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August 10 is filing deadline to run for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Board of Directors

Los Altos, CA— Members of the public interested in running for one of four seats up for election on the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (Midpen) Board of Directors have until 5:00 pm on August 10 to file the required paperwork. Contested seats will be decided by local voters in the general election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Elections are scheduled to be held for Wards 1, 2, 5 and 6. Generally, the wards include the following areas:

Ward 1 - Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga
Ward 2 - Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, Stanford, Sunnyvale
Ward 5 - East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Stanford
Ward 6 - Atherton, La Honda, Loma Mar, Menlo Park, Pescadero, Portola Valley, Redwood
City, San Gregorio, Woodside

Midpen is a California special district governed by seven publicly elected directors who serve four-year terms representing constituents in seven wards within its boundaries, which encompass parts of San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties.

Eligible board candidates must be registered voters residing within the ward they seek to represent, and are required to gather signatures from 50 registered voters in their ward on a nomination form provided by Midpen's clerk. Those interested can contact Midpen's clerk at 650-691-1200 or clerk@openspace.org to make an appointment to receive and review the required paperwork.

For more information and a ward map visit <u>openspace.org/about-us/election-information</u>.

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The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is a public agency created by voters in 1972. Its mission is to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land of regional significance in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education. Midpen has successfully protected more than 63,000 acres of open space throughout Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

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