

## Midcoast Community Council

An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
Serving 12,000 coastal residents

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## Welcome to the Midcoast Community Council!

If this is your first meeting, please read the information below and the Council's *Purposes* on the reverse side of this sheet. The Council is your elected voice to San Mateo County government.

The Council consists of seven local residents of the unincorporated Midcoast (the portions of San Mateo County between the City of Half Moon Bay and the City of Pacifica, comprising the communities of El Granada, Miramar, Montara, Moss Beach, and Princeton), elected for four-year terms. It provides advice and guidance to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and other County offices, reflecting local community concerns and priorities based on open, public meetings and communication with our constituents. The full Council holds regularly scheduled meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings are usually held in the Fireside Room of Seton Medical Center Coastside, and begin at 7:30 p.m. In exceptional cases where very large public participation is anticipated, or for special meetings, the multi-purpose room of the Farallone View Elementary School or the El Granada Elementary School is used.

### Standing Committees

#### Parks and Recreation

Paul Perkovic, *Chair*

#### Planning and Zoning

Chuck Kozak, *Chair*

#### Public Works

(to be appointed), *Chair*

You are welcome to express your opinion and participate in Council discussions and policy recommendations. Please keep your remarks brief, on topic, and avoid repeating other speakers. The Chair generally gives each person desiring to speak on a given matter one opportunity to speak, before the Council deliberates and decides what action is appropriate. Because meetings are videotaped for broadcast on MCTV, Channel 6, please come to the podium and state your name clearly so that listeners at home can hear your remarks. If this is your first appearance, please fill out a Speaker Information Form so the Council may correctly identify you.

Much of the background work and preliminary discussion of issues takes place in our smaller committee meetings, generally held at the Half Moon Bay Airport at 7:30 p.m. Each Council member attends each committee meeting in person, or may appoint another community member to be her or his designated voting participant in that committee. Of course, any member of the public may appear and participate (but not vote) at any Council meeting. Committees do much of the staff work of the Council, which has no paid staff and relies on volunteers. Committees are chaired by an elected Council member and operate very informally.

The Parks and Recreation Committee meets on the first Monday of each month.

The Planning and Zoning Committee meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The Public Works Committee meets at the pleasure of the Chair.

Many local residents and other interested parties stay informed of issues affecting the Midcoast by subscribing to the email discussion list, **Midcoast-L**. To subscribe, send an empty email message to: [Midcoast-L-on@Lists.sanmateo.org](mailto:Midcoast-L-on@Lists.sanmateo.org). For further information on the Midcoast Community Council, including the Council's Bylaws, consult the Council's web site at <http://mcc.sanmateo.org>.

*Excerpted from the Midcoast Community Council Bylaws:*

Section 1.02 **Purposes.** Subject to the public purposes described by the Board Resolution but otherwise without limitation, the purposes of the Community Council include the following:

1. To provide the Community with a more effective means to express its views to the County of San Mateo and other governmental agencies on matters of concern to the Community;
2. To contribute to the Community's awareness of issues of public import by providing a forum for discussions, and sponsoring meetings, discussions, and other events which will contribute to the general welfare, knowledge and awareness of the Community regarding such issues;
3. To seek to preserve the rural small-town character of the Area by protecting the existence of agricultural lands, commercial fishing activities and the natural marine environment; supporting the retention of a greenbelt around urban areas of the County of San Mateo; maintaining the coastal protections afforded by the County Local Coastal Plan and Measure A (1986), and seeking to manage growth in a manner which is consistent with the present character of the Area;
4. To assist the Community in developing and expressing a long range vision of the Community which meets the goals of its residents for an improved quality of life, protection of the environment, and sound economic planning;
5. To assist the many associations, organizations, ad hoc groups and individuals of the Community, who seek to communicate with the County of San Mateo and other governmental agencies about matters of public interest, in bringing issues before the Community and in representing the Community before such governmental bodies; and
6. To provide a vehicle for exploring the feasibility and merits of governmental organization alternatives, including but not limited to incorporation or annexation.

*Excerpted from Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 55042, adopted May 21, 1991:*

3. The Midcoast Community Council is established to advise the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on matters including, but not limited to, public health, safety, welfare, public works and planning which affect the Midcoast.
4. The Midcoast Community Council shall hold regular meetings to provide a forum for community concerns. The Council may conduct surveys, determine community positions, disseminate information to and from county departments, serve as a liaison for county services, commission studies and reports and develop community support for County activities and County support for community activities.
5. All meetings of the Midcoast Community Council shall be open and public and be subject to all requirements of the Brown Act, Government Code §§54950 et seq.