



May 12, 2025

Chair Serrano-Quan and Commissioners
San Mateo County Planning Commission
455 County Center, 2nd Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Item #2 on May 14, 2025 Agenda: Resolution Honoring Lisa Ketcham

Dear Chair Serrano-Quan and Commissioners,

On behalf of Green Foothills, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for the diligence, tenacity, and grace with which Lisa has served the people of San Mateo County during her tenure on the Planning Commission.

Some of the notable Mid-Coast issues that she was particularly interested in include: Plan Princeton/shoreline erosion, Highway One Safety and Mobility Studies/Projects, development proposals within the Seal Cove Geological Hazards Zones, development proposals within the Montecito Riparian Corridor/Buffer Zones, Off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, decommissioning the Bucks/Amerigas propane tank farm, and ensuring public access to and along the shoreline. Many of these “thorny issues” remain as ongoing challenges.

There is one tremendous victory where Lisa’s role as an advocate was crucial: the establishment of rent control for the eight mobile home parks in unincorporated San Mateo County. This enabled the non-profit Millennium Housing to purchase the 227-unit “El Granada Manufactured Home Community” in 2004 from an out-of-state landlord which had been jacking up rents on the mostly low-income population. Now known as “Pillar Ridge, the mobile home park has many amenities, including a Community Center with large meeting hall, swimming pool, basketball court, playground, and picnic areas.

Lisa’s tireless work should be a beacon of light and hope for all who share her community values of inclusion and equitable opportunities for all.

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate
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For more details as to Pillar Ridge’s history, see: <http://www.pillarridge.com/history>