Please find attached, comments on the Goleta NZO from the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara.

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Mayor and City Councilmembers
City of Goleta City Hall
130 Cremona Dr., Suite B
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SUBJECT: Adoption of the New Zoning Ordinance

Dear Mayor Perotte and City Councilmembers:

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara (League) has followed the New Zoning Ordinance process. We recognize the hard work of the planning staff as well as the reviews and input by the community and the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission has voted to approve the proposed NZO, contingent upon the initiation and adoption of the relevant General Plan Amendments. These include,

- amending the Housing Element to include rental inclusionary housing;

The League would like to hear the details of this amendment, e.g., the percentage of the proposed project that would be required to be inclusionary housing. We recommend at least 15% consistent with the existing requirement for for-sale housing.

- amending the Conservation Element to revise standards for environmentally sensitive habitat area buffers for protection of streams, lagoons and native woodland/savannas;

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. Please have staff to incorporate the California Coastal Commission’s language in the New Zoning Ordinance and revise the General Plan accordingly.

- amending the Land Use Element to allow Large Residential Care Facilities in single-family and planned residential land use zones.

The League supports this amendment.

Please contact Cheryl Rogers, LWVSB Sustainable Communities Committee at cherplan2@cox.net or myself at president@lwvsantabarbara.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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