

May 21, 1991

MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF

SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

PRESENTED BY NANCY HANSEN

CHAIRWOMAN, STEERING COMMITTEE

In mid-November 1989, ongoing plans for large development projects (especially the Pillar Point Harbor Project) was the catalyst for a group of mid-coastsiders to gather and consider ways to increase communication with county agencies. It was decided that the best way to do that was to form a community council. A month later a meeting of approximately 250 residents created the MidCoast Community Council by adopting the Charter. In January 1990, we (the Steering Committee) decided to take our first "political" step. We opened our mouth and immediately stuck our collective foot into it. Without doing our homework, we disrupted the Princeton Rezoning process. This hoof-in-mouth dilemma in fact became the pivotal point in the early formation of the MidCoast Community Council. A motion was passed in February 1990 that "the sole purpose of the Steering Committee be to move toward establishing the foundation for and the election of a community council". We had decided to transcend the temptation to

become one more ad hoc group. Since that time we have devoted ourselves to building the basis for an organization that will facilitate dialogue in the community and between that community and county agencies. Many members of the community spent countless hours developing the by-laws, which set down into writing our vision of the ideal community council. We have held many town meetings with topics ranging from the pros and cons of the Princeton rezoning issue to the merits of incorporation, annexation to Half Moon Bay or the formation of a Municipal Advisory Council. We decided to pursue the MAC because we feel that changes are occurring so fast on the Mid-Coast that we need a recognized community vehicle to communicate with county agencies as soon as possible. We hope you will find favor with our Resolution and that you will vote to create the MidCoast MAC. We look forward to the November elections.

THANK YOU.