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I am writing to support the application for routine battery augmentation at the Goleta Energy Storage facility. This facility is one of the many things that makes me proud to live in Goleta. In the face of the climate crisis, our community needs more facilities such as this to promote resilience by enhancing our fragile grid.

Rooftop solar and battery storage are key elements to sustainability and I am grateful to have a city government that supports facilities such as this. I'm confident that you will approve this application and do everything you can to move Goleta forward with more battery storage.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**Subject:** Goleta Energy Storage Augmentation Units

Hello,

This letter is in regards to the upcoming meeting of August 25, 2025.

My name is Sergio and I live right next (across the road) from the current battery storage unit at Storke Rd. I appreciate the notice given to us this time since the previous project was given very limited notice and we found out about it after it was approved.

I strongly object to this new proposed project due to the proximity to residential areas and because it is also very close to the current storage area. It is essentially sandwiching us. Even if we disagree on the level of risk these storage units pose to residents, the clustering of these in our neighborhood should be rejected. The city cannot be placing all of these projects so close to each other. If they catch fire, no matter all precautions taken, they will cause great harm.

I hope you understand my concerns and take in consideration the risks. Not only that, please do not turn my neighborhood into battery storage central. Thanks for your attention .

Sergio Ricardo  
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August 22, 2025

City of Goleta Planning Commission, Goleta City Hall  
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**RE: Goleta Energy Storage Augmentation Units**

Dear Chair Fullerton and Commissioners,

On behalf of Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), I am writing to highlight the vital importance of local renewable energy and storage projects that deliver environmental and economic benefits to our communities.

Energy storage systems located close to demand centers benefit our customers, including Goleta residents. These systems enhance grid reliability while keeping costs affordable by storing cheap electricity during low-demand periods and discharging it when consumption peaks and prices spike. This strategic approach is critical to California's renewable energy transition and reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

3CE believes that land use decisions are the purview of the local agencies, and as one of our member agencies, we take our long-term partnership with the City of Goleta very seriously. We understand the applicant is proposing to install battery augmentation units at the Goleta Energy Storage Project. In our experience working with renewable energy developers, installation of battery augmentation units is a routine part of maintaining and operating battery storage facilities. This project is similar to projects we have power purchase agreements with, in that it employs comprehensive safety measures including modern LFP battery chemistry, engineered thermal isolation between battery cells and enclosures, active monitoring systems with thermal cameras.

Although 3CE does not have and is not currently considering a power purchase agreement with this specific project, we recognize that local battery storage provides significant grid stability and cost benefits to our Goleta customers through improved system reliability and reduced transmission constraints.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Catherine Stedman  
Chief Communications Officer  
Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)