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Hon. Mary Griffin, President
Board of Supervisors
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Dear Ms. Griffin:

Since July 1992, the Midcoast Community Council, upon the request of a group of Montara residents, has been involved in discussions on the proposed paving of Montara streets. The paving of 5th through 8th Streets is of special concern to some residents, who expressed that the three-year-old survey on which the project is based did not accurately reflect the wishes of the current residents.

Objections to the project were also in response to the proposed design, which included sidewalks, parking bays, gutters, and wider streets. The objecting residents indicated that a modified and less expensive plan, such as simple "blacktopping" would be far more acceptable. However, Public Works representatives indicated that this alternative would not be considered.

After a number of meetings between residents, the Council, and Public Works, it was agreed that a new survey would be conducted. However, this survey presented only two options: a) No paving at all, or b) The existing design standard.

The result of the second Public Works survey was presented to the Council on September 23, 1993. Support for the paving had diminished, but several blocks retained at least a 60% majority in favor of it. At this time, the Council voted to support the Public Works recommendation for the paving of the streets in which the majority of the residents favored it, with the suggestion for an attempt to develop a coherent network of connected paved streets within the project area.

The above recommendation was presented to the Board of Supervisors at a subsequent meeting, but was rejected due to

continued community opposition. The Board instructed this Council to continue discussions with the residents of the affected areas.

After another series of meetings, on February 24, 1993, the Midcoast Community Council agreed to make the following recommendation to the Board of Supervisors:

1. Withhold progress on the street improvement projects in Montara for six months.
2. Provide planning staff to work with the Midcoast Community Council and community to develop a survey for the urban commercial, urban residential, and rural residential segments of the entire Midcoast. The purpose of the survey was to be the development of an acceptable alternative street design standard.
3. Send such survey to the Midcoast Community, and help analyze the results.

The essence of the above recommendation was submitted to the Board of Supervisors on March 14, 1993 in a letter by Councilwoman Susan Ayers. The response from the President of the Board, dated April 8, 1993, indicated that the recommendation for a review of the street design plan for the Midcoast communities would not be followed, and that the requested survey and subsequent discussions would not take place.

The matter currently before the Board is the Department of Public Works revised Montara 5th-8th Street improvement project, which the Board had rejected and re-referred to the Council for further discussion. At this time, the Midcoast Community Council takes the opportunity to reaffirm its recommendation, as submitted on March 14, 1993.

Sincerely,

Nadia Bledsoe, Chair

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