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**Subject:** Important Info on CHP reported crashes in county -- San Mateo County Superisors  
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Dear Supervisors,

I attended the last SMC-BPAC committee meeting and the subject of the Statewide Integrated Traffic Reporting System (SWITRS) was discussed. This system is used by Public Works to provide insight into engineering decisions for setting speed limits and addressing priorities to improve safety.

Two important discussion points came up:

1. The SWITRS data doesn't record a significantly large number of accidents
2. SWITRS is the ONLY source Public Works uses (Not other sources like Fire, city Police, or other available sources)

For Public Works to exclusively use a data source that is significantly lacking in recording traffic incidents, means that PW is not able to properly and accurately set speed limits or access safety issues that need their intervention. This is a very IMPORTANT failure of information and leaves the citizens in unincorporated county exposed to serious safety issues and higher traffic speed.

As an analogy, consider the County building that you all have offices in. You feel safe because all people entering the building are screened for weapons. BUT, what if Security knew that those machines only worked 30% of the time AND did not identify smaller weapons like knives and single shot pen-guns. Yet this incomplete security was allowed to continue because Security could ONLY and EXCLUSIVELY use those screening machines - no other screening methods were allowed. Knowing these failed conditions, Security simply carried on — continuing to use the serious lacking in security screening and simply allowed you and your staff to **believe that you were safe**.

So, pulling on your imagination to apply that analogy to PW's use of the currently flawed and incomplete data on SWITRS, I hope you see how our county citizens are exposed to unsafe streets by having higher than safe speed limits and enduring major safety issues not identified or addressed by PW -- all because the system used has a major lacking in data.

As Supervisor, you can work to insure that PW is allowed, and directed, to use additional traffic incident sources when doing traffic safety studies and similar work. In the same spirit, PW should be directed not to use SWITRS exclusively.

Brief example: For the SantaCruz/Alameda Safety Project in West Menlo, the community has been recording crashes along the corridor, dating back to 2017, by using Fire and city Police along with SWITRS and other verified sources. Those records show a vast discrepancy between SWITRS and reality: A ratio far exceeding 1 SWITRS record for over 10 actual traffic incidents.



PUBLIC COMMENT – FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Board of Supervisors:

I'm commenting today regarding the lack of transparency of the San Mateo County Parks Commission. Last month, there was a "SPECIAL MEETING" ON FEB 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023, held in place of the normally scheduled meeting. So far, to date, NO VIDEO HAS BEEN POSTED OF SAID MEETING :

<https://sanmateocounty.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=38101&GUID=C289BC00-1D47-48AA-B319-640A3065DE5D&R=3a7d6787-1998-40ef-af87-29c9bcdff1ae>

At that meeting, which was held via Zoom, it was discussed that the reason they were no longer planning to hold Hybrid meetings after March 1<sup>st</sup>, was because they apparently had no one in the clerk position due to promoting someone from their department and not replacing them. I made a request to still hold meetings in the Hybrid format for the following reasons.

- 1.) There is no District 3 Parks Commissioner to represent us, as yet.
- 2.) It is a burden on citizens of the County, but more particularly on the Coast, to drive to Redwood City to participate in person at a 4 PM meeting and by holding IN -PERSON ONLY MEETINGS limits public participation for those who live and recreate on the Coast. It calls into question the **transparency**.
- 3.) At the February meeting, the Director published a report that the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve had the highest 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter visitor counts (surpassing the Crystal Springs Sawyer Trail) than any other San Mateo County Park. ("In Quarter 4 of 2022 (October - December), the San Mateo County Parks Department served approximately 473,685 visitors. The annual total was 2,520,025 visitors. Data indicates that the most visited parks in the system include the Crystal Springs Regional Trail (109,976 visitors), Fitzgerald Marine Reserve (**114,872 visitors**)").

Yet, after the storms of early January, the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Park has remained closed due to storm damage, then and to date - according to the Parks Website, and there was no discussion as to when it could be re-opened. <https://www.smcgov.org/parks/jan2023-park-conditions>

**Information on this page will be updated when park conditions change.**

With a focus on public and staff safety, and based on current conditions, the following parks are **closed**:

- Coyote Point (closed: Upper parking, Knoll, Eucalyptus, Captains House)
- **Devil's Slide Trail (North Gate)**
- **Fitzgerald Marine Reserve**
- San Andreas Segment, CSRT ([partial](#))
- Sawyer Camp Segment, CSRT ([learn more](#))

Therefore, in the interest of public transparency & participation, this is yet *another* request to hold hybrid meetings for the San Mateo County Parks Commission Monthly Meetings, including the scheduled IN PERSON ONLY MEETING on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sincerely,

Carlyle Ann Young of 180 San Lucas Avenue, Moss Beach, CA

Written Public Comments  
for **Item No. 15**



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ASSOCIATION *of*  
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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

February 21, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the California State Assembly  
Legislative Office Building  
1020 N. Street, Room 367  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Letter of Support for San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller to fill the California Coastal Commission Central Coast (CCC) Representative vacancy**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

I write to you today on behalf of the San Mateo County Association of REALTORS® (SAMCAR), representing 3,000 realtors in San Mateo County. SAMCAR is a trade association organized to ensure professionalism, protect property rights, and promote the ownership of real property.

SAMCAR supports your public and transparent process to include the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and the San Mateo City Selection Committee to submit their nominations to your office. We are respectfully requesting that you appoint San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller to the vacancy.

Supervisor Mueller was elected on November 8, 2022, to a four-year term on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. He represents numerous cities in District 3, including Half Moon Bay and Pacifica, and unincorporated areas found on the coast like El Granada, La Honda, Ladera, Loma Mar, Los Trancos Woods, Miramar, Montara, Moss Beach, Pescadero, Princeton By-The-Sea, and San Gregorio, to name a few.

As you know, San Mateo County is at risk of being the most impacted county in the state by sea level rise, with housing, Highway 1, and agriculture subject to flooding and erosion. It is estimated that San Mateo County could be subject to the largest number of homes subject to sea level rise, number of people affected, highest potential property value loss, and largest potential property tax loss.

In addition, it is imperative that the vacancy be filled with someone who is also familiar with efforts to protect coastal homeowners, businesses and infrastructure from fire, drought, and insurance matters. Empty lots, development, and impact on tourism are also major concerns. The costs of potential damage are in the billions.

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Local coastal communities have also been battling managed retreat for years. For example, in Pacifica it is still an issue with the Local Coastal Plan (LCP). Efforts are underway to finalize the LCP, but it is currently on hold with the California Coastal commission.

Supervisor Mueller responded to the recent storms and flooding that inundated numerous coastal communities. He brings a can-do attitude to finding solutions to address emergency response, local resource deployment, housing, development, agriculture, farmworkers, tourism, infrastructure challenges, and stewardship of our environment and natural resources.

We urge you to fill the vacancy to the California Coastal Commission Central Coast Representative position with San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller. We are confident Supervisor Ray Mueller can protect and enhance California's coast and ocean for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,



Marla Perego

2023 SAMCAR President

Cc:

The Honorable Diane Papan, California State Assemblymember

The Honorable Josh Becker, California State Senator

The Honorable Anna Eshoo, United States Congressmember

The Honorable Kevin Mullin, United States Congressmember

The Honorable Dave Pine, San Mateo County Supervisor

The Honorable David Canepa, San Mateo County Supervisor

The Honorable Ray Mueller, San Mateo County Supervisor

Sukhmani S. Purewal, Assistant Clerk of the San Mateo Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Rico Medina, City of San Bruno Mayor

Dolores Duran-Flores, Principal Consultant, Office of Appointments

Kathy Hartman, CEO, Santa Cruz County Association of Realtors

Kevin Stone, CEO, Monterey County Association of Realtors

Alane Gilbrech, CEO, San Mateo County Association of Realtors

REGARDING **AGENDA ITEM 15** FOR SMC BD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ON 2-28-2023

Feb. 25, 2023

Honorable Board Members

I'm writing in favor of your Nomination of San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller to serve as the Representative for the Central Coast Region of the California Coastal Commission.

Supervisor Ray Mueller would be an excellent choice to fill the vacancy occupied by former SMC Supervisor Carole Groom. Ray may have recently stepped into the position of County Supervisor, but he has certainly proven to be a blessing to the coastal community that he represents. First, we had the storms of early January when the Pilarcitos Lake Stone Dam was in danger of over-topping, the SFPUC released excess water from the San Francisco watersheds' dams that flowed down stream and flooded some residential properties located adjacent to Pilarcitos Creek in the City of Half Moon Bay, and endangered our MidCoast Joint Sewer plant which is located on the banks of the creek and was flooded.

While our Supervisor was busy assisting the residents who were affected by the storm, there was a 7 person Mass Shooting on the Coast, which revealed deplorable conditions of Farmworkers' living conditions at two Mushroom Farms located both in the City of Half Moon Bay and in the Unincorporated County area. He showed concern once again, as well as compassion for the residents all along the Coast who have been living in one of the wealthiest Counties in the state, in substandard farmworker housing.

Ray's District 3, includes roughly 96% of our County's Coastline, and he understands both our environmental sensitivities and precarious vulnerabilities as a graduate of the College of Natural Resources at UC Berkeley. Our communities are at risk due to Sea Level Rise, Wildfires in the County's various visitor-serving Open Spaces and Parklands, but also the Agricultural areas, and residences built both in the Coastal Zone and within the wildland urban interface (WUI) that are in San Mateo County's High Wildfire Severity Zones.

Ray understands our deficient Coastside infrastructure such as our lack of adequate stormwater management and our Joint Powers Sewer plant located extremely close to the Pacific Ocean as well as other environmental concerns along the Coastline. I see Ray Mueller as an excellent choice to represent our communities along the Coast as our Central Coast Region California Coastal Commission Representative.

He will be an essential environmental steward of the County's Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) at our local County Park, the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, preserving the protection of the delicate habitat for sea creatures, such as harbor seals, sea urchins and sea stars or the elusive red octopus that live on our protected reefs.

Our County would be well-served to have Supervisor Ray Mueller be nominated to represent San Mateo County on the California Coastal Commission.

Sincerely,

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