

From: [Pancho Gomez](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Creek, wetland, and other habitat protection
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I am writing you today to request that you adopt strong protections for creeks, wetlands, and habitats. I urge you to adopt a standalone provision in the New Zoning Ordinance that sets forth a process for determining when, upon an applicant's request, a reduction in the required setback from creeks may be granted. This provision should apply to any request to modify City zoning or policy requirements.

I support the recommendations made by the Environmental Defense Center and Urban Creeks Council to adopt the California Coastal Commission's language for analyzing when a setback may be reduced. The Coastal Commission's language was adopted by the County of Santa Barbara in its Coastal Zoning Ordinance and in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan. Preserving and restoring Goleta's creeks is very important to our community and we thank you for your efforts to protect Goleta's watershed!

Though I am not a Goleta/Santa Barbara resident, I reside in the 805 and have seen how environmental protection in Santa Barbara County influences similar programs in SLO County and vice versa.

Sincerely,

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