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**Subject: Goleta Valley Community Center / Goleta Union School District Maintenance and Bus Yards**

Mayor and Council  
City of Goleta

Board of Education  
Goleta Union School District

Dear Members of the Council and the Board:

This email is prompted by the agenda item on the City Council agenda today, Item B.5, for improvements to the athletic field at the Goleta Valley Community Center. This is a terrific project, and one that merits the support of the entire community.

Recently, the California Center for Public Policy--a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation--has had the opportunity to discuss with members of the City Council, Board of Education, and community the long desired acquisition of the Goleta Union School District Maintenance and Bus yards immediately adjacent to the Goleta Valley Community Center by the City of Goleta.

Acquisition of this site by the City of Goleta for expansion of the Goleta Valley Community Center would have manifold benefits to the City, School District, and community. The approximately 2.5 acres of the Maintenance and Bus Yards would allow substantially increased program and recreational opportunities for the Goleta Valley Community Center and community--and especially for families, youth, and children in the Goleta oldtown area, the only part of Goleta without a neighborhood school.

The Maintenance and Bus Yards are currently in decrepit condition. For this reason, now is an appropriate time to revitalize the search for replacement facilities for them.

Thank you for your consideration. The California Center for Public Policy intends in the near future to hold a public meeting for those who are interested in this issue to brainstorm and seek ways to turn this dream into a reality.

Sincerely,  
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