



**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Peter Imhof, Planning and Environmental Review Director

**CONTACT:** Dana Murray, Sustainability Manager

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of Blue City Certification

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive presentation of certification from the Blue City Network.

**BACKGROUND:**

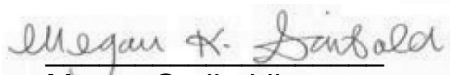
The non-profit organization Project O is recognizing the City of Goleta as a certified “Blue City” through the Blue City Network for the City’s commitment to healthy waterways and oceans. As the first certified “Blue City” in Santa Barbara County, the City of Goleta completed a thorough assessment of its environmental initiatives and programs with Project O. The assessment focuses on four solution areas: Waste Minimization, Climate Protection and Community Resilience, Water Quality and Efficiency, and Healthy Ecosystems. Some of the major accomplishments that helped Goleta achieve this recognition include launching the Plastic Free Goleta initiative to reduce single-use plastic in the community, helping residents access renewable energy and battery storage systems through Powered Up Goleta, developing the Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan, and implementing the Creek and Watershed Management Plan. The Blue City Network Certification allows communities to credibly and transparently track progress toward overall sustainability objectives.

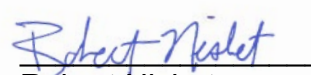
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City Attorney

  
Robert Nisbet  
City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Blue City Network Certificate

**ATTACHMENT 1:**

Blue City Network Certificate

# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

The Blue City Network does hereby congratulate

**GOLETA**

as a  
**certified Blue City**

**2023**  
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