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Good morning City of Goleta,

Please see attached letter of support for the New Zoning Ordinance for child care.

Thank you,

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Goleta City Council
Goleta Planning Commission

Dear City Council and Planning Commission members,

As the coordinator of the local Child Care Planning Council, I want to thank you for the support you've shown for child care and the ways that the city has helped pave the way for more child care in Goleta. It is desperately needed, not just for residents, but for the employees of the existing and future businesses that operate here

Our findings from our 2015 Child Care Needs Assessment show there are less than 18,000 early care and education spaces for the estimated 35,000 children needing care in in Santa Barbara County. In other words, there are close to two children for every one space overall. The greatest need is for infants and toddlers. With the shortage of child care in our area, making it more accessible is crucial in providing success for our children. **We just need more high quality child care!**

The changes that are being made now, with the changes to the zoning policies and development fees and the assignment of planning staff time will certainly have an impact that will provide a benefit for a long time.

I urge you to approve the New Zoning Ordinance on November 5, 2019 and continue to review all the ways that the city can influence the development of child care resources in the community.

Thank you,

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