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June 12, 2018

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Board of Directors and LHCOSP Planners
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022-1404

Re: Community Petition Signatures Opposing the Red Barn Access Area Drafts

MROSD Board Members and LHCOSP Planners:

In anticipation of tonight's MROSD Board Meeting in La Honda, this letter accompanies 266 additional opposition signatures from petitions circulated from May 16, 2018 through June 12, 2018.

In total, more that 900 signatures have been gathered from community members in less than one month. 532 of the signatures are from La Honda, San Gregorio, Pescadero, and Loma Mar residents whose total population is 1,898 (United States Census 2010). Opposition signatures are also from Woodside/Skyline area (100+ signatures), other Coastside communities, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, and Santa Cruz County.

The community is very concerned about increased traffic to the area. Currently, California Highway Patrol officers are not **assigned** to specifically patrol traffic on Highway 84 from Highway 35 to Highway 1. Similarly, the County Sheriff monitors this area for crime but not traffic. Both agencies do respond to incidents as requested. This is the exact stretch of road where MidPen wants to add a driveway with cars, buses, motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The following is traffic documentation on Highway 84 from Highway 35 to Highway 1:

- CHP – for previous 5 years to date, provided 32 pages of collision records, as well as recorded traffic violations (drunk driving, excessive speeds, wrong side of road, etc.) which increased from 21 in 2013 to 37 in 2017.
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- California Department of Transportation – from 2013 through 2016 reported 101 injuries and 7 fatalities.

How could MidPen ensure "safe public access" on a road fraught with accidents, fatalities, and other traffic incidents?

In our letter of June 5th, 2018, we provided information about the local communities and their concerns. We support the following alternative Red Barn access plans:

- Trails *from* the La Honda Creek OSP parking lot on Sears Ranch Road *to* the Red Barn area are *already planned*
- Public access from a parking lot at the Driscoll Event Center would be safer, less intrusive, and more cost-effective
- *Permit-only parking* at and *docent-led* access to the Red Barn area could preserve the natural habitat and historic site

We strongly recommend that the Board of Directors consider this significant local opposition and work *with* the community to deliver on the Master Plan goals and objectives for the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve, which are:

- *Provide **safe** public access*
- *Protect the **scenic views** of and from the site*
- *Preserve the **rural character** of the Red Barn*

Sincerely,
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Barbara Hooper
June 12, 2018 - delivering additional Community Petition Signatures at MROSD LH Meeting

Re : Community Petition Signatures Opposing the Red Barn Access Area Drafts
MROSD Board Members and LHCOSP Planners:

Tonight I'm delivering:

- **266 additional opposition signatures** from our local community
- which brings the total **893 opposition signatures** gathered in less than one month;
- **526 of the signatures are from La Honda, San Gregorio, Pescadero, and Loma Mar which is 28% of the total population (1,898) of the communities (Woodside = 106)**

We are very concerned about increased traffic to the area.

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We support the following **three** Red Barn access plans including

1. **Already planned trails** *from* the La Honda Creek OSP parking lot on Sears Ranch Road *to* the Red Barn area
2. safer, less intrusive Public access from a **parking lot at the Driscoll Event Center**
3. ***Permit-only parking*** **at and** ***docent-led*** **access** to the Red Barn area which would preserve the natural habitat and historic site

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- ***Preserve the rural character of the Red Barn***