

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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San Mateo County Harbor Commission
President James J. Tucker
Vice President Leo Padreddii
Secretary/Treasurer Pietro Parravano
Commissioner Sally Campbell
Commissioner Ken Lundie

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the MidCoast Community Council, I am writing to thank you for involving our Council and our Planning and Zoning Committee in the review of the plans for the proposed restroom/commercial facility at Pillar Point Harbor. We agree with the Commission that increased input from the community and their elected representatives can only improve the quality of the decisions made and the services provided by the District to their constituents.

Unfortunately, the history of the proposed project and the long-standing need for these facilities was not clearly explained during our discussions with the District. The commercial fishing community is an essential part of the economic and cultural heritage of this area and this should continue to be the case. The Council in no way intended to diminish the importance of providing facilities for commercial users and the design variations suggested by the Council were not intended to make the project financially infeasible to construct and maintain. Had we better understood the many factors to be considered during the decision-making process, our suggestions would have better reflected the needs of all concerned.

We acknowledge the District's willingness to move forward with the project and will continue to suggest ways in which an attractive yet affordable design can be achieved. We again emphasize, as our Secretary did at your May 2 meeting, that separate facilities for men and women within the proposed structure are essential. The health and safety concerns of our constituents must always be our primary concern. Should the anticipated grant funding for the project fail to be secured, we urge that the existing restroom facilities be upgraded and improved.

Thanks again to the Commission and your Staff for the cooperative attitude demonstrated throughout the project discussions. We are hopeful that communications between the District and MidCoast residents will continue to be frequent and productive.

Sincerely,

Laura Stein, Chair
MidCoast Community Council

cc: George Bergman, Zoning Hearing Officer
Miroo Brewer, Project Planner
Supervisor Gordon
Peter Grenell, General Manager, Harbor District