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President Rich Gordon and Members,
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Big Wave – Big Wave EIR Status

Dear President Gordon and Members of the Board,

We are writing to express concern over what we perceive to be a number of deficiencies with the Big Wave DEIR CEQA process.

The following are three broad areas of concern for attention by the Planning Department

First, we would like a road map of the process for moving the project forward following the end of the DEIR comment period and the submission of 245 public comments. It is our understanding that the project applicant, citing economic hardship, has offered that Scott Holmes, Big Wave Project Engineer-- an interested party in the outcome of the proposal would be providing responses to the public comments submitted in response to the DEIR as part of a collaborative process with SMC. We believe this will create a public perception of bias and unfairness. We request some indication of whether the current DEIR is likely to form the basis for continued evaluation or whether the applicant will be required to re-scope and re-submit the project either in a recirculated DEIR or, given the long-range phasing of the project, as a PEIR (Program EIR).

Second, we request that story poles be required for all proposed structures in order for the public to have a complete idea of the scope of the project.

Third, we have been alerted to the fact that the applicant has cited the Permit Streamlining Act as a basis for expediting the review of the proposed project. Is it your position that the Permit Streamlining Act applies at this stage of the project?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
s/Neil Merrilees
Chair, Midcoast Community Council