

MidCoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
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Via Email & Fax

To: San Mateo County Planning Commission
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Dear Commissioners Bomberger, Dworetzky, Nobles, Silver, and Wong

As the elected representative body of the 11,000 residents of the MidCoast Communities, the MidCoast Community Council (MCC) would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks for the work your commission has done in the MidCoast LCP Update Project.

At our regular meeting on January 12, 2005, our Council voted to support the set of recommendations developed by your commission for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. In the spirit of the presentations, discussions and conscientious and fair deliberations of your hearings, we adapted our final recommendations to reflect that process. Not all of your recommendations agreed with our original proposals, yet we have voted to fully support the package as the best expression of the update hearing process and the give-and-take of the community members and organizations who actively participated.

Good planning practices and adherence to the requirements for development will not only maintain our long term sustainability, but will substantially cut down the number of appeals and save San Mateo County the endless hours and expenses of dealing with contradicting standards, costs that are carried by all County residents. It will make the policies and practices implementing our Local Coastal Program consistent with coastal resource protection and a healthy, prosperous community. We believe these are the best expression of our individual rights, community rights, and property rights – the rights to retain the value and character of our communities through reasonable development controls, preservation of open space, environmental sensitivity, and respect of precious coastal resources.

Thank you again for your excellent work!

Sincerely,

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