



Dear honorable members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your care and concern for all the residents of San Mateo County. In that spirit, we at the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort believe you will support the proposed minimum wage increase ordinance for the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County.

The proposed minimum wage ordinance would create more consistency between the minimum wages within San Mateo County unincorporated areas and cities and would create a framework for the future in which the minimum wage would adjust with inflation in a consistent way that business owners can anticipate and plan for year to year.

Currently, the majority of cities in San Mateo County have raised their minimum wage on a timeline that is faster than the State's. These cities include over 70% of the County's population and these increased local minimum wage rates will average just over \$16.50 an hour as of January 1 of 2023. We support the proposed ordinance because it will increase the minimum wage for all businesses in unincorporated San Mateo County to \$16.50 an hour, which is consistent with most of the cities.

In addition, the proposed ordinance includes a provision for an annual increase equal to the rise in the Consumer Price Index or a 3.5% increase, whichever is less. The proposed minimum wage ordinance will make it easier for our essential workers to remain in San Mateo County despite the high cost of living here, the high cost of food, gas and of housing. Working people and their families deserve to be able to live here without the constant stress that they face paycheck to paycheck.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the proposed minimum wage.

With gratitude,

*Rev. Dr. G. Penny Nixon* on behalf of the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort

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**Re: Item 13.A on November 15th Board of Supervisors agenda- Adoption of Parks Interpretive Strategic Plan**

To the members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors:

We are writing to you on behalf of the San Mateo County Parks Commission to support the Park Department's interpretive program strategic plan that will be shared in this Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting. We feel this plan will be a great step forward for the county and help prepare San Mateo county parks for the future while also better providing for the community.

In the weeks leading up to the submission of this plan, the Parks Commission worked with Park Department staff to ensure the plan was aligned with one of the Commission's 2022 workplan goals of promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in our parks system. The plan has specific recommendations to improve equitable access, expanded uses, and public outreach which will be critical next steps to make our parks more inviting to everyone. In addition, the plan includes a stated goal of uplifting the voices, perspectives, and stories of underrepresented populations told at County Parks which will allow us to better position our park services and support the needs of all San Mateo County residents.

Because of the reasons listed above, the San Mateo County Parks Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt the proposed Parks Department strategic interpretive plan.

Please reach out to us or the other Park Commissioners if you have any questions, thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

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