Hello Goleta Mayor, city council, and city planners,

I wanted to take a moment and thank you for your work for the city of Goleta.

In light of current emergencies with fires, I also wanted to take this opportunity to express a concern about the proposed zoning ordinance for the city of Goleta regarding recreational vehicles and present a potential benefit to the city of Goleta. Proposed zoning for parking/storage of recreational vehicles would exclude many owners from keeping their vehicles at their homes. Many properties in Goleta are not designed to allow parking of these vehicles on the side or rear of the property because of limited access between homes. We keep our small truck camper stocked and “ready to go” for not only pleasure trips, but also for emergencies (we have had a few in recent times). If we were not allowed to keep our vehicle at our home under proposed zoning ordinance, we would not have this emergency resource available. Our vehicle is equipped with a generator, solar panel, food and water, and beds for four. Many RV owners do the same. I would like to request that proposed zoning ordinance be adjusted to be more lenient and allow for parking of RVs on personal property in driveways. I would also like to propose that the city of Goleta take advantage of the generosity of RV owners and have a volunteer system in place that utilizes these as a resource in times of emergency.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Brad Penkala