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Redistricting letter - Signature (last updated 3\_30) - Google Docs.pdf; Redistricting public comments - Google Docs.pdf

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Honorable Supervisors,

Attached you will find a letter regarding Redistricting signed by 16 community groups and foundations and many individuals that I referred to today during public comment. I am also attaching the comments I made when I spoke.

I am taking this opportunity to respond to President Canepa's response to my comments today for the sake of clarity. The following represents my opinion only, and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the signatories to the letter.

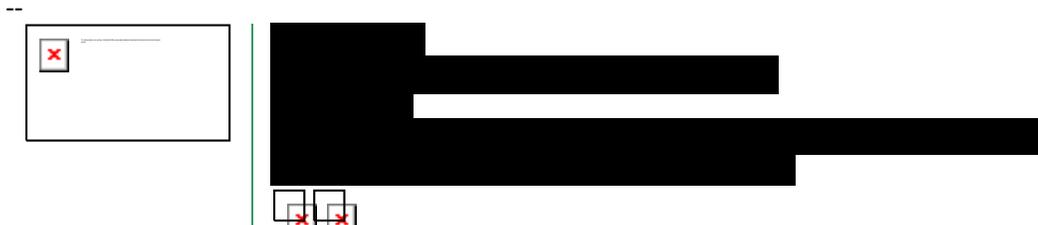
While I recognize that the Board has already expressed support for an Advisory Commission to manage the redistricting process for the County, with this letter we respectfully request the Board to revisit that decision as we did not have the opportunity to comment on that decision before it was made. Best practice for Redistricting continues to be an Independent Commission. While it is admirable that the Board is working with the Leagues to establish parameters for the Advisory Commission, the Commission would be still just Advisory, meaning its recommendations could still be overturned by the Board.

An Independent Commission could use the same criteria, but would not have potential for its recommendations to be disregarded.

Again, an Advisory Commission only advises the Board of Supervisors, but allows the Board the authority to ultimately draw its own lines. An Independent Commission is what the state uses and California is held up as a national example for fairness. The County should follow that example. And since no resolution has yet been passed on the subject, nor has the application process for Commissioners yet begun, the Board can still alter course to establish an Independent Commission.

Sincerely,

Petra Silton





Date: April 5, 2020

Re: County Redistricting Commission

Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President David Canepa, Vice-President Don Horsley and Supervisors Carole Groom, Dave Pine, and Warren Slocum:

While we appreciate the Board's recent decision to use an independent third-party organization to review and select commission members, district boundaries determined by an Advisory Commission are simply that: "advisory". The Board of Supervisors could reject the Advisory Commission's recommendations and either modify the recommendations or start anew, thereby undermining the integrity of a recommendation provided by the Advisory Commission members.

We are writing to request the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors revisit their earlier decision and instead institute an Independent Redistricting Commission. We believe an Independent Redistricting Commission would ensure the redistricting process is inclusive, accessible, transparent and driven by greater community involvement, leading to a more equitable outcome.

An Independent Redistricting Commission is considered best practices by California Common Cause, California League of Women Voters, and AAAJ-ALC (Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus). An Independent Redistricting Commission is the process used by the State of California for setting federal and state representative districts. In fact, most California counties use an Independent Commission approach for redistricting as well.

There are at least 16 school districts, cities, and special districts within San Mateo County that will be conducting redistricting this year. This would be an opportunity for the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to set the best practices example for all of these jurisdictions to follow.

We urge you to reconsider your earlier decision and instead implement an Independent Redistricting Commission.



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Public comment made by Petra Silton, Thrive Alliance  
Date: April 6, 2020  
Re: County Redistricting Commission

I am Petra Silton, the Director of Advocacy & Education for Thrive, the Alliance of Nonprofits for San Mateo County. I would like to present a letter signed by 16 community organizations and foundations and 17 individuals urging you to use an independent redistricting commission.

As the Board of Supervisors, you have consistently placed value on equity, inclusion and transparency. You have done this through your support of the census, support for voter outreach, creation of the Office of Equity and Social Justice, your approach to equity in vaccine distribution, and in many other ways. We appreciate that San Mateo County stands for those values.

Now is your literally once-in-a-decade opportunity to continue to live up to those values by establishing an independent redistricting commission, which is the gold standard. An independent commission would ensure that the redistricting process is inclusive, accessible, transparent, and driven by greater Community involvement, thereby leading to a more equitable outcome.

By choosing an independent redistricting commission, you are standing up for equity, inclusion, and transparency AND you are setting an example for the rest of the jurisdictions in the County to follow.

This letter has been signed by the following organizations and foundations among others: California Common Cause, Reach Coalition, The Grove Foundation, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Legal Aide Society of San Mateo County, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Peninsula Family Service, Menlo Together, WeVote RWC, The Leadership Now Project, Haas Center For Public Service, Belle Haven News, Rebuilding Together Peninsula, San Mateo County Latinx Democratic Club, Peninsula for Everyone, Sanchez Art Center

Thank you very much for your time and attention on this important issue of equity.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 2:14 PM  
**To:** CMO\_BoardFeedback; MGR-Melissa Stevenson Diaz; council@redwoodcity.org; bevans@redwoodcity.org; PD Dan Mulholland; Sukhmani Purewal; sheriffs@smcgov.org; Don Horsley; Michael Callagy  
**Subject:** Endemic Incompetence of Law Enforcement

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April 16, 2021

Dear City and County Leaders, Council Members and Supervisors, Police Chiefs and Sheriffs,

As has become evident from events both local and national, from Minneapolis to Chicago to Danville, California, it is patently clear that police officers cannot be trusted with loaded handguns. The reason is because they are utterly incompetent.

Police officers are especially incompetent when they have access for to a firearm while standing a few strides away, close to, or a little more than an arm's length of black, brown, and tan people of this country...especially around BIPOC men and male children.

Therefore, I request that all handguns and firearms of any type be held away from anyone sworn to uphold the law while wearing a badge in the employ of police and San Mateo County Sheriff departments. All firearms are to be held in locked locations, and issued to no one requesting these items for any reason other than terrorist acts by white supremacists.

Instead of firearms, all officers shall be issued yellow Tasers, which they are required to place in the holster of their dominant hand. What is clear to everyone who has seen body worn video, a police officer might be color blind when it comes to noticing the difference between yellow are steel, but they are not color blind where it comes to white, pink, amber, tan, brown and especially black..

Enough, already. No one should be put to death for their failure to do what a screaming cop tells them only seconds after the words come out of the police officers' mouths. No one should be shot to death by a cop chasing after them down an alley, the cop running out of breath and gasping heavily, killing the child because the cop can neither keep up, nor tolerate the kid going home to his mom. The child, having already tossed the gun aside, having not turned to fire at the officer, is no longer any threat to that officer or anyone else. But the frustrated officer is tired from the chase. While still trying to catch his breath, in the back of his mind works the muscle memory of his training. When his weapon is pulled out, hesitation is dangerous to him. Pull the trigger. Wrong. That law man has shown himself to be utterly incompetent, and cannot be trusted with a loaded firearm.

There is one more thing to be said to those who are puzzled by the term "White privilege." Allow me to clarify. I will make it plain, because most White Americans have lived experience with the following. "White privilege" is never having to worry, or in fear for your life when you pulled over by police for a moving violation, a broken tail light, a flat tire, or an expired license plate tag...even when you've pulled to the curb in a dark-at-night portion of side of the road.

With all sincerity,  
H. W. Beaumont

Redwood City  
San Mateo County, California

--- In memory of Black men and Black children killed by Police this month ---

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CMO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [spurewai@smcgov.org](mailto:spurewai@smcgov.org)  
**Subject:** Public Comments for Tuesday April 20, 2021 BOS Meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 1:21:27 PM

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Comment on Local Jurisdiction Police-County Mental Health pilot program

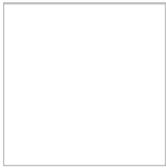
I am a member of the disability community, both as a survivor of child abuse and the mother of a son with autism. I have firsthand knowledge of why mental health first responders WITHOUT police presence is necessary for the personal safety of those having a mental health crisis.

My son may appear as a confident 6'4" tall high school senior, but due to his neurological differences, he's emotionally 13-years-old. On a daily basis burdened with anxiety, control issues, emotional dysregulation, rigid thinking, and a profound impulse to flee or fight when frightened. Our family has routinely received hateful glances from the public and one nearly catastrophic police interaction as we have helped our son regulate his emotions in public venues.

1 in 59 US children have Autism. 1 in 5 autistic teens will be stopped and questioned by police before age 21. People with disabilities are five times more likely to be jailed than those without disabilities. The Autistic Advocacy group reports, "The police often use excessive force against people with disabilities. People with disabilities are also more likely to be killed by the police. This pattern is especially pronounced for people with mental health disabilities and people of color with disabilities." Just look at the death of Chinedu Okobi in our own county!

The Local Jurisdiction Police-County Mental Health pilot program does not serve the disability community! A civil servant whose primary job is to stop crime makes should not be involved in this work. This is asking too much of our police force and it has been demonstrated again and again to have fatal consequences for our disability communities in America. We need tactical empathy, not tasers. We need funding and staff for mental health first responder teams that DO NOT include a police presence!

Kind regards,



*Erica Wang*

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MCC Support for Conditions of Approval for Harbor Village RV Park (Item #11)  
**Date:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 2:18:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [2021-01-13-MCC-letter-RV-Park-Appeal.pdf](#)

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On January 13th, 2021, the Midcoast Community Council approved the attached letter (text pasted below) supporting the conditions of approval for the Harbor Village RV Park. Please include this in public comment for item #11 on the April 20, 2021 Board of Supervisors agenda.

*The Midcoast Community Council requests that the Board of Supervisors uphold the decision of the Planning Commission and deny the applicant's appeal of the conditions that will help mitigate the undesirable visual aesthetic of an RV lot in this highly visible location at the Harbor Gateway.*

*The changes required by the Planning Commission also slightly reduce the number of available spaces, reducing the traffic impact of this project on the harbor.*

*The Council has requested similar changes in multiple letters to the planner over the course of this project (PLN2017-00320) in our letters of Oct 23, 2019 and April 11, 2018, but the changes were not made, so we support the conditions added by the Planning Commission.*

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Michelle Weil  
Chair, Midcoast Community Council

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Date: January 13, 2021  
To: Board of Supervisors  
Cc: Ruemel Panglao, Planner  
From: Midcoast Community Council  
Subject: Support of Planning Commission conditions of approval for Harbor Village RV Park

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MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

s/Michelle Weil, Chair