

Midcoast Community Council

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An elected Municipal Advisory Council of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Serving 12,000 Coastal Residents

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Audrey C. Rust, President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
3000 Sand Hill Road, 4-135
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Ms. Rust,

The MidCoast Community Council voted tonight to reaffirm our support of POST's efforts to permanently protect the 4,262 acre Rancho Corral de Tierra. As one of the largest undeveloped pieces of land on the San Mateo County Coast, this property provides a unique opportunity for the establishment of parkland and trails for the benefit of the local community, residents of the Bay Area and visitors from all over the world. We support the enabling legislation currently in Congress that will extend the boundary of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra. Passage of this bill will ensure that these lands are properly maintained and open for public enjoyment.

In addition, agricultural operations now located on the property will be protected by passage of the boundary expansion. POST is willing to negotiate a sale of the farmland to the current farmer at a price that is affordable enough to help keep it in production. By removing development rights and setting up conservation easements, POST can work with local farm families to preserve working Coastal landscapes.

On behalf of our 12,000 constituents, we thank everyone at POST for your commitment to the Coast and your tireless work on behalf of the land, the people and the priceless natural resources that make this area so unique and so deserving of our preservation efforts. We urge Congress to lend its support by passing the boundary expansion legislation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul Perkovic, Chair
MidCoast Community Council