



Proclamation of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Honoring

Walter T. Moore

WHEREAS, Walter T. Moore has served the cause of open space conservation since he joined Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) in 1995 as General Counsel, Vice President (1997 to 2006), Executive Vice President (2006 to 2011), and President (2011 to January 2025), and has consistently supported the values and mission of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) by advancing shared goals namely preserving the open spaces and habitats that provide sanctuary for wildlife, opportunities for recreation, and working to improve the health of the natural environment as well as the physical and mental well-being of the communities we mutually serve; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Walter T. Moore has been responsible for raising funds, advocating for state and local legislation and policies in support of open space protection, and working to secure passage of Measure AA in 2014 that allocates \$300 million in tax funding for Midpen to ensure that lands protected by POST could be transferred to Midpen for long-term stewardship, management, and public access; and

WHEREAS, numerous properties and thousands of acres of natural and working lands have been protected in perpetuity through the partnership between POST and Midpen such that Ravenswood Preserve, Purisima Creek Redwoods, El Corte Madera, La Honda Creek, Windy Hill, Russian Ridge, Mindego Hill, Johnston Ranch, Cloverdale Ranch, Skyline Ridge, Long Ridge, Monte Bello, Sierra Azul and Bear Creek Redwoods open space preserves have been transferred, typically at reduced cost, and will benefit the public and nature for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Walter T. Moore has championed the cause of open space preservation by leading and/or founding numerous related organizations such as The Bay Area Open Space Council (Together Bay Area), The California Council of Land Trusts, and the Land Trust Alliance; and

WHEREAS, POST under Walter T. Moore’s leadership managed and monitored various conservation easements on Midpen-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, Walter T. Moore has been instrumental in the development of shared best-in-class land use and stewardship practices such as forest management, planning for public access around sensitive habitats, creek and watershed restoration, and the integration of working and coastal lands into the Midpen charter; and

WHEREAS, Walter T. Moore has for many years been a trained docent for Midpen and has deep knowledge of its preserves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District does hereby express its individual and collective gratitude and respect for Walter T. Moore for his 30 years of service to the people and nature of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, and the Bay Area region broadly and wishes upon him success and prosperity in whichever capacity he may find it upon himself to continue to serve his community.

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