

# **MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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At its most current meeting on May 8, 1996, the MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL voted unanimously to recommend to both the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and to the Local Agency Formation Commission that the proposal to reorganize LAFCo from an independent commission to a dependent body headed by San Mateo County's Director of Environmental Services be denied. We unanimously recommend that Mr. Peter Banning, Executive Officer of San Mateo County LAFCo remain as its independent head, and that no other change take place in LAFCo's current status.

LAFCo's independent status makes it possible for the elected officials of unincorporated areas in San Mateo County to get information, direction and advice that comes independently, and therefore without the possible consideration of San Mateo County's own interest in the outcome. The existence of an independent party is highly beneficial where policy matters and development issues affect the interests of county government and an unincorporated area differently.

Sincerely,

Chris McComb, Midcoast Community Council Chairman

David Spiselman, Midcoast Community Council Member

c.c.:

Peter Banning, San Mateo County LAFCo Executive Officer