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Mr. Mark Medina – Chair
County of San Benito Board of Supervisors
481 Fourth Street, First Floor
Hollister, CA 95023

Honorable Chairman and Supervisors,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the San Benito County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) regarding the proposed rezoning of intersections along Highway 101 for commercial development. The EDC fully supports the rezoning as proposed. In May, 2019 the San Benito County Planning Commission(PC) voted unanimously (5-0) to move forward with the implementation of the General Plan and rezone the commercial nodes and provide that first step needed to begin the project applications. The PC determined that the rezoning is consistent with the adopted San Benito County General Plan 2035 vision for these “nodes”. Specifically this rezoning advances the goals and objectives expressed in both the Land Use Element County (as stated in the Planning Commission staff report) and the Economic Development Element (Goals ED-1 , ED-3 through ED-5). In addition, this rezoning advances goals and objectives set forth in the San Benito County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) regarding the promote tourism, preserve open space. encourage economic development, job creation and tax revenue generation.

The EDC encourages the Board of Supervisors to support your Planning Commissions findings and recommendation and asks that the Board vote to approve these proposed rezoning. This rezoning action would send a strong message that the San Benito County is welcoming of new businesses and supports new commercial development!

Sincerely,

Randy Starbuck
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San Benito County
Economic Development Corporation Board