

# MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Princeton, El Granada, Moss Beach, Montara and Miramar

April 23, 1992

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
501 Marshall Street  
Redwood City, CA

Re: Proposed Opening of Orval and Cypress Streets, Moss Beach

Honorable Board Members:

At its meeting of April 22, 1992, the MidCoast Community Council unanimously recommended that the proposed openings of Orval and Cypress Streets in Moss Beach not be implemented. Based on a presentation by Robert Sans, Public Works Director, and testimony from residents in the affected area, we concluded:

**1. The proposed street openings would have little, if any, benefit to Los Banos.**

Traffic counts and logic suggest that the vast majority of traffic destined for the Moss Beach Distillery restaurant that must travel through the residential neighborhoods currently uses Marine Boulevard. Very little, if any, through traffic to the restaurant would use Los Banos. While opening Orval might benefit Marine, residents on Marine have not indicated a desire for opening of Orval.

**2. Opening Orval Street to traffic would create a safety problem at its intersection with Beach.**

Orval Street is steep at its intersection with Beach, and Mr. Sans has indicated that there would not be adequate sight distance for motorists, thereby creating an unsafe situation.

While we do not recommend the openings of Orval and Cypress to traffic, we do support Mr. Sans' intent to improve emergency access to the area. We would recommend that the street closures be modified to allow emergency vehicle access only.

Thank you for referring this issue to the Council.

Sincerely,

Kit Dove  
Chairman