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Linda Craig and Commissioners
San Mateo County LAFCo
455 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Municipal Service Review of San Mateo County Harbor District

Dear Chair Craig and Commissioners,

I urge you to vote NO on the recommendation for dissolution of the San Mateo County Harbor District.

My family and I strongly support for the current board of Harbor Commissioners.

In 2015 the board of Harbor Commissioners voted to stop paying Health Insurance Benefits for Commissioners. This decision speaks volumes about the current boards dedication to prioritizing their San Mateo County constituents above self-interest.

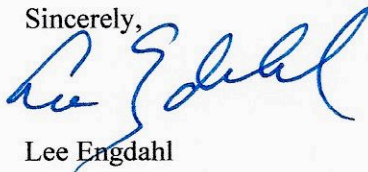
This is the first time in history that a San Mateo County elected board achieved the level of diversity we are experiencing with the current board of Harbor Commissioners.

Commissioner Mattusch is the first Hispanic person to be elected to the Harbor Commission. Commissioner David is the first openly bisexual candidate to run for a countywide elected office in San Mateo County, and highest-ranking openly bisexual elected official in San Mateo County. Commissioner Brennan is the first openly lesbian candidate to run for a countywide elected office in San Mateo County and the highest-ranking openly lesbian official in San Mateo County. Commissioner Bernardo is the highest-ranking Filipino and openly gay official in the US, and past Grand Marshal of the San Francisco Pride Parade.

I was very disappointed to read in the San Mateo Daily Journal last week that Supervisor Horsley was recommending the Harbor Commission become an appointed board. Competitive elections are the most democratic way to make representatives accountable to the public. The Mosquito and Vector Control District embezzlement scandal is an example of why appointed boards are an inferior form of governance.

Please include this letter as a comment on the LAFCo Municipal Service Review of the San Mateo County Harbor District.

Sincerely,



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