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Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce

Greetings to all who have come together for this important emergency preparedness meeting.

I give you a big hand for inviting small business owners together to learn and share ways to prepare their companies to deal with potential disasters. Since small businesses are the backbone of the Goleta economy, their ability to survive and rebound from a disaster is critical to getting the entire community back on its feet as quickly as possible.

There are many simple steps businesses can take to ensure that they can get up and running following a disaster, including: having contact information for local and state recovery agencies; knowing ahead of time these agencies' plans and how to take advantage of their services; and having remote access to and backups of crucial business data.

I am committed to making sure that California is prepared for the challenges that lie ahead of us, and your willingness to organize today's workshop demonstrates your own fantastic commitment not only to your businesses, but to the Goleta community as well. Thank you for your outstanding foresight and initiative.

On behalf of all Californians, I wish you a productive meeting and every continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

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