

**From:** [Barbara Davis](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: 7780 Hollister GPA Initiative - Lithium Ion Battery Storage Facility Concerns  
**Date:** Sunday, April 07, 2019 2:09:06 PM

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To: Goleta City Council

We are writing to you to as concerned citizens of Goleta in respect to the land use designation change at 7780 Hollister to allow the construction of a Lithium Ion battery storage facility.. I would ask the City Council to reject the application based on our significant concerns outlined below.

- \* The site is located near to large residential communities (The Hideaways and the The Bluffs)
- \* Is next door to a Senior Care Center and Elwood Elementary School
- \* Dangerously close to the ElwoodButterfly preserve which is in a declining state with falling trees and is a significant fire hazard due to dead trees and brush
  - \* Close to streams and storm drains that flow into the ocean

Our concerns are only exasperated by the comment on pg 24.

*"A fire in a battery storage facility is considered a "runaway" event and requires an unusually large quantity of water to contain the fire. In such an event, there would be concerns regarding a toxic plume that could endanger residents and the water runoff from battling a runaway event. The water runoff would be hazardous and could cause an environmental disaster if the runoff entered either creeks or storm drains."*

Thank you for your consideration,

Chuck and Barbara Davis  
7797 Goldfield Ct  
Goleta

**From:** [Steve Berzansky](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Battery facility Hollister Ave  
**Date:** Sunday, April 07, 2019 10:55:18 AM

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Dear City Council,

I reside at 243 Elderberry. Our lot is the fifth lot in from the gate with close proximity to the proposed facility.

We have very strong concerns about living in such close proximity to this type of heavy industrial use. There are potential hazards mentioned in the report that are just not consistent with the area.

With a quick look at the development pattern established in the recent decade this proposal is not a good fit. An elementary school, a senior center and high end townhomes all surrounding the site put every age group at risk. As well as a disparate type of road traffic making it more difficult for residents to determine if a vehicle or persons are out of place and could be there for unseemly purposes.

I would like to thank our City Officials for recognizing that the land uses established in 2006 may need to be revisited as our wonderful town has developed.

Sincerely,  
Steve Berzansky

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Julie Solomon](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Cc:** [Carolyn Grenier](#); [ICE Steve Solomon](#)  
**Subject:** GPA Initiation for 7780 Hollister Avenue  
**Date:** Sunday, April 07, 2019 8:54:54 PM

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Honorable City Council members, Mayor Perotte and Clerk of the City of Goleta,  
I am writing to express my opposition to the initiation of a GPA for 7780 Hollister Avenue  
for the purpose of Sovereign Energy's battery storage facility.

This is a wholly inappropriate and hazardous use of a space that is directly adjacent and/or  
a near neighbor to an elementary school, two housing communities and a senior living  
facility.

Any change in the land use designation for this purpose is contrary to the best interests of  
the citizens of the area and should not be considered whatsoever.

I urge you to deny this request.

Respectfully,  
Julie Kessler Solomon



***Nicole Dinkelacker & Julie Solomon***  
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**From:** [kathy.ormseth](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** 7780 Hollister GPA Initiation at 4/16 City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 08, 2019 9:13:49 AM

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Dear Council Members,

We are writing to you with grave concerns about a proposal to change the land use designation of 7780 Hollister. We live at 7714 Kestrel Lane, in The Bluffs neighborhood, across the street from 7780 Hollister. We are deeply concerned about the request by Sovereign Energy to build a Lithium Ion battery storage power station on this site. Lithium Battery storage facilities are at high risk for fire. Our neighborhood and Hollister are surrounded by highly flammable eucalyptus trees. A fire at 7780 Hollister could potentially destroy our neighborhood, the senior citizen facility next door, Ellwood Elementary School and the Ellwood Butterfly Habitat. It would be a HUGE potential mistake to allow such a dangerous use at the subject site. After last years devastating wild fires, we all need to do our part to make "Fire Safe" decisions. Please deny Sovereign Energy's request. Please do not put Goleta, or our neighborhood, senior citizens, elementary school children, and Monarch butterflies at risk.

Sincerely,

Kathy and Tom Ormseth  
7714 Kestrel lane  
Goleta, CA

**From:** [Marian Klein](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Cc:** [Edward Carl Zutaut](#)  
**Subject:** 7780 Hollister Proposed Energy Storage  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 09, 2019 8:43:01 AM

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City of Goleta,

As a taxpayer to both County of Santa Barbara and City of Goleta, I would like to address my opposition to the Energy Storage facility that is being proposed at 7780 Hollister.

Why would you choose to allow an Energy Storage facility to be built near an elementary school, newly built assisted living facility, numerous homes in the area, and, the highly flammable eucalyptus trees in the area.

There is a danger of explosion when energy is confined; not to mention the irritability of noise to maintain the safety of the storage units, consumption of resources should accident/fire happen, or even the ability to control an explosion should one occur.

Why not re-zone the parcel to residential which keeps it in harmony with its surroundings?

Marian Klein

Sent from my iPad

Robert K. Miller  
30 Sanderling Lane  
Goleta, CA 93117

April 9, 2019

Dear Mayor Perotte and Council Members,

I write as a concerned homeowner and resident of western Goleta, and not as a Goleta Planning Commissioner. On **April 16**, the Goleta City Council will consider a proposal to initiate the process to amend the City's General Plan to allow a large battery storage project at 7780 Hollister Ave, in western Goleta. I oppose the General Plan amendment as well as the necessary zoning change. Full disclosure: the subject site is less than 100 feet from the Hideaway property and my residence. For that reason, I will recuse myself from consideration of this project when it comes before the Planning Commission.

The project is proposed by Enel Green Power Company, a large Italian power company. The entire five-acre property at 7780 Hollister Ave is the same location where the state previously proposed to build a new California Highway Patrol facility. Enel is only interested in purchasing a one-acre parcel located directly across the street from the Hideaway community.

According to Mike Carella, Enel's representative, the batteries will be housed in a dozen large shipping containers. He also told us the project will require a HVAC system to keep the batteries cool and a façade to hide the shipping containers. He estimates noise from the HVAC system will generate approximately 65 decibels of sound. I note that the Land and Noise Use Compatibility chart in 17.39.080 of the Draft Zoning Code states that noise levels of 65 decibels are considered "Normally Unacceptable" if a proposed development is adjacent to a multi-unit residential property. We 100% support renewable energy projects, but locating such facility adjacent to a residential neighborhood is a very bad idea.

In 2015 residents of western Goleta united to oppose construction of the proposed CHP facility. We supported the CHP's request for a new facility, but opposed construction at 7780 Hollister Ave. For nine months we repeatedly told the state that it was a bad idea to build the facility in the midst of residential neighborhoods, the Ellwood Mesa open space, the Ellwood elementary school, the Mariposa assisted living facility and the Sandpiper golf course. The CHP eventually agreed to build elsewhere.

We similarly support renewable energy projects, but there must be dozens of more appropriate one-acre parcels in Goleta that don't require a General Plan amendment and inappropriate zoning change. Moreover, and importantly, allowing one acre of the five-acre property at 7780 Hollister to be rezoned for industrial use will make it less likely that the other four acres will ever be developed in a way compatible with the neighborhood.

In 2006 the General Plan designated 7780 Hollister Ave. as Commercial General, a designation now completely out of date and no longer appropriate. During the past 13 years, the

neighborhood has changed dramatically. The outdoor recreational vehicle storage lot was closed, the Mariposa assisted living facility was built and the Bluffs and Hideaway residential developments were completed adding 162 housing units to the neighborhood. For these reasons, a zoning change to Business Park (I-BP) or Office and Institutional (I-01), as proposed by the project, is a terrible idea. Instead any zoning change should head in the opposite direction and designate the property residential or perhaps Community Commercial. Community Commercial allows “small commercial centers that provide convenience goods and services to the surrounding residential neighborhood.” It would also permit a mixed-use development that includes housing.

Unfortunately, I will be out of the country on April 16 and, therefore, wanted to take this opportunity to let you know my views on this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

*Robert K. Miller*

Robert K. Miller

**From:** [Barbara Dobbs White](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Cc:** [marianbear@cox.net](#); [carolyn.grenier1@gmail.com](#); [ccpease@gmail.com](#); [cathleen1807@cox.net](#)  
**Subject:** 7780 Proposed Energy Storage Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 11:14:59 AM

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City of Goleta

This letter is to address my opposition to the proposed energy storage facility at 7780 Hollister Ave. I own a home directly across from the site in The Bluffs. As a city and county tax payer, I am questioning why it would be reasonable to build a facility like this there. As you know, a great deal of research went into this same property when the CHP wanted to locate there. As I see it, many of the same issues concluded that the CHP had to build elsewhere.

To repeat some of the reasons for opposition, this facility would be located in very close proximity to the Ellwood Elementary School, numerous residential homes, Mariposa @ Ellwood Shores, the new assisted living facility, and also the highly flammable trees around the site. I believe I remember that it also had to do with disturbing an area that had to be inspected by Native American officials as well.

Some research has already been done concerning the noise levels of the HVAC system to keep the batteries cool., and the 65 decibels of sound is unacceptable according to code. We have to maintain a dark sky policy for light pollution, how about noise pollution. So, we can gaze at the stars at night to the tune of the perpetual hum of those units. Added to that, is the more serious question of the danger of over heating and explosion, due to confined energy. This would be catastrophic. We have to be aware of the chance of power outages as demand has increased as our climate seems to be warming.

Last, and a more minor issue, is the aesthetics of the facility. They state that they will "hide" the shipping containers behind a facade. What type of facade can that possibly be? It definitely does not sound like a finished building. They need to find a new location.

Thank You for your time and serious consideration.

Barbara White



**From:** [Deborah Lopez](#)  
**To:** [David Cutaia](#)  
**Subject:** FW: An Appeal for Sensible Planning  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 8:27:59 AM

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**From:** Stuart Kasdin  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 1:36 PM  
**To:** Michelle Greene <mgreene@cityofgoleta.org>; Peter Imhof <pimhof@cityofgoleta.org>; Deborah Lopez <dlopez@cityofgoleta.org>  
**Subject:** FW: An Appeal for Sensible Planning

FYI. -- Its about the battery storage

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**Stuart Kasdin, PhD**  
Council Member  
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**From:** Edith Ostern [edieost@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 1:10 PM  
**To:** Stuart Kasdin  
**Subject:** Fwd: An Appeal for Sensible Planning

Dear Mr. Kasdin

When the winds  
whip up as they  
have for the past  
few days, we  
feel more than a  
little post-  
traumatic stress.  
We watch  
the eucalyptus groves  
near us with the  
hope that they  
will never know  
a blaze. This is  
because after 38

years of living in  
the beautiful  
foothills of  
Santa Barbara  
and experiencing  
five evacuations  
(in one fire the  
flames came to  
30 feet from our  
home) we  
decided to flee  
the fire zone  
and relocate to  
The Bluffs in  
Goleta nine  
years ago. We  
were shortly  
followed by a  
couple from that  
old  
neighborhood  
(who many  
years prior had  
lost their home  
in the  
Northridge fire)  
and they live on  
Kestrel Lane  
also. Recently,  
our street gained  
new neighbors:  
This couple lost  
their home and  
all their  
possessions  
when it blew up  
in a sudden gas  
explosion during  
the recent debris  
flow in  
Montecito. So  
you truly have  
several rather

traumatized  
people living on  
just this street.

Our West Goleta  
neighborhood  
has had some  
dramatic and  
unexpected  
happenings:  
There was a  
long-standing  
battle with  
Venoco and the  
City supported  
us through what  
we hope is a  
resolution; The  
Plains pipeline  
oil spill certainly  
showed that  
aversion to local  
drilling is  
founded in  
reality. We  
opposed a plan  
to construct a  
CHP  
headquarters  
across from our  
development  
because the  
trucks and  
fueling stations  
were  
incompatible  
with a  
residential and  
school area and  
the CHP nicely  
concurred with  
the reasoning  
and changed

plans.

On the positive side, we watched "The Hideaway" bring beautiful dwelling units to our area. Across from the Camino Real Marketplace an attractive new shopping center with needed offerings sprung up. Bacara formed a country club with access to its pools and spa. Santa Barbara's favorite restaurants opened new venues (and, of course, Target is arriving!). This became a special place to live.

Kindly visualize our dismay when we found out about the application for a "variance" so that a toxic dump could be put on the property immediately across the street

from us.

Hollister Avenue  
is narrow at this  
point...two  
lanes. Storing  
Lithium batteries  
so close to all  
these homes, the  
adjacent Senior  
Care facility and  
Ellwood  
Elementary  
School is  
anathema. We  
know what  
batteries emit  
when they  
degrade and we  
know how  
extremely  
flammable  
Lithium batteries  
are. A runaway  
fire would put us  
all in great peril  
and the toxic  
runoff from the  
water used in  
fighting the fire  
would poison  
our grounds.

There are many  
open spaces in  
Goleta more  
suitable, where  
human life  
would not be put  
in danger. If  
taxes are the  
consideration, I  
would offer the

suggestion that there be either more housing or office space so that more people would support the many businesses in the new shopping area. Whenever I see the many nice little restaurants I am troubled by the empty tables and the equally empty parking lot. It would be sad to see failure there.

Please, I ask you to identify with how troubled I am to hear of this application for a variance. We hope that you will treat this issue with sensitivity to the people and schoolchildren who inhabit the area. You are invited to my home at anytime to look at the issues I mentioned and to see it for yourself. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Edith Ostern

(805). 965-2832

**From:** [Deborah Lopez](#)  
**To:** [David Cutaia](#); [Liana Campos](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to Proposed battery project.  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:08:33 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to Mayor and Council re Battery Project.docx](#)

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**From:** Stuart Kasdin  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** Michelle Greene <[mgreen@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:mgreen@cityofgoleta.org)>; Deborah Lopez <[dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)>  
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**From:** Stephen [[info@americanglobal.org](mailto:info@americanglobal.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:06 AM  
**To:** Paula Perotte; Stuart Kasdin; James Kyriaco; Kyle Richards; Roger Aceves; Peter Imhof; Lisa Prasse; Joe Pearson II  
**Subject:** Objection to Proposed battery project.

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Best Regards

Steve

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Stephen Keneally  
192 Sanderling Lane  
Goleta, CA 93117

April 15, 2019

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Unfortunately, I may be out of town on April 16 and, therefore, wanted to take this opportunity to let you know my views on this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,  
Stephen Keneally

**From:** [Steve Metzler](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Cc:** [Carolyn Grenier](#)  
**Subject:** Sovereign Energy land use application/general plan amendment  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:43:24 AM

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I am a full time resident of the Bluffs community in Goleta. My background is in the development and management of industrial parks and buildings. I have sat on the boards of several business parks and my company managed and developed several major shopping centers. I sold my company, Industrial West, Inc. last year after a successful 40 years in business. My most recent project was a complete remodel of two older industrial buildings here in Goleta at 749-759 Ward drive. Having prior experience with entitlements, zoning and use requirements, conditional use permits and general plan amendments I feel qualified to comment on the suitability of Sovereign's application and the proposed general plan amendment. Sovereign's proposed battery plant should be located in an industrial Zone and be subject to close review via conditional use permit. The proposed Hollister location is completely inappropriate for this use. I do believe the City should review the general plan and consider changing the current retail zoning to be compatible with its neighbors. The City Council should consider changing the general plan to allow for single family homes, residential condominiums, or senior care facilities. As an industrialist I am not opposed to battery storage facilities for our city but strongly believe they belong in an industrial park, not at a site surrounded by residential uses. Thank you

Steve Metzler

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** leonard grabowski <[lsggrabowski@cox.net](mailto:lsggrabowski@cox.net)>  
**Date:** April 28, 2019 at 6:46:18 PM PDT  
**To:** <[pperotte@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:pperotte@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[krichards@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:krichards@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[raceves@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:raceves@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[skasdin@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:skasdin@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org)>  
**Subject:** LITHIUM BATTERY STORAGES FACILITY

April 28,2019

My wife and I moved to “The Bluffs” in May 2018, following the loss of our house to an explosion after boulders in the debris flow ruptured a high-pressure SC Gas transmission line on Jan 9, 2018 at 1807 East Mountain Drive. This proposal is not simple battery storage, lithium in the batteries will be storing electricity in an ionic form with a host of toxic chemicals. It would be useful to see the Material Data sheet regarding the toxic nature of such a battery . The five principles submitted to change the GP are not met even by a long shot although number 4 could be argued.

The fire and explosive nature of the element lithium is well known and could cause a thermal runaway fire with a plume that would be devastating. The neighborhood exposed to such an event is at great risk includes a retirement/ skilled nursing facility, an elementary school, dense residential housing on two sides of the site, proximity to the Amtrak rail system, Highway 101 and to a **high pressure gas line** . The worst-case scenario would affect all of these, we have seen that disasters are possible in our area and not just a theoretical concern.

What would happen if a wildfire encompassed the facility?? Any water runoff from extinguishing a fire or explosion would pollute the neighborhood, the golf course, the Butterfly preserve and the ocean. A site that has the necessary General Plan guideline already established to accept such a proposal should be the obvious answer not changing a Plan that was developed with thought and consideration for the greater good and benefit of Goleta. We must not be lulled into thinking this is just a battery it is potentially a major life-threatening storage depot. Please vote against the proposal to change the zoning and this project.

Respectfully,

Leonard S Grabowski M.D.



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*Vice-Chair*

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May 14, 2019

Goleta City Council  
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Goleta, California 93117  
Via email: [dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)

Re: Consideration of Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue; APNs 079-210-056

Dear Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members:

We support the staff recommendation to adopt a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue to allow for a battery storage project.

All of the battery storage projects selected by Southern California Edison must go online on time or they won't be able to turn off the 573 MW Mandalay power plant in Oxnard, which would be polluting overkill and expensive. We will likely also need some additional renewable project to go online on the south coast to ensure that the dangerous and unhealthy Ellwood natural gas fired peaker plant can be retired as well. The continued operation of the Ellwood peaker runs against the expressed wishes of the city, the community and state regulators.

We are very concerned about the continued operation of the aging and highly polluting Goleta peaker plant. It was slated for retirement at the end of last year. However, there is currently a lack of renewable alternatives and storage in the Goleta area that would adequately ensure reliable electric service. As a result, NRG entered into a CPUC approved resource adequacy (RA) agreement with SCE that is valid through December 2020. If after that date, CAISO decides it is still necessary, it will switch to a "must run" contract which means we'll pay a high premium price for that dirtiest of energy.

We need distributed resources instead. In December 2017, SCE filed a Moorpark LCR/Goleta Resiliency Request for Proposals ("RFP") that was approved by the CPUC and launched in February of 2018 to provide alternatives to building yet more gas-fired power plants. They have selected bids and announced contracts for battery storage projects in Oxnard, Carpinteria and Goleta. The battery project in Oxnard will be one of the largest in the country. Enel was one of the companies that went through the time and expense in responding to this RFP – an RFP that the city of Goleta welcomed as an alternative to refurbishing the Peaker plant.

The Sierra Club and other clean energy advocates had concerns about the RFP process, the feasibility of securing grid interconnection, and the difficulty responding to the proposal that we believe resulted in fewer responses than there might otherwise have been. We should support those applicants that did make it through this cumbersome process and help those projects move forward.

It is wishful thinking to claim that Enel could simply and easily find and move their project to a different parcel. That is not the case. We either take what we can get that went through the SCE bid process, and hopefully can finally truly retire the peaker plant at the end of 2020, or we will be stuck with it for years to come.

We acknowledge and affirm the residential and recreational nature of the Ellwood area, and we have long fought to protect it from heavy industrial use. We will be glad to see the end of the EOF and other oil production facilities, as well as the peaker plant.

At the same time, we think that a battery storage facility is a compatible and appropriate use for this abandoned parking area and that it can be designed in a way to minimize its impacts. Enel has not yet selected the specific kinds of batteries they will be using and are open to input on their project. We encourage the community to engage in that process.

It should be noted that the air and noise pollution and fire risk from the peaker is far higher than from a battery storage facility. The nearby freeway is also noisier than a battery storage facility. (Levels of highway traffic noise typically range from 70 to 80 dB(A) at a distance 50 feet from the highway.)

Goleta can only achieve its goal of 100% renewable energy by facilitating the development of renewable energy and storage. We need to stand up for the renewable energy and storage we demanded. Approving this General Plan Amendment is a step in that direction.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Katie Davis', with a stylized, flowing script.

Katie Davis  
Chair, Sierra Club, Santa Barbara Group



**From:** [Stacey Thompson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda for the May 21, 2019  
**Date:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:09:08 PM

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I support the staff recommendation to adopt a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue to allow for a battery storage project.

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**From:** Bill Woodbridge [<mailto:billwoodbridge@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 8:53 PM

**To:** Paula Perotte <[pperotte@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:pperotte@cityofgoleta.org)>; Deborah Lopez <[dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)>; Stuart Kasdin <[skasdin@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:skasdin@cityofgoleta.org)>; Kyle Richards <[krichards@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:krichards@cityofgoleta.org)>; James Kyriaco <[jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org)>; Roger Aceves <[raceves@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:raceves@cityofgoleta.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Consideration of Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue; APNs 079-210-056

Dear Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members:

I am a Goleta resident. I support the staff recommendation to adopt a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue to allow for a battery storage project.

All of the battery storage projects selected by Southern California Edison must go online on time or they won't be able to turn off the 573 MW Mandalay power plant in Oxnard, which would be polluting overkill and expensive. We will likely also need some additional renewable project to go online on the south coast to ensure that the dangerous and unhealthy Ellwood natural gas fired peaker plant can be retired as well. The continued operation of the Ellwood peaker runs against the expressed wishes of the city, the community and state regulators.

Goleta can only achieve its goal of 100% renewable energy by facilitating the development of renewable energy and storage. We need to stand up for the renewable energy and storage we demanded. Approving this General Plan Amendment is a step in that direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Woodbridge  
55 Willow Springs Lane #201  
Goleta

**From:** Jill Means <[jillcarlson@cox.net](mailto:jillcarlson@cox.net)>

**Date:** May 17, 2019 at 9:59:49 PM PDT

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**Subject:** Concerns re: Enel's proposed battery storage project in western Goleta

Dear Mayor Perotte and Council Members,

I live and work in the Ellwood area of Goleta. I have concerns about the proposed battery project at 7780 Hollister Ave. My first concern has to do with amending the general plan to allow the presence of a facility that will emit an "unacceptable" amount of noise in a residential neighborhood with homes directly adjacent and a retirement community and an elementary school nearby. I very much support green energy but I question the appropriateness of this proposed project's location --almost literally in families' backyards.

My secondary concern is the potential for increased traffic levels. I am not sure how this proposed project will affect the traffic situation on Hollister Ave and at what times of day. I do know that Hollister Ave. between Storke/Glenn Annie and Ellwood School has become very congested, especially during rush hours and school dismissal hours. I don't think the general plan should be amended in any way that might draw additional vehicles to the area. Even if this particular project won't result in increased traffic, I'm worried, by amending the general plan, we increase the likelihood of approval of future projects that do. Any risk of drawing additional traffic to western Goleta should be avoided.

I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday so I write this letter in an effort to voice my thoughts as a concerned Ellwood neighbor.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Jill Means, Ellwood neighbor since 1995

**From:** Michael Chiacos <[mchiacos@cecmail.org](mailto:mchiacos@cecmail.org)>

**Date:** May 17, 2019 at 5:31:06 PM PDT

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**Cc:** "[dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)" <[dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)>, Sigrid Wright <[swright@cecmail.org](mailto:swright@cecmail.org)>

**Subject:** CEC comments on 7780 Hollister General Plan Amendment

Dear Mayor Perotte and members of the Goleta City Council,

Please see the attached comments of Community Environmental Council regarding the proposed General Plan Amendment at 7780 Hollister Avenue. CEC supports the staff recommendation to initiate the Amendment and allow the energy storage project to be considered.

Best regards,

-Michael

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Michael Chiacos

**Director of Energy and Climate Programs**

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Via email: [dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)

**Re: Consideration of Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue**

Dear Mayor Perotte and members of the Goleta City Council,

The Community Environmental Council supports the staff recommendation to initiate a General Plan Amendment for a portion of 7780 Hollister Avenue to allow the energy storage project proposed by Sovereign Energy to be considered.

This battery facility is an important building block for integrating renewable energy into the grid and enhancing energy resiliency for our region. It will help the City of Goleta meet their 100% renewable energy goal, obviate the need to run the existing Ellwood natural gas peaker plant as frequently, and contribute toward the eventual retirement of this aging and polluting peaker plant, along with other fossil fuel power plants in Oxnard.

The City of Goleta has consistently been a strong supporter of developing more clean energy in our region, including Southern California Edison's RFP to solicit energy storage and renewable energy projects throughout Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. This project, along with 6 others in Goleta, Carpinteria, Camarillo, and Oxnard, must be built by June 2021 in order to retire the Mandalay natural gas power plant in Oxnard. These projects are of critical need for our region and we have no time to waste in order to meet their expedited timelines.

The proposed General Plan Amendment has been thoroughly studied by staff and meets the five factors that the City Council must consider for initiating the Amendment. Most critically, this project will provide additional public benefit to the community while being consistent with the Guiding Principles and Goals of the General Plan.

While we are sympathetic to the neighbors who have voiced their opposition to this development in their neighborhood, homeowners who purchased property near the



Ellwood Peaker Plant signed disclosure notices that they were purchasing by a natural gas fired power plant. The energy storage project can utilize existing utility infrastructure at this site and allow the loud and polluting Ellwood peaker plant to run less often. The energy storage project will also contribute toward the retirement of this very incompatible use, which would be of great benefit to the neighborhood.

Additionally, if for some reason the energy storage facility doesn't move forward, the Business Park (I-BP) or Office and Institutional (I-OI) land use designations that are being considered would be compatible and perhaps more desirable zoning for the neighborhood. Under the current General Commercial (C-G) zoning, industrial usage such as auto wrecking yard/junk yard, auto repair and painting, outdoor storage, and other more impactful uses would be allowed. Under the proposed I-BP or I-OI zoning, business parks and offices are primary allowed uses, which are much more compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

We are living in a time of climate emergency, and scientists with the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warn we have less than ten years to peak global climate change pollution and quickly transition to a low carbon future. California is leading the way in this transition, developing the policies and technology to show our nation and the world how this can be done. The City of Goleta has stepped up with strong support of SCE's RFP and a 100% renewable energy goal. We ask the City Council to approve the General Plan Amendment so that the energy storage project can be considered.

Sincerely,

Sigrid Wright  
Executive Director/CEC

Michael Chiacos  
Director of Energy and Climate Programs

**From:** Loren <[firestone500@gmail.com](mailto:firestone500@gmail.com)>

**Date:** May 17, 2019 at 3:40:40 PM PDT

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**Subject:** Support battery project

Hello Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council,

I support the proposed battery and energy infrastructure. This battery is necessary for the retirement of the Ellwood Peaker plant. To transition to a renewable energy economy, we are going to have to have new infrastructure in place.

Protections must be in place to ensure the battery is safe from and does not cause fire. Many have expressed concern over this and they are right to do so. It must be noted however, that the gas-burning Peaker plant is much more of a fire risk than this battery would be. Building new infrastructure, including this battery, is a net good for fire safety when you take into consideration it's allowing us to decommission much more dangerous means of energy production.

We should also keep in mind that it is not a matter of whether or not we build a more efficient, safe, and sustainable grid. It's just a question of when.

Thank you for your time-

Loren Mindell  
745 #6 Camino Del Sur  
Goleta, CA  
93117

**From:** Greg Brown  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:44 AM  
**To:** [pperoote@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:pperoote@cityofgoleta.org)  
**Cc:** [rmiller@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:rmiller@cityofgoleta.org)  
**Subject:** No Battery Storage System in our backyard!

Hello Mayor Peroote & Council Members

I also live in the Hideaway and my home is also on Las Armas - 230 Sanderling Lane - Greg & Bertha Brown. My back yard is next to this battery project.

Another constant source of **noise** from the HVAC system that would keep the batteries cool - so that do not **blow up** - is just not a livable and acceptable solution for a residential area.  
Please take this **request very seriously** - with the existing noise from the jet engines of the NRG Peaker station and the constant road noise of 101 and Hollister Ave and the train tracks ...  
This is enough! We want to sleep and be able to sit in my back patio and have a BBQ... but with another constant source of motor noise from these HVAC units - it will just push us to move from Goleta... please do not force us to do that. I would like to retire here in my home and I was hopeful that the NRG Peaker Station was going to be decommissioned in the near future and now they want to add a battery back up system ?? Why don't they take down the NRG station and build a field of solar panels that are clean and quiet and also generate power 24 hours a day with the sun as the source - this makes sense for our community - not another motor and potential disaster waiting to happen....

IF you want to come over to my home and meet my wife ( Bertha ) I will show you this current status of how close we are to all these changes - since we bought our home in the Hideaway - I am very hopeful that you will understand --

Please let me know what I need to do to stop this bad idea..

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**From:** [Deborah Lopez](#)  
**To:** [Deborah Lopez](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment - Consideration of Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue; APNs 079-210-056  
**Date:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:04:38 AM

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**From:** Steven Nash [mailto:mrswn@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 1:56 AM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez <dlopez@cityofgoleta.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Consideration of Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue; APNs 079-210-056

Dear Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members:

I support the staff recommendation to adopt a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue to allow for a battery storage project.

Those of us who live in Oxnard have chosen the 100% renewable energy option as our default under our CCA, the Clean Power Alliance. In order to provide locally-sourced renewable energy, battery storage will have to be permitted and expedited to capture the primarily solar energy that is produced in abundance during peak solar hours.

Your community will help in this process of transitioning to a carbon-free economy as we try to avoid the worst of the coming climate disruption.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Nash  
2211 Laurel Valley Place  
Oxnard, CA  
93036

**From:** Irene Cooke <[irene.cooke@gmail.com](mailto:irene.cooke@gmail.com)>

**Date:** May 18, 2019 at 3:36:12 PM PDT

**To:** <[dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)>, Paula Perotte <[pperotte@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:pperotte@cityofgoleta.org)>, Stuart Kasdin <[skasdin@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:skasdin@cityofgoleta.org)>, Kyle Richards <[krichards@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:krichards@cityofgoleta.org)>, James Kyriaco <[jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org)>, Roger Aceves <[raceves@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:raceves@cityofgoleta.org)>

**Subject:** Battery Storage Project

Hello,

I am a resident of Goleta and am writing to express my support for the battery storage project on Hollister. Although I am unable to attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday evening, I want to urge you to do everything possible to encourage development of clean energy alternatives as quickly as possible.

I attended the Goleta Strategic Energy Plan workshop last Wednesday and was pleased to know that City Staff are working to develop sustainable energy for our community. However, given the urgency of the climate crisis, I am concerned that we are not moving quickly enough to do what needs to be done in a very short period of time.

Having recognized the climate crisis as an emergency situation, the City's top priorities should be immediate actions to address this crisis. We need to make renewable energy available to all our citizens with all deliberate speed. The battery storage project is a small but important piece of this planning.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Cooke  
374 Moreton Bay Lane #2  
Goleta, CA 93117  
9790-531-0831

**From:** Micks Purnell [micks.purnell@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:27 AM

**To:** Paula Perotte; Roger Aceves; Stuart Kasdin; Kyle Richards; James Kyriaco; Dawn Christensen

**Subject:** 7780 Hollister battery storage project - a vote against from the HideAway

Hello,

I live at 176 Sanderling in the HideAway development.

I am against the proposed battery storage project at 7780 Hollister.

Seems inappropriate to change the zoning restrictions at 7780 Hollister to allow operation of a utility when the address is now surrounded by occupied residences. Mariposa apartments to the east. The Bluffs development to south. And the HideAway condos to west.

I understand that the battery storage would require HVAC which would create constant noise. Not appropriate to change zoning to allow that in what has become a residential area. Likely degrade living environment and property values for the residents around it.

Thank you,

Stuart Purnell

176 Sanderling Lane

Goleta, CA 93117

ph: 805-844-0170

**From:** [Paul Freeman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Cc:** [Paula Perotte](#); [Stuart Kasdin](#); [Kyle Richards](#); [Roger Aceves](#); [James Kyriaco](#)  
**Subject:** Yes to renewable energy  
**Date:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 1:08:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Board Members,

This email is being sent in support of the recent CEC and Sierra Club letters asking for a vote of approval for the 10MW battery storage project coming before you this week.

As a resident for over 40 years, this battery project is an opportunity for Goleta to be a part of the renewable energy solution, rather than the problem. By providing a battery energy source that can be deployed during energy peak needs, this project will make the Goleta electrical grid more resilient and reliable and safe.

We need all of the renewable and battery storage projects recently selected by SCE to go online in order to shut down the polluting and dangerous Mandalay gas power plant in Oxnard and the Ellwood peaker plant in Goleta and to prevent the construction of new gas power plants. This project will immediately reduce the amount of time that the Ellwood peaker would operate and is essential to meet the goal of its permanent retirement. In addition, this is an appropriate use of this empty parking lot near the freeway and far safer for the neighboring community than the aging Ellwood peaker plant located there now.

Please approve the general plan amendment and allow this project to go forward.

Thank you for your support of our environment and the City of Goleta's future.

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**Paul Freeman**



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**From:** [Harold Hill](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Support for SCE Battery Storage Project  
**Date:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 11:37:16 AM

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Mayor Perotte & City Council,

Kudos to you for setting an ambitious goal to transition to 100% renewable energy. Tuesday you will have an opportunity to support a SCE battery storage project that is one of several decisions needed to reach that goal. As you know, climate change is an urgent issue. The latest United Nations report says we have just a decade to cut carbon emissions in half to meet global climate goals. This project will help Goleta meet its goal to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030.

We need all of the renewable and battery storage projects recently selected by SCE to go online in order to shut down the polluting and dangerous Mandalay gas power plant in Oxnard and the Ellwood peaker plant in Goleta and to prevent the construction of new gas power plants. The project before you Tuesday night will immediately reduce the amount of time that the Ellwood peaker would operate, and is essential to meet the goal of its permanent retirement.

Please continue your record of well informed progressive leadership by APPROVING the battery storage project on Tuesday.

Respectfully yours,

Harold Hill

haroldhill770@hotmail.com



May 19, 2019

Mayor and City Council  
City Hall, City of Goleta  
130 Cremona Dr., Ste. B  
Goleta, CA. 93117

Re: General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Ave.; APNs 079-210-056  
Ellwood Battery Storage Project

Dear Madam Mayor and City Council:

The League of Women Voters wishes to indicate our support for the General Plan Amendment noted above which would allow development of the Ellwood battery storage project located at 30 Las Armas Rd. across Hollister Avenue from the Sandpiper Golf Club.

This important General Plan Amendment will facilitate the retirement of the Ellwood peaker plan, which would otherwise be switched to a "must run" status. Furthermore without approval of this GPA, ratepayers will be paying a higher rate for more polluting energy. Approval of this General Plan Amendment will facilitate local renewable energy generation.

We need battery storage projects like this Southern California Edison Ellwood project to go forward as soon as possible. Otherwise we will need to extend the life of the Mandalay power plant in Oxnard which would be expensive and cause much more pollution.

The City Council should review whether the proposed location adjacent to residential areas is appropriate.

Implementation of the mitigation measures shown in the Mitigated Negative Declaration would address public safety concerns such as fire and environmental pollution in connection with this development.

This project will help address concerns of the League about power loss to our region from fire, mudslides, or earthquakes as we are at the end of Southern California Edison's electrical lines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please contact Vijaya Jammaladaka at [vinsb@gmail.com](mailto:vinsb@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Rogers for  
Lindsey Baker  
Co-President for Programs and Advocacy  
League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara

**From:** [Kintrublu@cox.net](mailto:Kintrublu@cox.net)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Urging approval of a battery storage project to replace the Ellwood peaker plant in Goleta  
**Date:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 5:11:28 PM

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Dear council members;

I urgently support the approval of the battery storage project being considered as a replacement for the Ellwood peaker plant in Goleta.

- **Climate change is an unprecedentedly urgent issue.** The latest United Nations report says we have just a decade to cut carbon emissions in half to meet global climate goals. This project will help Goleta meet its goal to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030.
- We need all of the renewable and battery storage projects recently selected by SCE to go online in order to shut down the polluting and dangerous Mandalay gas power plant in Oxnard and the Ellwood peaker plant in Goleta. Further, we must prevent the construction of new gas power plants. This project will immediately reduce the amount of time that the Ellwood peaker would operate, and is essential to meet the goal of its permanent retirement.
- The Ellwood peaker is a, “highly polluting resource permitted to emit as much as 103.59 pounds per hour of nitrogen oxide — which is over 20 times the normal emission rate of a modern peaking unit with modern emission controls,” according to a judge's ruling against its continued operation. We are stuck with it until we get renewable energy projects online.
- Peaker plants utilize highly combustible natural gas, most of which is imported fracked gas from other states. Factoring in the methane releases, it is as bad for the environment as coal. Fracking requires the use of enormous amounts of water making little sense in a state with significant, ongoing water issues.
- This battery project is an opportunity for Goleta to be a part of the renewable energy solution, rather than the problem. By providing a battery energy source that can be deployed during energy peak needs, this project will make the Goleta electrical grid more resilient and reliable and safe.
- Please approve the general plan amendment and allow this project to go forward. This is an appropriate use of this empty parking lot near the freeway and far safer for the neighboring community than the aging Ellwood peaker plant located there now.

Sincerely,  
Kinsey Service

861 Vereda del Ciervo  
Goleta, CA 93117



**From:** [Stuart J. Cuthbertson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Consideration of Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue  
**Date:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 7:02:43 PM

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Dear Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members,

I am a resident of western Goleta, near to the site at 7780 Hollister Avenue for which a General Plan Amendment is to be discussed on Tuesday May 21.

I wish to indicate that I **do** support and encourage this Amendment, because I strongly support the wider initiative of adding battery storage and renewable energy generation in our community, as part of a necessary global effort to combat climate change.

I have studied the documents available regarding this resolution, as well as criticism and objections from local residents. I recognize that my residence is not as close to the planned site as some others, and that this affects my opinion to some degree. However, I believe that if this resolution was (hypothetically) proposed for a location as close to where I live, I would still support it, provided (as seems to be the case) the chosen location made most sense for all other reasons (access, connection to existing high-voltage Grid, etc).

I note that a significant proportion of hyper-local residents' concerns seem to be regarding potential noise disruption, or other disruption associated with business/office/industrial usage, so close to existing residential and public usage (school) areas. I am basing my own conclusion significantly on the fact that these residents' expectations appear unfounded; I rely on the trustworthiness of the GPA Rationale submitted by Enel (Attachment B in the circulated packet), that says noise would be 'minimal'. I also rely on the other statements in that attachment, to the effect of saying it will be a rarely-visited, unmanned site, therefore atypical of business/industrial/commercial usages. I have to assume that the Council have been duly diligent in confirming that Enel's rationale is accurate and fair in these respects. I would certainly be dismayed if this turned out not to be the case.

I also note concerns raised by residents over fire risks, and have to assume that this has been given adequate consideration by all parties concerned, since I don't believe it would be in any party's interests to allow a potentially-deadly urban- or wild-fire to develop as a result of this facility. I do heartily encourage that this risk is not downplayed or underestimated as this project progresses (and that scrutiny over safety should continue), but I also trust the professionals involved to do all they can in this regard.

Thanks for reading and good luck getting this passed,

Stuart Cuthbertson  
399 Ellwood Beach Drive #8  
Goleta, CA 93117

**From:** [Deborah Lopez](#)  
**To:** [Liana Campos](#); [David Cutaia](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 8:17:44 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Beth Vaughan <[bethavaughan@gmail.com](mailto:bethavaughan@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 19, 2019 at 8:09:19 PM PDT  
**To:** <[dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)>  
**Subject:** General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue

City Council members:

We have reviewed the General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue and while we don't take issue with the plan to convert the site to all residential, we do strongly take issue with the limited parking available under the proposed plan. 30 spaces for 27 units is unrealistic in an already overburdened area. It is our experience that one-bedroom apartments in the area will be occupied by 2 or more adults, with frequently a minimum of 2 vehicles per household. Street parking on South Glen Annie Road and Santa Felicia are essentially already at 100% capacity and unless you put population limits on these studios and 1-bedroom apartments, which I doubt will be done, residents will be circulating through adjacent neighborhoods to park. The proposed parking for this project is inadequate from the get-go, and years from now, will be even more of a problem.

Beth & Matt Vaughan

**From:** [Mark Sherman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** In support of 7780 Hollister Ave plan alteration  
**Date:** Monday, May 20, 2019 5:44:05 PM

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To the Goleta City Council,  
I'm a Goleta citizen living at 534 Mills Way.

I am in support of the necessary zoning change to allow a battery system at 7780 Hollister Ave. We live in a dangerous time that calls for new and innovative efforts to reduce our dependence on energy from non-renewable sources. I'm hoping that the contemplated battery system will allow storage of just such energy.  
Please amend the general plan as needed to accommodate this.

Thank you  
Mark J. Sherman

Sent from a handheld device. Pls excuse typos and autocorrect nonsense

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From: "Shelly Cobb" <[shelly.cobb@me.com](mailto:shelly.cobb@me.com)>

Date: Mon, May 20, 2019 at 5:07 PM -0700

Subject: Shelly Cobb input

To: "Kyle Richards" <[krichards@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:krichards@cityofgoleta.org)>

My name is Shelly Cobb, I live in 93110 on Encore Drive. I am writing to urge you to cutover to renewable and battery storage. We need renewable and battery storage projects recently selected by SCE to go online ASAP to hasten the shut down of the Mandalay Power Plant in Oxnard and the Ellwood Peaker Plant in Goleta, and to prevent the construction of new power plants.

Climate change is our most critical urgent issue. The latest United Nations IPCC report says we have just 12 years before Climate Change becomes irreversible. To stop this destructive trajectory, we must globally cut carbon emissions in half by 2030. This local project will help Goleta meet its goal to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030.

The Ellwood peaker is a highly polluting resource, permitted to emit as much as 103.59 pounds per hour of nitrogen oxide — over 20 times the normal emission rate of a modern peaking unit with modern emission controls. We are stuck with it until we get renewable energy projects online. Peaker plants utilize highly combustible natural gas, most of which is imported fracked gas from other states. Factoring in the methane releases, it is [as bad for the environment as coal](#).

This battery project is an opportunity for Goleta to be a leader in the movement towards clean renewable energy. By providing a battery energy source that can be deployed during energy peak needs, this project will make the Goleta electrical grid more resilient and reliable and safe.

Please approve the general plan amendment and allow this project to go forward. This is an appropriate use of this empty parking lot near the freeway and far safer for the neighboring community than the aging Ellwood peaker plant located there now.

Thank you,  
Shelly Cobb  
4232 Encore Dr  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
805-617-0359

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**From:** Chuck Flacks [[chuck.flacks@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.flacks@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 2:42 PM

**To:** Paula Perotte; [cityclerkgroupo@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:cityclerkgroupo@cityofgoleta.org); Stuart Kasdin; Kyle Richards; James Kyriaco; Roger Aceves

**Subject:** Please Approve the Battery Amendment to the General Plan

Hello,

Many of my neighbors are opposed. I live at 355 Cannon Green Drive, Unit E, and I support the battery project. It's time for Goleta to be a leader in renewable energy.

Thanks!

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Chuck Flacks

Cell: 805-617-9648

Check out my profile on Linked In: [Chuck Flacks](#)

**From:** [Mail](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Approve General Plan amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 20, 2019 8:46:28 AM

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Dear city council members,

I would like to voice my support for the amendment to the a general Plan that would allow the battery storage project to proceed in Goleta. Climate change is a true emergency, and the sooner we can cease burning fossil fuels, the better. This seems like a big step in the right direction. Thank you for your support of alternative energy sources.

Sincerely,  
Shelley Sherman  
534 Mills Way  
Goleta

**From:** [holmesdave@aol.com](mailto:holmesdave@aol.com)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** SCE battery storage projects  
**Date:** Monday, May 20, 2019 9:08:00 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I support renewable energy and am fully on favor of SCE battery storage projects. Please vote in favor.

Thank you,  
Dave Holmes

**From:** [Deborah Lopez](#)  
**To:** [Liana Campos](#); [David Cutaia](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: consideration of battery storage facility proposal  
**Date:** Monday, May 20, 2019 10:22:31 AM

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FYI  
Paula ~

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**Subject:** consideration of battery storage facility proposal

Dear Mayor Perotte and Council Members,

My wife and I are writing as concerned homeowners and 11-year Goleta residents of the Bluffs residential neighborhood adjacent to the area where the Goleta City Council will consider a proposal to initiate the process to amend the City's General Plan to allow a large battery storage project at 7780 Hollister Ave, in western Goleta. We adamantly oppose the General Plan amendment as well as the necessary zoning change for numerous reasons.

The project proposed by Enel Green Power Company 7780 Hollister Ave is in the same location where the state previously proposed to build a new California Highway Patrol facility which was turned down for many similar reasons. Enel is only interested in purchasing a one-acre parcel located directly across the street from the Bluffs community as a battery storage facility. It is our understanding that according to Mike Carella, Enel's representative, the batteries will be housed in a dozen large shipping containers. It is also our understanding that he has indicated that the project will require a HVAC system to keep the batteries cool and a façade to hide the shipping containers. He estimates noise from the HVAC system will generate approximately 65 decibels of sound which we consider to be unacceptable when



located near a multi residential neighborhood, assisted living facility and elementary school and playground as well as a nature preserve. Although we understand the need and support renewable energy projects, we strongly believe that locating such a facility with constant noise pollution, potentially toxic materials and multiple large storage containers adjacent to a residential neighborhood, school, and assisted living facility is a bad idea and contrary to the both the goals and future development and growth of the city of Goleta. The makeup of this area of Goleta has changed substantially from what it was several years ago and we believe that changing the zoning to a Business Park is inconsistent with the current environment and use of the surrounding properties. Furthermore, allowing for a portion of the ~5-acre lot to be utilized for large storage container storage only further denigrates the potential use of the remaining 4 acres of the property for use in a way more compatible with the current local residential developments, school, golf course and care facility. It is our hopes that future considerations for the use of this property will be more consistent and in line with the current nature and use of this and surrounding properties going forward.

Sincerely,

Dennis and Jan Van Epps

[Vane2@cox.net](mailto:Vane2@cox.net)

Residents of the Bluffs Community

**From:** Gregory Young <[gregory@clean-coalition.org](mailto:gregory@clean-coalition.org)>

**Date:** May 19, 2019 at 8:51:51 PM PDT

**To:** <[dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)>

**Cc:** Paula Perotte <[pperotte@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:pperotte@cityofgoleta.org)>, Stuart Kasdin <[skasdin@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:skasdin@cityofgoleta.org)>, Kyle Richards <[krichards@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:krichards@cityofgoleta.org)>, "Roger Aceves" <[raceves@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:raceves@cityofgoleta.org)>, Craig Lewis <[craig@clean-coalition.org](mailto:craig@clean-coalition.org)>, Ben Schwartz <[ben@clean-coalition.org](mailto:ben@clean-coalition.org)>

**Subject: Support for General Plan Amendment accommodating battery storage at 7780 Hollister Ave**

Dear Mayor Perotte, City Councilmembers, and City Clerk,

On behalf of the Clean Coalition, I submit a letter of support for the General Plan Amendment accommodating battery storage at 7780 Hollister Ave.

Please find our letter attached to this email and signed by our Executive Director, Craig Lewis.

Warm regards,  
Gregory Young

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19 May 2019

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Via email: [dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)

**Re: Support for General Plan Amendment accommodating battery storage at 7780 Hollister Ave**

Dear Mayor Perotte & Councilmembers:

The Clean Coalition strongly supports the staff recommendation to adopt a General Plan Amendment to accommodate the battery storage that is proposed to be sited at 7780 Hollister Ave, for the following reasons:

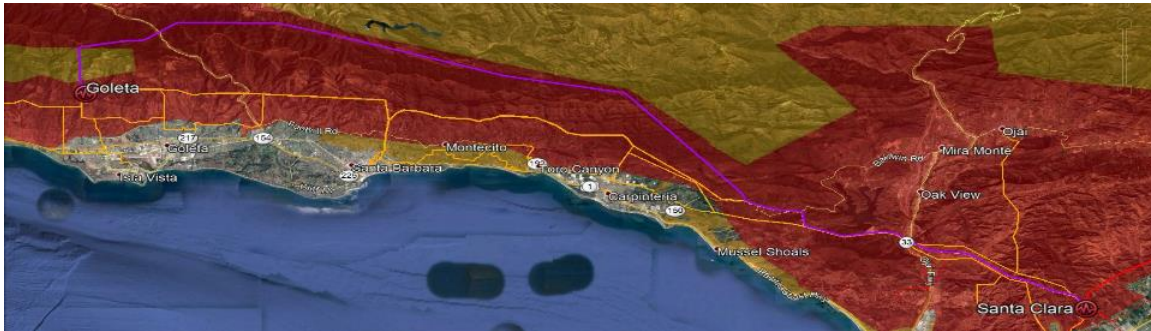
1. Battery storage projects are key to the Community Microgrid that will provide renewables-driven energy resilience to the highly transmission-vulnerable Goleta Load Pocket, which spans 70 miles of coastline surrounding the City of Goleta.
2. This battery storage project will accelerate the transition away from natural gas, which is neither safe nor resilient.
3. This battery storage project will help obviate the Ellwood gas peaker plant and keep it on schedule for decommissioning. Note that all gas peakers pose major health and safety threats, and the Ellwood gas peaker is sited adjacent to this proposed battery storage project.

**Battery Storage is key to Energy Resilience in the Goleta Load Pocket**

The Goleta Load Pocket (GLP) spans 70 miles of coastline, from Point Conception to Lake Casitas, encompassing the cities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Carpinteria.



Because the GLP is a highly transmission-vulnerable, disaster-prone region, the GLP Community Microgrid is being designed to deliver an unparalleled trifecta of economic, environmental, and resilience benefits to the GLP. Important to know is that the GLP's only connection to the transmission system is routed through the heart of fire, landslide, and earthquake zones via the Goleta Substation, which is located atop Glen Annie Rd. The highly vulnerable transmission route is shown as a purple line in the maps above and below, and as can be seen in the fire risk map below, the GLP's transmission connection is routed through a treacherous fire zone.



In order to achieve indefinite renewables-driven backup power that provides 100% protection to the GLP against a complete transmission outage (known as an “N-2 event”), 200 megawatts (MW) of solar and 400 megawatt-hours (MWh) of energy storage needs to be sited within the GLP.

At 40 MWh, the Enel battery storage project alone will fulfill 10% of the 400 MWh of energy storage needed for the GLP Community Microgrid. Extensive details about the GLP Community Microgrid are available at this website:

<https://clean-coalition.org/community-microgrids/goleta-load-pocket/>

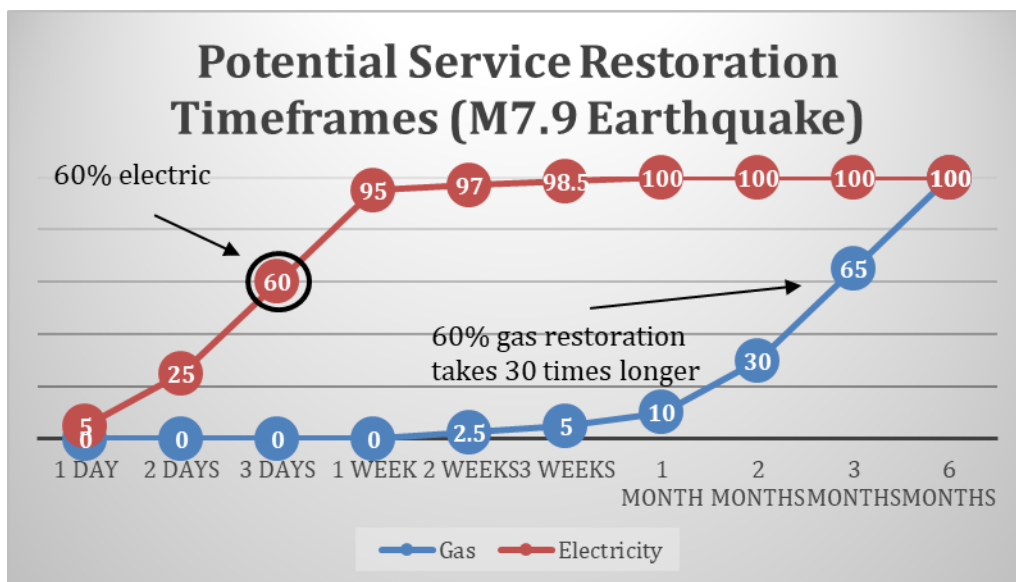
### **Natural gas is neither safe nor resilient**

Future generations will be asking why their preceding generations allowed massive quantities of toxic chemicals to be injected into the earth, and to contaminate ungodly volumes of water, in pursuit of a poisonous and highly flammable gas that would be routed through our neighborhoods and into our homes. In recent years there has been numerous gas pipeline explosions, such as on 13 September 2018 in Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, where there were over 80 individual fires, 30,000 people forced to evacuate, and even a death. Also, on 17 February 2017 a natural gas pipeline operated by Kinder Morgan in Refugio, Texas exploded creating a massive fire. This explosion shook homes 60 miles away. Not to be forgotten, the 2010 San Bruno gas pipeline explosion obliterated a residential block of homes killing 8 people and injuring 51 more. There are dozens of additional deadly examples just within recent years.



**2010 San Bruno gas pipeline explosion**

Beyond natural gas being unsafe, it is inherently not resilient. The reality is that major disasters such as earthquakes disable gas infrastructure for far longer periods than electricity infrastructure. As illuminated in the chart below from a San Francisco study, natural gas service requires 30 times longer to restore to the majority of customers than is required for electricity service. Worth repeating is the fact that gas infrastructure is also extremely vulnerable to fires, landslides, as well as terrorism.



**Source: The City and County of San Francisco Lifelines Study**

**Battery Storage will help obviate the Ellwood Gas Peaker plant**

The battery storage project under consideration will be sited adjacent to the Ellwood gas peaker plant that is scheduled to be decommissioned within the coming years. California regulators, however, have already allowed extensions to the decommissioning date and could allow the Ellwood gas peaker plant to operate until there is a viable alternative for GLP energy resilience.

Although most people agree that renewable energy is the foundation of the energy system of the future, few people know that the GLP offers one of the best opportunities to realize this future within a few years. In addition to the California Building Standards Commission mandating solar on all newly constructed homes starting in 2020 (and new commercial properties soon thereafter), the GLP has immense solar siting opportunities on existing commercial-scale properties. The Clean Coalition has conducted a preliminary solar siting survey indicating that getting to indefinite renewables-driven backup power for the GLP will require 200 MW of additional solar being sited within the GLP. Importantly, 200 MW represents only about four times more solar than what is already deployed within the GLP today, and attaining this 200 MW will require less than 10% of the solar siting potential on commercial-scale rooftops, parking lots, and parking structures within the GLP.

In order to fully achieve indefinite renewables-driven resilience for the GLP, 400 MWh of energy storage will also be required. The 40 MWh (10 MW with 4-hour capacity) battery storage project under consideration makes a significant contribution to meeting the GLP Community Microgrid energy storage requirement, which in turn will accelerate the Ellwood gas peaker plant decommissioning. Importantly, this battery storage project is part of a 280 MWh proposal before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that in one fell swoop will satisfy 70% of the 400 MWh total energy storage required for full GLP Community Microgrid resilience.

The Clean Coalition believes that this energy storage project is significant to the GLP Community Microgrid, which is staging to showcase the electricity system of the future while obviating gas peaker alternatives. Hence, the Clean Coalition encourages your full support.

Sincerely,



Craig Lewis  
Executive Director  
Clean Coalition

**From:** [Deborah Lopez](#)  
**To:** [Liana Campos](#); [David Cutaia](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Initiation if a GPA for 778o Hollister  
**Date:** Monday, May 20, 2019 10:25:49 AM  
**Attachments:** [Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue.docx](#)  
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**Cc:** <[dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[massey@aol.com](mailto:massey@aol.com)>  
**Subject:** Initiation if a GPA for 778o Hollister

Mayor and Council,

I apologize for the lateness of this comment email on 7780 Hollister but my doctor didn't want me to do any reading for two weeks. Saturday was the first I could do all the reading to be done and had previously been put off while working on the NZO.

I hope you will not adopt a resolution to amend a portion of 7780 Hollister. There are a number of problems with this proposal as I have enumerated in my attached comments.

As a long time Sierra Club member, I hope you will disregard the letter from the Sierra Club. It isn't Goleta's responsibility to accept a highly dangerous lithium battery storage facility to solve other problems on the grid. The safety of Goleta residents must come first.

Sincerely, Barbara

## **Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue**

Mayor and Council members,

I ask that you not initiate a GPA and lot split for 7780 Hollister. A GPA and lot split as proposed is piecemeal rezoning and poor planning. There is no discussion or justification for splitting the parcel to create a new lot other than the convenience of the applicant. Changing the zoning of a parcel in an established neighborhood should only be done to bring it into conformance with the rest of the neighborhood.

This is the wrong location for a lithium battery storage facility. There are several other options that are not in residential neighborhoods. Goleta residents don't want a lithium battery storage facility in an area surrounded by sensitive receptors such as assisted living facility and elementary school, environmentally sensitive Monarch butterfly habitat, and residences.

Public safety should be the prime concern of staff when reviewing this project. It seems odd that this staff report doesn't mention the Fire Department's concern about the hazardous nature and safety of the public and environment from this facility. See below.

"A fire in a battery storage facility is considered a "runaway" event and requires an unusually large quantity of water to contain the fire. In such an event, there would be concerns regarding a toxic plume that could endanger residents and the water runoff from battling a "runaway" event. The water runoff would be hazardous and could cause an environmental disaster if the runoff entered either creeks or storm drains." From Staff Report, February 7, 2019, Energy/Green Issues Standing Committee Meeting, Memo II. page 4.

It is surprising that the fact that the batteries being stored are lithium, which is known for being prone to fires, was not even mentioned in the staff report.

There are five factors to be considered for the initiation of a General Plan Amendment.

1. This Amendment is not consistent with GP Goal 10. The project would not be compatible with the character, scale, and design of the neighborhood. It was also pointed out that the facility would have limited maintenance which causes concern about the safety and appearance of the facility.
2. The lithium battery storage facility will have serious material effects on the community. It will change the uses available for the property and could have a negative effect on the uses of the unchanged land. The value of the property could be reduced. It will certainly have a negative impact on the value of adjacent homes. There could be impacts to the occupancy of the assisted living facility and the prices they can charge.
3. There is a false claim of public benefits through expanded employment opportunities. However, the GPA is only for a small split off parcel that will contain only the lithium battery



storage facility which has no employees at the site. Enel's Amendment rationale says the "facility is unmanned and monitored remotely with limited maintenance activities required". This GPA will create no jobs but it does highlight questionable safety and monitoring of the site and batteries. Will it be like the Plains Pipeline where the neighbors have to see and report any problems?

4. The proposed GPA is to permit a lithium battery storage facility at a location with inadequate Fire Department response time which is of great concern. This is an extremely serious problem. There will eventually be a new Fire Station 10 but nothing as hazardous as a lithium battery storage facility should be permitted until Fire Station 10 is built and operational.

There would be considerable noise from the HVAC system which is needed to cool the lithium batteries. The cooling system will generate a noise level of 65 db and that level is listed as "Normally unacceptable".

An additional serious issue that needs to be considered is the oil well on the property that is not plugged and abandoned consistent with current requirements. Any building over or impeding of access to the well is prohibited. There could be leakage of gases that could present additional problems. Unfortunately this hasn't been addressed in the staff report.

It is clear that this is the wrong location for a lithium battery storage facility. I ask that you not initiate a GPA and lot split for 7780 Hollister to protect the health and safety of the community.

Thank you for considering my comments, Barbara

**From:** [Supervisor Das Williams](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#); [Deborah Lopez](#)  
**Cc:** [Roger Aceves](#); [James Kyriaco](#); [Kyle Richards](#); [Stuart Kasdin](#); [Paula Perotte](#)  
**Subject:** Supervisor Das Williams Letter of Support Regarding General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue  
**Date:** Monday, May 20, 2019 10:40:58 AM  
**Attachments:** [7780 Hollister General Plan Amendment - Supervisor Das Williams.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members,

Please find attached my comment of support regarding the Goleta City Council decision on "General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue" to allow a battery storage project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Supervisor Das Williams

**DAS WILLIAMS**  
County Supervisor, First District  
805.568.2186



**Board of Supervisors**  
105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor  
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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

May 20, 2019

Goleta City Council  
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Via email: [dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)

**Re: Consideration of Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue**

Dear Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members:

I support the staff recommendation to adopt a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue to allow for a battery storage project.

During my six years representing Goleta in the state legislature I viewed the most important work as replacing the dirty energy of the Elwood peaker plant with clean energy. A battery facility is the smallest and least intrusive facility that could do just that. No one expects Goleta to do this on their own. Two of the battery facilities being proposed are in the County portions near Carpinteria, but Goleta has the most to gain if we can reduce the chance of the Ellwood peaker plant continuing to dirty the air of our community. Additionally, the County is studying various locations for solar power in our jurisdiction so we might put Ellwood to bed forever.

In addition to enhancing energy resilience in our region, this energy storage project is a critical component of the larger goal to develop more clean energy in our region by 2021 so that the Mandalay natural gas power plant in Oxnard can be retired. Time is limited not just for our region, but for the global climate. The City of Goleta has the opportunity to be a part of the climate solution, and by approving this General Plan Amendment, it will move one step closer to the 100% renewable energy goal.

Sincerely,

Santa Barbara County First District Supervisor Das Williams

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From: **Albert Oaten** <[albert.oaten@gmail.com](mailto:albert.oaten@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, May 20, 2019 at 11:57 AM

Subject: In support of Battery Storage facility to replace Peaker Plant

To: Paula Perotte <[pperotte@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:pperotte@cityofgoleta.org)>, Stuart Kasdin <[skasdin@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:skasdin@cityofgoleta.org)>, Kyle Richards <[krichards@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:krichards@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[raceves@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:raceves@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org)>

Hi everyone,

This is a short note supporting the renewable storage facility proposed to replace the peaker plant in Goleta.

Saying no to the proposed renewable battery plant is saying yes to keeping the gas powered peaker plant - bad air, and no long term economic growth from development and construction, as no one foresees long term investment in gas plants.

I am attracted to renewables and clean air solutions not just because of the environment, but also because of the business, expertise, and jobs renewable energy can create for our area. Streamlining government processes, and learning the process for enabling renewable businesses to thrive remains one of the main sticking points holding back renewable businesses in our County.

In the last 10 years, Lancaster CA has created 1700 jobs around solar, reduced the cost of electricity for its residents by 25%, and attracted 400 jobs to its city as head quarters for a new electric bus company. Their success is a function of an active city government determined to ignite the Lancaster economy, and help its citizenry. They did this by streamlining the processes that hold back renewables.

There is no reason why SB County, and the City of Goleta shouldn't be leaders in California, show other cities to create good paying jobs and capability for our young people, while delivering cleaner energy and showing that committed city governments like ours can lead these communities into business opportunities that provide economic opportunity, improved environment, and marketability as a city that leads the state in forward looking solutions that combine environmental and economic benefits in an impactful way.

Please promote and support this project.

Thanks.

Albert Oaten

805-451-2700

**From:** Sharon Broberg <[slbroberg@gmail.com](mailto:slbroberg@gmail.com)>

**Date:** May 20, 2019 at 11:34:17 AM PDT

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**Subject:** Ellwood Battery Storage Project

We are emailing our support of the Battery Storage Project which will be on tomorrow's agenda 5/21/19.

We have spent the last 20 years in the energy efficient lighting business, changing out the lighting in many businesses, rental units and motels across the state. We know that many clean energy projects are needed for the city of Goleta to attain the goal set for 100% Renewable Energy.

When the neighborhood sees the facts and their choice between a noisy, out-dated polluting peaker plant and a far quieter, safer battery storage unit, we're sure they will become supporters. We in Goleta and Santa Barbara cannot be complicit with making Oxnard responsible for our energy needs.

John and Sharon Broberg

**From:** [Maggi Heinrich](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Goleta Battery Storage Project  
**Date:** Monday, May 20, 2019 12:56:33 PM

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I am writing to support the Goleta Battery Storage Project. As a Goleta resident I am supportive of seeing our community use technology and move toward cleaner energy.

It is a good opportunity to diversify our energy sources with a source that won't add to air quality issues. The battery storage project is relatively small and a good start in the diversification of our clean energy portfolio. In addition, battery storage can be very useful to prevent the brown outs we experience in peak consumption times, especially during hot weather.

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*Maggi Heinrich*

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." -Maya Angelou

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**From:** Lucas Zucker [[lucas@causenow.org](mailto:lucas@causenow.org)]

**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 4:35 PM

**To:** Deborah Lopez; Maricela Morales

**Subject:** CAUSE Support Letter for 7780 Hollister General Plan Amendment

Dear Mayor Perotte and Councilmembers,

Please find attached a support letter from CAUSE for the energy storage project proposed for 7780 Hollister. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lucas Zucker  
Policy and Communications Director  
Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)  
2021 Sperry Ave. #9  
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(805) 658-0810 ext. 204



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Re: Consideration of Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue; APNs 079-210-056

Dear Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members:

The Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) strongly supports the staff recommendation to adopt a General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue to allow for a battery storage project.

CAUSE has worked for many years to organize local residents to transform our regional energy system, which has concentrated large fossil fuel power plants in Oxnard, putting the burden of pollution on the region's largest population of low-income and immigrant families. Outside of Oxnard, this has also included the Ellwood Peaker Plant in Goleta. Ellwood has been used to help maintain a reliable energy supply for Southern Santa Barbara County, which depends on vulnerable power lines stretching across the mountains from the larger power plants in Oxnard, leaving this isolated area at the end of Edison's power grid at risk.

We are shifting towards a regional energy system that no longer disproportionately pollutes communities like Oxnard and Ellwood and instead protects our health and our climate. This future fundamentally depends on building zero-emissions energy storage to make renewable energy sources like solar power viable at all times of the day. These storage projects must be broadly distributed throughout the region, particularly as So Cal Edison now plans to frequently shut off power to its lines during high fire risk weather.

Goleta will not be alone in doing its part. The Enel battery project is one of several throughout the region, and is one-tenth the size of the Strata battery project to be built in Oxnard. However, both Oxnard and Goleta share a common interest in shutting down their existing polluting gas-fired power plants, which will only be possible once we build zero-emissions battery storage to replace them.

Our communities must all be part of this clean energy solution to end the historic legacy of environmental injustice for marginalized communities like Oxnard, and address the urgent crisis of climate change. Our region is depending on Goleta's leadership for a more socially just, environmentally sustainable, and disaster resilient energy system.

Sincerely,

Maricela Morales, M.A.

Executive Director

Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)



**From:** Sylvia <[sylvia805@cox.net](mailto:sylvia805@cox.net)>

**Date:** May 21, 2019 at 11:44:10 AM PDT

**To:** <[dllopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dllopez@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[pperotte@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:pperotte@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[skasdin@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:skasdin@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[krichards@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:krichards@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[raceves@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:raceves@cityofgoleta.org)>

**Subject: Battery Storage Project**

I am a resident of the city of Goleta. I am in favor of the battery storage project. I do not believe that it will be too loud, nor will it be an eyesore. I support all moves toward renewable energy and away from fossil fuel extraction and use.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial environmental issue.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Sullivan

**From:** [Cliff Kline](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** I am opposed to the battery project at 7780 Hollister Avenue in Goleta  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 6:57:20 PM

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I am opposed to the battery project proposed for 7780 Hollister Avenue in Goleta.

My opposition is for a few reasons:

1. I live in the Ellwood area and do not think the battery project is the best use of that property.
2. I do not think the Ellwood area should be subject to yet another project that will add congestion to the area, during and after construction.
3. I do not think the battery project should be considered renewable energy, as it is powered by electricity generated from carbon-sources.

Regards,

Cliff Kline  
259 Saratoga Court, Goleta CA 93117

## **Public Comment "General Plan Amendment for 7780 Hollister Avenue"**

Catherine Gautier-Downes  
Climate Scientist  
Professor Emerita, UCSB Geography Department

Scientists have been warning us for decades about upcoming climate change and the potential issues. More recently the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has published a report demonstrating the urgency of acting to reduce greenhouse gas emissions drastically (by half within the next 15y) if we expect to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement and beyond.

Every nation, region and city must play its role if we hope to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030. Goleta must play its role in this too.

The use of alternative energy and particularly solar energy is one of the optimal approaches to reduce the release of carbon-based greenhouse gases. While gas power plants have been proposed as replacement of coal-based power plants because of their much smaller CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, they are dangerous for our climate because when natural gas is produced some of it leaks into the atmosphere in the form of the well-known potent greenhouse gas CH<sub>4</sub>. This is in addition to the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted when the gas is burned. When these emissions are taken together, the use of gas-power plants can be worse than using coal-power plant. Additionally, natural gas is often produced far away from its use through fracking techniques which are known to have a number of negative impacts on the environment and the people living in the plants neighborhood.

In order to ensure that solar energy can be optimally used and available at all times, battery storage is required. SCE is well aware of this and proposes to rapidly bring large power storage online. This will allow the shutting down of the polluting and dangerous gas power plants such as the Mandalay in Oxnard and the Ellwood peaker plant in Goleta, and also to prevent the construction of new gas power plants. The battery storage project will immediately reduce the amount of time that the Ellwood peaker would operate and is essential to meet the goal of its permanent retirement.

This battery project is an opportunity for Goleta to be a part of the renewable energy solution, rather than the problem. By providing a battery energy source that can be deployed during energy peak needs, this project will make the Goleta electrical grid more resilient and reliable and safe.

Please approve the general plan amendment and allow this project to go forward. This is an appropriate use of this empty parking lot near the freeway and far safer for the neighboring community than the aging Ellwood peaker plant located there now.

**From:** [Harold Marcuse](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta/Ellwood battery storage project: move it forward!  
**Date:** Sunday, May 26, 2019 4:13:44 PM

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I'm writing to voice my strong support for the approval of permitting SCE's proposed battery storage project in west Goleta to go forward to EIR.

We desperately need to retire carbon-emitting generation and transition to sustainable energy sources, which include battery storage.

Please approve this project!

Thank you,

Harold Marcuse, 932 West Campus Ln., Goleta

**From:** [Deborah Lopez](#)  
**To:** [Liana Campos](#); [David Cutaia](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: SUPPORT GEN PLAN AMENDMENT FOR 7780 HOLLISTER ALLOWING FOR BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT  
**Date:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 8:06:18 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jan Dietrick <[jdietrick9@gmail.com](mailto:jdietrick9@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 21, 2019 at 5:58:41 PM PDT  
**To:** <[dlopez@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dlopez@cityofgoleta.org)>  
**Subject:** **SUPPORT GEN PLAN AMENDMENT FOR 7780 HOLLISTER  
ALLOWING FOR BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT**

Dear Goleta City Council,

As members of the Ventura County Climate Hub we are very concerned about continued operation of an aging and polluting peaker plant in your city and very excited about the opportunity to replace that with state of the art renewable energy projects including the proposed battery storage project. It is not ideal, but it is a small price for local residents to pay for our region of the grid to be contributing suitably to a safe future by steady elimination of fossil fuel emissions.

Sincerely,  
Jan Dietrick  
Ron Whitehurst  
Ventura, CA 93001  
805-746-5365 cell

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