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Ruben Barrales, President
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Re: El Granada fire

Dear Supervisor Barrales:

On April 26, 1996 an arsonist set the MidCoast ablaze. The entire coastside has been outraged by this act of arson.

The MidCoast Community Council deplors this reprehensible act of vandalism. At our first meeting after the event, the Council and the more than 30 attendees were unanimous in the condemnation of this violent action.

The Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District, the Point Montara Fire Protection District, the County Sheriff, and the Half Moon Bay Police demonstrated a superior level of quality and professionalism. As we condemn the arson, we just as strongly recognize and salute the response of our neighbors who perform these emergency services.

As you know, much of the MidCoast is heavily forested, particularly the more established neighborhoods, and had the weather conditions been different, the results of the fire could have been catastrophic.

The MidCoast speaks with a single voice: Violence has no place in our community.

Very truly yours,

Chris McComb
Chair, MidCoast Community Council

James Marsh
MidCoast Community Council

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