Hello Laura and Kim,

Thank you for providing additional information and working with me while our server/WiFi are down. Below are our comments for the Planning Commission via email for the proposed action.

There are no abandoned oil, gas, or geothermal wells on the the 5,043 sqft portion of the CalTrans right of way adjacent to APN 079-090-038 at the corner of Cathedral Oaks and Calle Real. In addition, the proposed action does not involve any development. For the above mentioned reasons there appears to be no impact to our agency from the proposed action.

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) categorically advises against building over, or in any way impeding access to, oil, gas, or geothermal wells. Significant and potentially dangerous issues may be associated with development near oil, gas, and geothermal wells. The Division requests the opportunity to provide comment on future proposed projects under review, prior to permitting, to help ensure the wise development of land near oil, gas, and geothermal wells. If you have any questions, please contact our District office at (805) 937-7246 or via email at DOGGRCoastal@conservation.ca.gov

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

Kindest regards,

Jordan Martin Associate Oil & Gas Engineer Coastal District - Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources

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Dear K Dominguez

I am writing in reference to the proposed acquisition of the subject property, to disseminate my concern in writing to the Goleta Planning Commission. If the property is outside of the City boundary, as it does appear on the maps provided in the staff report, I would like to address the issue of maintaining existing City limits.

With sound reasoning, we created a city in which in-filling between developed lots and building vertically was to be emphasized, to counteract the trend of farmland and open space destruction--sacrificed to suburban sprawl. The extension of City limits for a right-of-way seems a small thing but there may be a risk of it being used as some sort of vehicle for, precedent for, or additional example of City enlargement.

The risk as I see it: today a small ROW...tomorrow maybe a development project requiring water and sewer hookups and adding to the burdens we are already suffering from rapid development and population increase.

My message to the Planning Commission: avoid intentional or unintentional mechanisms which the promotors of developments outside the City limits could use to promote their cause. Please make it clear to everyone that this ROW acquisition does not signal a vehicle for, or willingness to, acquire more land for purposes that destroy open space, habitat, or farmland.

Thank you, Wendy Read of Goleta