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IS TO STRENGTHEN
OUR COMMUNITY
BY HELPING
PEOPLE LIVE
HEALTHIER, MORE
PRODUCTIVE LIVES.

Good afternoon Madam Mayor, city council members. My name is Jordan Thurston, and I am the Case Manager for the New Beginnings Safe Parking Program. On behalf of New Beginnings, I would like to extend to you a warm expression of our gratitude for your collaboration in expanding the capacity of the Safe Parking program in the City of Goleta. The increased number of spaces will bring much needed stability and security to some of our more vulnerable, unsheltered community members.

New Beginnings would like to express our appreciation to Madam Mayor and city council members for your continued support, to city staff for your efforts and time put into deliberation and implementation, to City Manager Michelle Greene for signing off on increased lots in a time of emergency, and to Management Analyst Dominique Samario for your above and beyond efforts in working to end homelessness in the city of Goleta. It is only with your collaboration and continued support that we can expand our ability to change the lives of individuals and families throughout our community.

Now more than ever we must band together to create an adequate safety net for those who don't have the tools to weather the large scale economic impacts we are facing in light of this deadly disease. By expediting the expansion of Safe Parking lots, the City of Goleta is exemplifying Governor Newsom's call to action to 'meet the moment', and for that the community as a whole will benefit. We at the Safe Parking Program look forward to increased collaboration with the City of Goleta to scale up the number of lots and provide much needed services to our most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you.