

**Community of Interest : Entry # 48****Community Name:**

San Mateo Coastside

**What is your Community of Interest?**

The coastside is a diverse community. By area, it is mostly rural, but by population, semi-rural to small town. Incomes vary significantly, with the median town income much higher than the rural median income. We have a substantial population who speak English as a second language. Politically we are highly diverse as well, even within small communities.

Nonetheless, we share common interests, and common problems. We all deal with visitor issues (both benefits in terms of income, and problems such as traffic). We all have strong concerns about natural disasters (wildfire, earthquakes). While most of our coastline is not threatened by sea-level rise in terms of inundation, we are facing some inundation, and already have significant bluff erosion that is increasing as sea-level rises.

We have only one incorporated city (Half Moon Bay). HMB is about 1/3 of the Coastside population, and has some issues and concerns that are unique, but by and large, it matches the unincorporated area in it's concerns.

Those of us in the unincorporated area often feel remote from County government, in terms of support for our issues, both political and financial, and in feeling that our concerns are either not heard, or not acted upon.

It is important for us to be united in a single Supervisorial district, so that our voice in county government is not diluted. Splitting up the coastside (especially splitting up the area north of HMB) would separate communities with a strong relationship and identity.

**Where is your Community?**

Roughly, the area south of Pacifica (Hwy 1 at the Lantos Tunnel) south to the Santa Cruz County border, and inland to the ridgeline of the Santa Cruz Mountains, north to Montara Mountain.

**How is your Community Impacted?**

We have a significant portion of our population that can not find affordable housing. Even for those of us lucky enough to have good housing, this is a concern, because the poorly housed are our neighbors, the staff our restaurants, stores, and other businesses.

Enforcement of county rules is very lax in the rural areas. Our parks are understaffed, with frequent rule violations that damage wildlife and the physical environment. We have a small number of Sheriff deputies to cover a very large geographical area. Building regulations are frequently flouted, and Code Enforcement does not act on violations, even after multiple reports.

We have relatively few playgrounds and other community facilities and activities for our younger population. We have only one library, and the mobile library bus is not an adequate substitute. Our one library is new, and very good, with excellent programs, but it's still only one library.

Roads are almost universally in medium to poor condition, with repairs usually limited to some form of sealing, and that rarely done for any given road.

We have local representation to and from the Board of Supervisors via the Midcoast Community Council, but without staff, and with minimal funding, we are very limited in what we can accomplish. We have developed a very good relationship with Supervisor Horsley, but we don't know if that will continue with the new Supervisor to be elected in 2022.

The Board of Supervisors has been very important to our area during Covid, with significant financial and other aid to our residents. I and others would like to see that strengthened further, and continuing into the future, after the pandemic is behind us.

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Dave Olson

**Email****Which District do you live in?**

District 3

**Can we contact you with additional redistricting information?**

Yes

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