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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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Members of the San Mateo County Planning Commission
c/o Ms. Kan Dee Rudd, Planning Commission Secretary
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re: Regular and Periodic Meetings of the Planning Commission on the Coast.

Dear Supervisor Gordon, Director Raines, and Planning Commissioners;

Over the past two years, it has been noted that the majority of the items reviewed by the San Mateo County Planning Commission have concerned the unincorporated Coastside from Montara to Pescadero. A review of past Planning Commission agendas from April 1999 to the present show that 62 of 95 items, or 65%, were projects located or having exclusive effect on the coast.

Members of our community have always demonstrated a high level of interest and participation, when possible, in the actions of the County regarding land use, zoning, and development in the coastal area. There has been an increasing level of frustration in response to the fact that hearings regarding these issues are held in Redwood City, thereby limiting the direct participation of those most affected by the Commission's decisions.

With the ongoing review of the Local Coastal Program and development of new policy, the institution of new residential zoning standards, concerted actions regarding the impacts of residential development as well as individual project hearings, we expect the percentage of coastal-oriented items on the Commission's agendas will remain high and may very well increase.

The MidCoast Community Council respectfully requests that San Mateo County consider holding frequent meetings of the Planning Commission on the Coastside on a regularly

scheduled basis. We understand the logistical difficulties posed by meeting at a location which is not adjacent to the resources of the County Center. We believe there is much to be gained from direct communication and participation with the coastal communities and that these intrinsic benefits will far outweigh any inconvenience caused by a periodic change in the meeting site.

Our Council is most willing to assist you in locating and securing appropriate facilities and support for these meetings. Thank you for your time and attention and we look forward to your response after you have reviewed this item. Please contact me at 650-712-0225 or our Council Vicechair, Chuck Kozak, at 650-728-8239 or 650-996-8998 to arrange a time to discuss how we might proceed with this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Stein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Laura Stein
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cc: Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council