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November 4, 2019

Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors:

Marin Conservation League joins with others in the community in supporting the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority that will create a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), funded by a parcel tax. With the continuing threat of wildfire comes the recognition that effective fire preparedness, prevention, and response warrants enhanced coordination among Marin County's fire agencies and municipalities. Building on the already extensive experience of FireSafe Marin and Marin's "Community Wildfire Protection Plan," the initiative will enable fire agencies, emergency response providers, and municipalities initiative to vastly improve a coordinated response to wildfire emergencies.

MCL is working with Chief Weber to ensure that the ecological values of vegetation, such as soil, water and forest management, habitat values, and carbon sequestration will be integrated into defensible space vegetation treatments in future JPA-funded programs. MCL will continue to monitor the JPA's priorities and proposed projects and provide a more detailed analysis as we near the March 2020 election.

We encourage the Marin County Board of Supervisors to authorize an Ordinance to create a special parcel tax for 10 years to fund the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority ("MWPA"), and authorize an election on March 3, 2020, for voters to consider the tax.

Sincerely,

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Linda J. Novy  
President

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Mike Swezy  
Fire and Environment Working Group Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Benjamin".

Nancy Benjamin  
Fire and Environment Working Group Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Minikes".

Larry Minikes  
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