Dear Kim,

Please forward to the Planning Commission for today's NZO discussion item.

Thanks,

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SUBJECT: Goleta NZO Section 17.30.070 Changes to Required ESHA Buffers

Dear Chair Smith and Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters strongly supports the City’s goals to maintain, enhance, and restore its precious creeks and waterways and the 100-foot ESHA buffer consistent with the City’s General Plan and its Creek and Watershed Management Plan.

The League supports the Environmental Defense Center request, to include the California Coastal Commission criteria to determine feasibility of changing the 100-foot setback. Although the Review Authority will rely on the CEQA document through the major CUP process, having the Coastal Commission criteria in the NZO would be stronger. The County of Santa Barbara in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan has also adopted these feasibility criteria.

Please direct staff to incorporate the California Coastal Commission’s language in the New Zoning Ordinance.

The League appreciates the efforts of staff and the Planning Commission as you move toward final approval by the City Council.

Please contact me at president@lwvsantabarbara.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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