

March 22nd, 2022



Protecting Marin Since 1934

Sausalito City Council
Sausalito City Hall
420 Litho Street
Sausalito, CA 94965

Re: Cypress Ridge

Dear Mayor Kellman and Councilmembers:

The Marin Conservation League (MCL) is pleased that the Council has requested more information on easements from your staff before making a decision on the Cypress Ridge parcel. We appreciate the community acquisition of the parcel in the 1970's by a bond measure supported by the electors of Sausalito. The uncertainty of recent state law mandates regarding use of public property for housing heightens the value of a conservation easement to emphasize the voter's intent to protect the existing benefits of the natural habitat for wildlife as well as residents.

Sausalito is hemmed in between U.S. 101 highway and the Bay with a steep terrain. There are few places within city limits for wildlife to roam or for residents to hike in nature with a great view. MCL encourages residential infill and mixed uses to meet housing demand. Cypress Ridge was acquired by the citizens of Sausalito for public open space use. A conservation easement over this property, held by a certified land trust, would be of benefit to the town and the residents of Sausalito and would ensure this important property remains as open space in perpetuity.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Miller".

Robert Miller
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Stompe".

Susan Stompe
Chair, Land Use, Transportation and Water Committee

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