

MidCoast Community Council
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The Honorable Ted Lempert, President
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
County Government Center
401 Marshall St.
Redwood City, CA 94063

re: Appointment of Ric Lohman to fill the current Council vacancy

Dear President Lempert,

The MidCoast Community Council is responsible for notifying the public of Council vacancies, and subsequently soliciting and interviewing applicants to fill this seat. The Council then sends forward to the Board of Supervisors our recommended candidate for review and approval.

Our process is conducted without bias, and is designed to provide both the Council and the public the opportunity to consider all candidates. The Council specifically asks for members of the public to contact the Council in general, or each councilmember in particular, and advise if they prefer one candidate over another. Such public input is always important, but it is critical when a Council is responsible for selecting a public representative.

In the case of the current vacancy, four people applied. Two, Ric Lohman and John Plock, had also applied for the vacant seat in December 1994. During the December public interviews, Mr. Lohman's understanding of the many issues that face the MidCoast area was thorough, and, it appeared, more detailed than Mr. Plock's.

During the most recent public interviews, Mr. Lohman again demonstrated a thorough understanding of the variety of issues we face, presenting a coherent, complete strategy for dealing with topics such as zoning and interfacing with other county organizations. Mr. Plock was not able to attend these interviews, but we felt that through his continued interactions with this Council, we had a good understanding of his skills and interests.

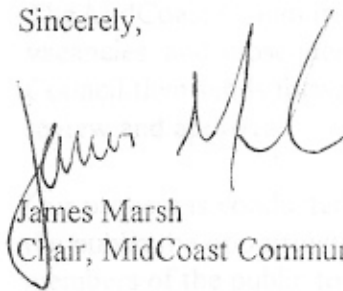
The MidCoast Community Council considered the selection of the replacement council member at its regular meeting on May 24, 1995. Prior to our vote, two of the candidates removed themselves from consideration, leaving only Mr. Lohman and Mr. Plock. The vote in favor of Mr. Lohman was 4 to 1, with one member absent.

At our June 28th meeting, following the unusual decision by the Board of Superisors to remove this matter from the consent agenda, we felt it was appropriate and important to reaffirm our support for Mr. Lohman's appointment to the Council. We have three reasons for our action. One, he is a well-informed, involved member of this community. Two, Mr. Lohman has worked on planning and zoning issues, and we believe he will bring good insights to this area in particular. Three, the overwhelming input from residents of the MidCoast was in support of Mr. Lohman; these people live in Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, and Miramar; each council member received three letters in support of Mr. Plock, but these letters were from individual members of a single family in El Granada.

We believe we have acted prudently, in accordance with the input of a broad based citizenry. We look forward to your prompt confirmation of Mr. Lohman to the MCCC, since a full roster is so critical to the successful operation of this volunteer board.

We appreciate your cooperation, and the ongoing support of the Board for this important advisory council.

Sincerely,



James Marsh
Chair, MidCoast Community Council