk, often multiple RVs on our small and unaccommodating residential lots.

2.) Auxillary Dwelling Units:

I was stunned to learn, after the fact, that the State had circumvented local processes. I understand clearly that we have an economic model that creates a housing shortage, if not a crisis. Still I do believe this State mandate will not address the housing problem because the economic model stays the same. And there is no requirement for ADUs to meet any affordability requirement. I believe the mandate could actually create escalating housing prices while destroying the quality of life we expect to have in the Single Family Residential zone. I understand that the State imposed limitations and restrictions, still I am hoping The City of Goleta will update it's own ordinance with the strictest limitations that can be legally defensible. Lastly I do not think that illegal units should necessarily be grandfathered in, and certainly not without a penalty.

3.) Marijuana Grows:

I am concerned that areas within our City's control as well as our County's jurisdiction may allow commercial grows and processing that will negatively affect air quality with odors. While traveling through Carpinteria I often notice the skunk-like odor and it is my understanding that many residents are finding the odors difficult to live with. It seems to me that a larger buffer zone is necessary unless there is a technical solution.

Thank you all and staff for all you do. I know these issues can be difficult as sorting out the public's sentiments and competing interests can be difficult.

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