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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the City of Goleta, I am pleased to write this letter of support for Fish Reef Project to encourage restoration of the historic Goleta Kelp Bed.

The protective kelp bed was lost during the El Nino on 1983. The proposed project is a significant initiative for the marine environment off the coast of Goleta. It will reestablish a large and durable kelp bed, within the historic footprint, with permanent hard bottom structure and will provide critical habitat, food and shelter for all types of marine life in Goleta Bay. By reestablishing a kelp bed, the on-going beach erosion caused by winter storms will be minimized and will help protect Goleta Beach and the adjacent park.

The City encourages your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Mayor