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Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Tom Huening, President of the Board
Hall of Justice and Records
401 Marshall Street
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear President Huening:

SUBJECT: Placement of Mirada Surf LCP Change on the November Ballot

At its May 13, 1998 meeting, the Midcoast Community Council unanimously approved transmission of the following to the Board of Supervisors:

The Mirada Surf project will be one of the most controversial subjects to be faced by the county over the next few years. There are many aspects to this controversy, including the scope of the EIR, effects on our LCP, legal issues, and availability of parks on the Coastside. This letter offers a suggestion which will help clarify at least one of the aspects of this proposal.

We would like to address the aspect of public support for the Mirada Surf project application. During initial hearings Mr. Byers stated that there was public support for the project. The MidCoast Community Council received a petition from over three hundred people objecting to this project. As with any hot political issue supporters of both sides of the issue claim the preponderance of public support. We propose a simple method to test this hypothesis, thereby giving the Board of Supervisors direct public input on the project. We request that a referendum be placed on the ballot for the next election. This would not require a special election, it could be restricted to the local communities, and the incremental cost would be minimal. The Board of Supervisors can then clearly see where the public stands on this critical re-zoning issue.

This request follows the original wording of the recent Coastal Protection Initiative which would have required a public vote in a re-zoning application, such as, Mirada Surf. It is worth noting also that there have been recent precedents for this in our county. County Measure D was placed on the ballot several years ago, proposing to change the zoning of a large parcel near the Johnson House in Half Moon Bay. A referendum on the North Wavecrest Project was placed on the ballot recently for Half Moon Bay voters. This simple, direct method of polling public opinion removes the rhetoric from controversies and provides the basis for sound planning decisions.

Since both sides feel that they have significant public support for their viewpoint on this

project, we are sure that both Mr. Byers and the local citizen committees will support this proposal.

Sincerely,



David Spiselman
Chair, Midcoast Community Council

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The MidCoast Community Council requests an advisory ballot question in the Midcoast Community Council District for the November election regarding the Mirada Surf proposal.

"Shall the County amend the General Plan and Zoning Maps that currently designates a parcel between El Granada and Miramar as Public Recreation Community Park in a Resource Management Coastal Zone district in order to allow subdivision into 35 parcels and permit construction of 35 single-family homes by rezoning the parcel for Medium Low Density Residential in a Planned Unit Development district?"