



TO: Planning Commission Chair and Members

FROM: Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Zoning Ordinance Update

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Planning Commission receive a presentation on the status of the City's new Zoning Ordinance.

PRESENTATION:

The City's present Zoning Ordinance was the code in effect in the County of Santa Barbara at the date of incorporation. Since the County's codes were created more than 30 years ago to address the varied needs of both urban and rural areas, its structure and provisions are not well-suited to our existing community. In light of this outdated regulatory tool, staff initiated the Zoning Ordinance Program with the purpose of preparing new zoning regulations that will shape future growth in our City. The new Zoning Ordinance will build upon the foundation of the adopted General Plan and other prior planning endeavors.

Since initiating the project, staff and the City's consultant team, led by Dyett and Bhatia, have conducted interviews with members of the public and City decision-makers, including members of the City Council, Planning Commission, and Design Review Board. Staff and the consultant team have also developed a project-specific website (GoletaZoning.com). A summary of these developments and a schedule of upcoming milestones will be provided in the staff presentation.

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