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County of San Mateo

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Dear Laura,

I apologize for the delay, but I am finally responding to your letter that I received in early June regarding the Vision Project of the Board of Supervisors.

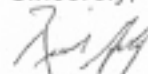
Your letter specifically requested that we change language in the final version of the Vision Project document. I wanted to advise you that the only change that has been made is the inclusion of a statement as a quotation that reflects comments from participants in the community meetings held as part of the visioning process. The statement was negotiated by Ric Lohman and Mary McMillan of the County Manager's Office.

The goals and commitments have not been changed. You should not be surprised if specific language and priorities from the coastside community meeting on visioning are not reflected verbatim in the final document. The Board of Supervisors took testimony countywide at dozens of forums. Additional input was received on the early drafts of the document. The Board of Supervisors then synthesized the comments and developed a document which we believe serves as a vision for all of San Mateo County.

I also wanted to respond to a statement in your letter that the Board of Supervisors will require that projects moving through the Planning and Building Department be rated on how they meet the County Vision. This statement is incorrect. What the Board has done is ask all County departments to identify in staff reports and their budgets how any action being requested of the Board will impact the County Vision. In the budget process just completed, the Board saw the first of the statements of vision as related to budget.

Thank you for your concerns. I believe that the issues that you hold dear are reflected in the County Vision. I pledge to continue to work to implement that vision.

Sincerely,



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