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Attached are some final comments on the NZO for the Feb. 18th meeting.

Barbara

Mayor and Councilmembers,

February 16, 2020

These are some of my final comments on the New Zoning Ordinance.

I don't understand how staff can expect you to adopt "Repeals and Amendments" without you and the public having the opportunity to read what is being removed and changed. All the repeals and changes should be compiled in one document for you and the public to read. You shouldn't give staff carte blanche with our Municipal Code and Ordinances. It isn't good enough to have a paragraph of four sentences in the staff report to cover this significant action.

I am concerned that staff has taken it upon themselves to delete 17.24.090 C.1, Limitations on Chain-Link Fencing in the staff report. At the January 21st City Council meeting you clearly told staff that you wanted this item to come back to you with options. So instead of doing what you asked, they just deleted the entire Section C 1. a, b, and c. with provision that you never discussed. Chain-link fencing is currently prohibited in Residential Zones and should continue to be. This type of fencing is appropriate for industrial and agricultural area but not for residential zones. Chain-link fencing degrades neighborhoods and lowers property values. Please don't delete the prohibition of chain-link fencing especially in residential zones.

I ask that you reconsider your deletion of mailed notices where the number of notices is greater than 1,000. You asked the Public Engagement Commission for their opinion on this issue. Unfortunately, staff downplayed the comments at the meeting to achieve the result they wanted. From the December 3, 2019 staff report on Adoption of the New Zoning Ordinance, page 4, are the following comments.

On November 13, the PEC received a presentation from staff on noticing requirements in the proposed NZO and provided feedback to staff for Council's consideration. In summary, the PEC recommended mailed notices even where there are more than 1,000 recipients, consistent with the Planning Commission's recommendations, noting that the additional public outreach would reach community members reliant on paper-mail notices. PEC members observed that a segment of the Goleta community is without access to the internet and that, in general, newspaper notices have limited effectiveness because fewer and fewer people read printed press. Mailed noticing in both English and Spanish would help overcome barriers to participation due to language and afford all members of the community an opportunity to provide input on projects of citywide importance. The PEC considered the effectiveness of mailed noticing to be worth associated mailing costs to the City.

Your action on this issue did not seem to consider the Public Engagement Commission's and resident's opinions and is not in the best interest of the residents. Residents will continue to think that the Council doesn't care about their opinion when they don't even get notice of major projects.

Thank you, Barbara