

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Hosted by the Town of Fairfax

Iron Springs Pub and Brewery ~ 765 Center Blvd., Fairfax, CA 94930

Members Present

- Belvedere: Kemnitzer
- Corte Madera: Bailey, Beckman, Kunhardt
- Fairfax: Ackerman, Goddard, Lacques, Reed
- Larkspur: Chu, Haroff, Morrison
- Mill Valley: McEntee, Moulton-Peters, Wickham
- Novato: Athas, Eklund, Lucan
- Ross: McMillan, Robbins, Russell
- San Anselmo: Brown, Colbert, Greene, Wright
- San Rafael: Colin, McCullough, Phillips
- Sausalito: Burns, Cox, Hoffman, Withy
- Tiburon: Fredericks

Ex Officio: Fairfax Town Manager, Garrett Toy; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Regan Candelario; San Anselmo Town Manager Dave Donery; San Rafael Assistant City Manager Cristine Alilovich; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

Guests were: Supervisor Damon Connolly; Jason Fried, Executive Director Marin LAFCO; Larry Bragman, MMWD Board of Directors; Mike Blakeley, CEO Marin Economic Forum

Call to Order

President Ray Withy called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m., welcomed everyone to the joint meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers for May 22, 2019 and then called for public comment.

Public Comment

1. David Kunhardt, Corte Madera, and Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mill Valley: Spoke about their interest in reviving the climate change and sea level rise committee from 2014 to enhance and improve the technical work that is coming out of the Baywave working groups and steering committee.

Seeing no more public comment, President Withy then introduced Fairfax Vice Mayor Renee Goddard.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Vice Mayor Goddard welcomed everyone to the Town of Fairfax

She introduced members of the Town Council: Councilmembers Bruce Ackerman, Peter Lacques and John Reed (Mayor Barbara Color was out of town). And Town Staff: Town Manager Garrett Toy, Finance Director Michael Vivrette, Senior Planner Linda Neal, Police Chief Chris Morin, Police Lieutenant Rico Tabaranza, Planning and Building Director Ben Berto, Building Official Mark Lockaby, Town Attorney Janet Colson, and Recreation Manager Maria Baird.

Once dinner service was underway, President Withy called for Presentations.

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2 **4. Presentations:**
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4 4a. Kate Colin, San Rafael Councilmember: Update Regarding Initial Planning for the
5 Census 2020 Count
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7 Councilmember Colin spoke briefly about the upcoming Census 2020. She stated that the
8 Census is about money and power. Really. Money, being the money that we get from
9 HUD having to do with homelessness and all sorts of things. Power, being congressional
10 seats. It is important that everybody get counted. Right now there is an executive
11 committee comprised of staff from the County of Marin, Novato, San Rafael and Marin
12 City and there are also elected officials from each of those jurisdictions. We are getting
13 together and making sure we are doing all the logistics that we need to count everybody.
14 There will be updates at future MCCMC meetings because at some point, everyone in
15 this room will not only fill out their own census document but we will ask you to go to your
16 networks to make sure that people fill it out.
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18 4b. Mike Blakely, Marin Economic Forum: Announcement of Marin Economic Forum's
19 County-wide program on business retention & expansion
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21 Mr. Blakely stated that in addition to being the CEO of the Marin Economic Forum (MEF),
22 he is also a Fairfax native. He spoke about the new project that MEF is just starting, in
23 partnership with all of Marin's cities and towns. It is called a Business Retentions and
24 Expansion project that will focus on issues of the economy, and will include dialogues and
25 interviews with all the companies in the region. Marin does not have a publicly funded
26 economic development organization, so MEF plays that role. MEF would be the ones
27 conducting this outreach to as many businesses as possible. The goal of this project is to
28 understand not only the challenges facing businesses, but would also learn about their
29 desires and opportunities to grow and what elected officials, private sector leaders,
30 community leaders, can do to help those businesses grow. Businesses are important
31 participants in our economy and our community.
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33 This project is funded by the county, but it's being implemented by MEF and 15 other
34 community partners. The partners include: all the chambers of commerce in the Marin
35 towns and cities, Agriculture Institute of Marin, the Latino Council, the small business
36 development center at the Dominican, the Marin Builder's Association, Marin Agricultural
37 Land Trust. All of the groups here that support businesses in Marin are going to be part of
38 this project, which will take place in two phases.
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40 The first phase will gather information from businesses to understand not only the
41 challenges but how do they want to grow? How can they grow? What kind of support do
42 they need to grow? And what can MEF and all the community partners, including all of
43 you, do to make sure those businesses have those opportunities? The first phase will
44 likely run through December.
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46 The second phase is about action and taking evidence based ideas, working with all 15
47 partners on the process of coming up with ideas and actionable items that we can do to
48 help those businesses.
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1 MEF has been promoting this project for the last month, and a press release was recently
2 sent out and so far, response has been good. This project was developed at the request
3 of businesses, they saw a need for it, and MEF responded. Mr. Blakely invited everyone
4 to contact him with any questions and direction people to the MEF website for additional
5 information.

6 7 **5. Committee Reports:**

8 9 5.a. ABAG/MTC Housing Legislative Task Force – Verbal Report from Joan Cox, 10 Sausalito and/or Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

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12 Councilmember Cox reported that they have been attending nearly weekly meetings with the
13 ABAG/MTC housing legislation group. They have reviewed nine bills and will briefly report on
14 Marin County's perspective on them. She also thanked Judy Arnold for caucusing with them
15 as they reviewed these bills, and also thanked Damon Connolly for taking Marin County's
16 recommendations when he stood up for the County at ABAG and MTC.

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18 She first reported that SB 50 has been tabled. It is now a two year bill not a one year bill.
19 They were pleased with a lot of the progress that Senator McGuire made to make the bill
20 more palatable for smaller jurisdictions under 600,000 people. Marin supported those
21 revisions and pushed back along those larger municipalities that thought that he was unfairly
22 singling out the counties that he represents and giving us an unfair advantage. We pointed
23 out to him with strong data that Marin and Sonoma Counties are doing a much better job of
24 housing their workers than San Francisco and San Mateo, the jurisdictions that objected to
25 SB4.

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27 Regarding SB 330, they reported that this bill has a lot of strong potential but advised against
28 legalizing unsafe housing and removing parking standards.

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30 Regarding AB1486, HCD would keep the roster of surplus land. They think local agencies
31 are better positioned to predict and identify land uses. So, for many of these bills, we're trying
32 to tailor them so that we don't lose local control and that we preserve our ability to manage
33 our lands.

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35 Regarding AB 11, it enables municipalities to act jointly to use tax increment financing to
36 fund affordable housing. We think that is strong but we think some safeguards need to be put
37 in place so that one municipality does not overrule another where they team up.

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39 Councilmember Fredericks also provided her MCCMC Legislative Committee Report in
40 conjunction with their ABAG/MTC Housing Legislative report.

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42 She reported that, at the Task Force meeting, an unnamed municipality complained that
43 Marin was being cut a break under SB 50 when we have purposefully kept our population
44 down and one of the ways we did it was by refusing to allow BART to come to Marin. This is
45 a political myth that you hear a lot. Joan Cox jumped in with a list of statistics and pointed out
46 that the jobs/housing balance, which is one of the prime planning tools to decide what the
47 RHNA allocations are going to be, for Marin County it was 1.05 and for San Francisco, it was
48 .48. She further added that she followed up by emailing the woman a link to the BART
49 website, which explained that her county withdrew from BART first, making the remaining

1 cost so large that the tax base in Marin couldn't afford to be a member. She also suggested
2 that we need to all work together to protect our local control.

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4 Regarding SB 50, Councilmember Fredericks expressed concern that being held in
5 suspense gives it an opportunity to be amended in order to address the very large vociferous
6 concerns that communities like, Marin county, have been cut a break with the SB 4 density
7 measures that are not just more palatable but more plausible for us.

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9 The Legislative Committee has not had a meeting since April, and since lot of the bills have
10 been amended, she will report on those bills at the next MCCMC meeting.

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12 5.b. Pension/OPEB Reform Ad Hoc Committee – Verbal report from Larry Chu,
13 Larkspur (*Attachment 5b: Pension/OPEB Committee Report*)

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15 Councilmember Chu reported that the Pension and OPEB Reform committee has basically
16 wrapped up all its activities and has prepared the draft report. The committee has asked the
17 city managers review it, and will try to get the city attorneys to review. After reviews, it will
18 then be uploaded to the MCCMC website where it can be viewed by the membership and
19 the public.

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21 He thanked the committee from each of the cities that helped put this report together. For
22 those cities who want to have the long presentation, the committee plans to put together a
23 presentation where either your own committee member can present to your council or
24 possibly members of the committee can do it on their behalf.

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27 5.c Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Commission – Written and Verbal
28 Report from Dan Hillmer, Larkspur (*Attachment 5.c: SMART Report*)

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30 A written report was submitted. Councilmember Hillmer emphasized the 2nd and 3rd Street
31 closures in San Rafael over 2 weekends in June, more information on these closures were
32 included in the written SMART report.

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34 5.d. Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Verbal Report from Sashi
35 McEntee, Mill Valley

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37 Councilmember McEntee reported that Marin LAFCO's Executive Director, Jason Fried, is
38 in attendance if anyone has not met him already. She announced that LAFCO is wrapping
39 up this fiscal year working on the municipal service reviews for both San Rafael and
40 Novato. A draft of the San Rafael MSR will be ready soon, with Novato to follow. There will
41 be a public meeting where people can comment on the drafts. Going forward into the next
42 fiscal year, there is some southern Marin, Jason correct me on that. The next set of MSRs
43 will focus on portions of southern Marin. Jason Fried is currently reaching out to
44 councilmembers and city managers to gather information needed to begin the studies.

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46 5.e. Disaster Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee (Update on Marin Ready Together
47 Working Group) – Verbal Report from Sashi McEntee, Mill Valley

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49 The Marin Ready Together group is hoping to meet monthly for the next several months

1 and a poll is being circulated to set the dates. There was also a very successful fire forum
2 held on May 4th.

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4 *(At 7:30pm, the Committee Reports were suspended so that the keynote presentation/panel*
5 *discussion could begin. Committee Reports resumed at 8:00p.m., upon completion of the*
6 *panel discussion.)*

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8 5.f. MCCMC Legislative Committee (Verbal), Transportation Authority of Marin
9 (Written) and Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District (Written) –
10 Report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon *(Attachment 5f: TAM & GGBHD Reports)*

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12 Councilmember Fredericks provided the MCCMC Legislative Committee report earlier in the
13 agenda, in conjunction with the ABAG/MTC Housing Legislative Task Force Report. Written
14 reports were provided for TAM and GGBHTD.

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16 5.g. Association of Bay Area Governments – Written and verbal report from Pat
17 Eklund, Novato. *(Attachment 5g: ABAG Report)*

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19 Councilmember Eklund thank Joan Cox and Alice Fredericks for serving on the ABAG/MTC
20 Housing Legislative task force. I have to reiterate a statement that Alice Fredericks made
21 about Joan Cox because I happened to be sitting in the room in San Francisco and I was
22 looking at the dais where an elected official from the East Bay started saying, "Well, how
23 come Marin County, North Bay, gets a pass." She then expressed appreciation for the
24 numbers and figures that Joan Cox was able to provide to the group so quickly.

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26 She continued that there are 21 bills listed in her report, listing what the votes were. There
27 were four that they did not take positions on because they were either dead, combined with
28 another bill, or are now two-year bills, like SB50.

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30 She reported that both ABAG and MTC have formed what's called a governance committee
31 that is going to look at the pros and cons and the options of ABAG and MTC. The
32 composition of this committee is: eight supervisors, three city officials, and another
33 individual who is not an elected official, who used to serve on BART, who is appointed to
34 MTC by the Mayor San Francisco on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco. The
35 Bay Brea has 101 cities, and nine counties, and on this committee of 12, eight are
36 represented by supervisors. She will start talking to some of the other counties around the
37 Bay Area and elected officials to really find out is this really what we want to see because
38 governance and city representation is going to be an issue on ABAG and MTC.

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40 She also shared that the last Marin ABAG delegates meeting, ABAG came to talk about sub
41 regions as far as the regional housing needs allocation. The Marin ABAG delegates and
42 alternates will be looking at the pros and the cons and talking about it and at some point
43 would like to come to Mayors and Council members that maybe have a brief comment and
44 discussion about that. She been tasked with finding the pros and the cons and the
45 experiences of the three regions that have sub regions for their regional housing needs
46 allocation, which means that the sub regions would get their numbers from ABAG and then
47 divide it up amongst the cities in the county. There are a lot of pros and cons and it costs
48 money, so they are going to be looking at that.

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2 5.h. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) – Supervisor Damon Connolly
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4 He thanked MCCMC for the invitation and thanked the youth for their presentation. He
5 mentioned to speaker Charlie de Bellow, that the County of Marin has sued Exxon, Chevron
6 and BP over the impacts of climate change and sea level rise, largely on the theory that
7 Charlie put forth, that they knew about it, systematically concealed evidence and now we're
8 facing a lot of different costs.
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10 Regarding MTC, Joan Cox, Alice Fredericks and Pat Eklund have done a great job
11 summarizing what he has been up to, which is all housing all the time. The May 10, 2019,
12 legislative committee meeting went over eight hours, systematically going through all the
13 bills, followed up by a few more hours today. He thanked the 30 members of the committee,
14 including Supervisor Judy Arnold who is on the legislative committee, and Supervisor
15 Dennis Rodoni who is doing a great job with Pat Eklund in representing Marin at ABAG. We
16 have been a united team as we wend our way through all these on behalf of Marin.
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18 Regarding SB50, he clarified that the bill is not in suspense, it actually has been tabled for
19 this year. It's now a two year bill that at the earliest will come up again in January of 2020.
20 Relatively good news unless something crazy happens like the Senate Pro Tem pulls it
21 back into the mix this year which is almost unprecedented. There will continue to be
22 discussions about it. It is going to important to stay on top of it and continue to be heard.
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24 Regarding AB 1487, the proposed new regional housing agency that would come on board
25 with substantial abilities to create new taxes and then decide on how those revenues are
26 spent, raising some obvious concerns, he noted that it is still alive. MTC took the position of
27 seek amendments, however, he took the position of let's oppose it due to the input received
28 from the legislative committee.
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30 Finally, he thanked Pat Eklund for her report, and noted it contained a good discussion of
31 the regional growth framework update, otherwise known as Plan Bay Area 2050. It was
32 voted on today by MTC and ABAG is taking it up. So again, that will be a situation where
33 obviously localities really need to be heard.
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35 5.i. MCCMC Homeless Committee – Written report from Kate Colin, San Rafael
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37 Written report was provided.
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40 **6. Keynote Presentation: Climate Crisis. Youth In Action: Youth Solutions**

41 Panelists:

42 Zoë Vavrek (*Drake High senior, Environmental & Social Justice Learning Academy*)

43 Milo John Wetherall (*San Domenico junior, co-founder of Generation: Our Climate*)

44 Charles de Bellow (*Gate Academy sixth grader, member of Youth vs. Apocalypse*)
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46 Vice Mayor Renee Goddard expressed that it is her great privilege to have these young folks here to
47 speak. They have inspired her, and she has asked them to talk with us, to teach us and to ask us
48 what they know to be true and what it is that we can do for them.
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1 The panel moderator, Anna Tackabery from the Marin School of Environmental Leadership,
2 introduced herself and explained that the panel will talk about why is climate change action so urgent.
3 For herself, she thinks that climate change action is urgent right now because of all the things
4 happening in California, such as the recent natural disasters and fires. We have had three huge fires
5 in the last two years and that demonstrates to us that we need to be able to do something to save the
6 hundreds of thousands of homes that have been burned and all of the things going on with that.

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8 Then the panelists introduced themselves:

9 Zoe Vavrek: is a senior at Sir Francis Drake High School, a member of the environmental and social
10 justice learning community there, and is representing the Sunrise movement which hopefully you
11 have been seeing on front page articles. They have been leading the movement for green new deal
12 and just lives for all Americans. She thinks that climate action is really important now because her
13 generation is really feeling the fact that they are the ones who are seeing the effects of climate
14 change right now. They are one of the first ones to see the effects and are realizing that they are the
15 last ones who can make a change. They are seeing the effects and feeling the energy and what they
16 all realize now, is that this is what they need to do as high schoolers after school: they need to
17 organize, to talk to their politicians. She is really excited about that energy.

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19 Charlie de Bello: He attends Gate Academy, he works with Youth Versus Apocalypse, who organized
20 the climate march in San Francisco on March 15th. He thinks that climate change is such an
21 important topic right now because it's what our future is going to be. We only have 11 years now to
22 reverse climate change and in 11 years if nothing is done, then our lives are doomed. He thinks that it
23 is important that we work with politicians such as you who are in power to change what is currently
24 happening and to stop oil and gas companies from polluting our planet.

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26 Milo Wetherall: is a junior at San Domenico. Climate action is really important because it's about
27 holding government accountable to its constituents, and our oil corporations and our energy
28 organizations. He is in this to get government back on track.

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30 Anna: The next question is "What is it like growing up in Marin in the climate crisis and what actions
31 are you taking"?

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33 Anna: For her, she has seen a lot of the effects living in Marin. Just from looking at a map online last
34 year showing all the fires and what was going on with them and what percent they were contained.
35 She recalled that she and her friends would think, "Wow, that's so close to our home. That's really
36 scary for us." She is part of the Marin School of Environmental leadership. She is in her Junior year
37 and they just created sustainable businesses. It has been really interesting and they have been able
38 to learn how to make a sustainable business that is equitable and helps the environment and is also
39 economically doing well. That has been a way that she has been taking action in her community, by
40 giving the knowledge to produce this product to her community.

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42 Zoe: Answering the question what it's like growing up in Marin in the climate crisis, she thinks it's
43 important to be honest about how the climate crisis is an intersectional problem with racial problems
44 and it is important to acknowledge privilege when you're talking about this. Just from her personal
45 situation, she is not on the front line of poverty and pollution. In Marin, she doesn't breathe the air of
46 oil refineries and she wants to be honest about that. When we are talking about the effects of climate
47 change, we are aware that there is environmental racism in communities near us and that it's really
48 important to acknowledge where your privilege is when talking about this.

49 Right now, with Sunrise, which she just started with this year, they welcome people from all ages, all
50 backgrounds. It's all about intersectionality. With Sunrise, she is working on the High School Green
51 New Deal campaign, going to local governments like the Marin Board of Supervisors, and the San
52 Anselmo Town Council, and getting symbolic resolutions passed calling on the federal government to
53 pass the Green New Deal.

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2 Charlie: agreed with Zoe's statement that when they are talking about climate justice, they are talking
3 more about racial justice. With the recent fires, whenever he went outside, he had to wear a mask
4 and the sun was literally red, which can seem pretty scary. One day they were looking at how bad the
5 air quality was and found it was worse than China's. He thinks that even in Marin we still can see the
6 effect of climate change everywhere.

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8 Milo: He goes to school in Marin but actually grew up in San Francisco and Marin has always been
9 the place where his family comes to in order to get away from the pollution. But, even here in Marin,
10 because he boards at San Domenico, he experienced air pollution during the fires. The way that he
11 first got started with climate change was that in 2015, he founded an organization along with some of
12 his peers called Generation: Our Climate. The first place they testified a San Rafael City Council
13 meeting. Three years later, continuing to speak to government about climate change and the
14 importance of taking climate action and mitigating climate change. It's important to keep in mind
15 everybody who's affected. The reason that he keeps doing what he is doing is because he has a
16 brother who has a congenital heart defect and during the fires he said to Milo, "I don't want to go
17 sleep because I don't know if I'm going to wake up because the smoke is bad."

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19 Anna: Stated that the students will now read their letters.

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21 Zoe: "Dear local elected officials. I want to start out by thanking you dearly for the work that you do
22 in your communities. The fact that you are all volunteers is quite incredible and warms my heart
23 thinking about how much love and passion you have to serve your communities. To build on this
24 passion I strongly urge you to use the local political power you have to strengthen the national
25 collaborative movement the High School Green New Deal campaign is. You can do this by passing
26 symbolic resolutions such as the ones passed more recently on May 14th at the San Anselmo Town
27 Council, and earlier this year, February 26th, at the Marin County Board of Supervisors, that calls on
28 the federal government to pass the Green New Deal. These resolutions are purely symbolic. Signing
29 does not bind local governments to contracts, only to use local voices to strength the suggestion to
30 enact this resolution. If other local governmental bodies like yours pass resolutions like this, it will
31 build strong support among the 83 national groups that have either passed resolutions like these or
32 working towards it to show this is what our generation wants. Resolutions have already been passed
33 in Concord, Massachusetts; Brookline, Massachusetts; Madison, Wisconsin; Boston, Massachusetts
34 and Cambridge, Massachusetts. When volunteers such as you use your local political power to call
35 on the federal government to pass the Green New Deal to combat climate change and create millions
36 of good jobs in the process, it is a powerful move. My team is eager to talk to each and every one of
37 you and explain to you why we believe these resolutions should be passed. Please contact me if you
38 believe in preserving this beautiful earth for my generation and generations to come. In addition, I
39 want to invite you personally to the Fairfax Town Hall for a Green New Deal, which is this Sunday at
40 the Fairfax Women's Club from 11:30 to 1:30. At this event youth from four different high schools in
41 the area as well as Charles from Gate Academy and Milo will be there, will present about history and
42 future of this movement. I hope to see you all there as well as talk to each of you about the future of
43 passing these symbolic resolutions. Tickets are \$6 for adults and free for students and it's never too
44 late to sign up. Thank you so much."

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46 Charlie: "Dear elected officials, Thank you for having us here tonight, just hosting meetings like this is
47 action. But, we need to go further. Marin Clean Energy was a good start, but we must keep going.
48 You run Marin very well and we ask to use your political and social influence for the good of our
49 planet. A Green New Deal is the only current action drastic enough to decrease the pace at which this
50 planet is heating up, so that when I graduate from college climate change won't be irreversible. I want
51 you, my elected officials, to spread awareness of climate change. Companies such as Exxon and
52 Chevron have enough money to do whatever they want. Following New York's lead, I ask you to file
53 lawsuits against these major oil and gas companies. I work with Youth Versus Apocalypse. I speak on

1 behalf of all of us when I say we need our elected officials to change the fate of the planet. You are
2 off to a better start than the rest of the US but you must keep going. Thank you for your support,
3 Charlie.”

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5 Milo: “Good evening everybody. I would like to echo the words of my peers and say something else.
6 If there is one thing that you take away from tonight's event, let it be this: The political voice of the
7 youth is growing. For far too long, there is been an abdication of responsibility of the public trust
8 doctrine that govern officials, who believe they are not responsible to the youth. They think they are
9 not responsible to the youth because the youth cannot vote nor be elected. This era of apathy is over.
10 All across this country young people and students are organizing, campaigning, speaking, testifying
11 and sending a clear message. We are telling government that no, we cannot vote but yes, we can
12 speak. And you will hear us. My peers and I sitting here are ever grateful for your accepting ears. All
13 of you being here tells us that you want to work with us and want to fight with us. But there are still
14 governing bodies all around this nation, even here in the Bay Area where the concerns of the oil
15 corporations are put above those of the needs of the populace. Our generation has been emboldened
16 by climate change, school shootings, sexism, homophobia and racism to say enough is enough.
17 While I spent most of my time looking to mitigate climate change, people of all skin tones and
18 genders are looking to dismantle the white hetero-centric power structure of this country so that a
19 diverse, equal and healthy country can exist. With resolutions and legislation, you can respond to us.
20 You can say you hear us and that you are willing to work with us. The federal government no longer
21 fills its role in serving all Americans, so we are turning to state and municipal governments. The work
22 all of you do is wonderful so keep at it. Your commitment to government is what makes our generation
23 excited to register to vote and will ensure that I and my peers will stand for public office. Democracy is
24 a sacred thing that has been trampled by the wrongdoings of the federal government. My prime issue
25 is climate change but young people across this country are all working to further their causes. So, be
26 receptive and be active. Our generation cannot wait to vote, we cannot wait to serve in government
27 and most importantly, we cannot wait to make change.”

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29 Anna: Now we have about ten minutes for questions.

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31 Question 1: The last speaker mentioned the public trust offer. A lot folks might not know what that is,
32 could you please explain?

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34 Milo Wetherall: The public trust doctrine is the general idea that it should be the prime responsibility
35 and motivator in government to keep and maintain the natural resources that we have access to so
36 that generations of tomorrow can have access to them as well. So, it's what drives my work and I
37 hope what drives all of yours.

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39 Question 2: When you are our age, what do you hope to look back at this county and see?

40 Zoe Vavrek: That's a very beautiful question. I hope to see us as elected officials. I hope to see
41 representation of all people in government. I hope to see the fossil fuel companies no longer taking
42 hold of every inch of our world and controlling everything with their corporate money. I hope to see
43 that dislodged. I hope to see native wildflowers and species everywhere. That sounds like a utopia.
44 But, it can definitely be done. I hope to see the Green New Deal passed and climate change at every
45 single discussion in our government and people taking responsibility for the destruction of
46 communities and the environment.

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48 Question 3: Are you peers as concerned, do you find a lot of people flocking to your meetings, and as
49 enthusiastic and excited as you all and as well educated as you all are?

50 Charlie: A lot of our meetings and events are as big as the things on the news. We're usually lucky if
51 we get 20 people. So, this is, to us, a big event. Most people don't exactly understand how bad
52 climate change is. The main purpose of most of these events is to educate them so that when they're
53 on their own they can make change.

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2 Zoe Vavrek: In addition to that, I think what I love about climate work is that it is so easy to get
3 people passionate about it because you can just ask them simple questions like, do you like breathing
4 fresh air? Do you have an animal that you love? It is so easy to connect with this because this is
5 about humanity. This is about the earth, the air we breathe, the water we drink, this is bipartisan and
6 when you help people understand that, you realize that everyone can be a climate activist.

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8 Milo Wetherall: Another thing that I know a lot of my peers have said is that sometimes it's
9 overwhelming and as all teenagers feel, sometimes you don't want to do anything when it gets too
10 much. Instead of having a feeling of apathy, you're saying well, that's what congress is for, solving
11 these big problems. It's about taking it on as an individual. What can I do everyday and doing more
12 than just turning off the faucet when brushing your teeth, such as writing a letter to your local council
13 person or your congressman, or why not the President of the United States? Getting that kind of
14 action, I don't know if he'll read the letters, but just the fact that they're being sent is good.

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16 Question 4: When you are our age, what do you see as the means of transportation that we see
17 looking back?

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19 Anna: For me, I see a lot of more electric vehicles and definitely I think that the energy system has to
20 change for us to work with transportation. So, more wind power energy more solar energy and that
21 would lead into how our transportation work and I think that trains and definitely biking and walking
22 would be something that I would want to look at and I think that we're moving towards that direction.

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24 Taking it from another perspective, I think that car culture needs to change and the culture of these
25 ads saying that if you buy a car you are a worthy person. I mean, consumerism is a whole other thing
26 but, I think that mass transportation is where it's at because it builds a community together. It's no
27 longer about this is my one expensive car that I'm going to drive by myself and look like a cool person
28 by myself. I think it's great when we start using our mass transportation systems and functioning. That
29 helps us function more a community and less as this is my ego attached to my vehicle.

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31 Charlie: I feel like also just having an eclectic car charger at every gas station is pretty powerful. It just
32 shows that enough people use it that at every gas station you go to there's an electric car charger and
33 then peer pressure just comes in and you want to be cool so you buy your electric car and then at
34 one point most people have an electric car.

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36 Milo: I support public rail infrastructure, I think a lot of public infrastructure to get away from the car
37 culture, adopt technology like they use in Europe and Japan where they have really fast trains going
38 everywhere instead of building roadways.

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40 Question 5: What do you think the local government is going to do to address Earth Day next year
41 which is the 50th anniversary and addressing the issues that they were still figuring out 50 years and
42 that they're doing today to address those.

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44 Charlie: 50 years ago, about the time the Koch brothers in South America changed the history books
45 saying that global warming was not a thing and so, people in South America and their schools didn't
46 know that this was going on. Even though scientists or those oil and gas companies have known this
47 has been going on for a long time. So, just dealing with fake news, just going around saying that
48 climate change isn't real. We can stop climate change if everybody puts their mind to it, but the
49 problem is a lot of people don't believe in climate change.

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51 Milo: I think local governments, this meeting is a perfect example of something that could happen.
52 Take this meeting, this space, what everyone here is doing, who between venue where people from
53 all around the land could participate and have it so that regular citizens can engage with government.

1 I think having some sort of joint resolution signed by every municipality and the Board of Supervisors
 2 at the same time recognizing the event would be really powerful and making it the top of the agenda
 3 at the meetings and getting everyone to hear about it.
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5 Question 6: When you're doing your work, even though you're not old enough to vote, you've
 6 probably have had an influence in your own homes, which is two or more votes. So, when you start
 7 thinking about when you're doing your work, do you go out and actually vet and endorse candidates?
 8 This is a real power I think a lot of student activists miss, especially activists under the age of 18.
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10 Zoe: The Sunrise movement, one thing that they do is they team up with different politicians and they
 11 have them sign no fossil fuel money pledges and then they help back their campaigns. Sunrise is
 12 very politician heavy and has been working really closely with representative Alexandria Ocasio-
 13 Cortez with that and then also, endorse lot of politicians in the mid-terms and quite a few of them
 14 won.
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16 Milo: My organization Generational: Our Climate, we are less focused on politicians and more
 17 focused on legislation. So, we will go and work with governing bodies when they're drafting
 18 legislation. We'll go speak and testify and advocate for legislation rather than focus on the people are
 19 behind it and more on the issue. That doesn't mean that that can't change. I think it is important to
 20 recognize candidates that are more proactive on climate change than others. But, I think there's a
 21 general feeling of youth that we don't want to just become another lobby organization that backs a
 22 candidate and instead of getting sucked into the political machine, trying to work it so that we can
 23 dismantle it. And focus less on personal aspects and more on policy to help people. I think it is good
 24 to endorse candidates but I personally, I'm hesitant to do that. I think it's better to endorse legislation
 25 than to do that.
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27 Charlie: Youth Versus Apocalypse does a lot with candidate and already elected people. We are
 28 targeting already elected officials so that people who are already in power, who can make change
 29 right now, can help us when we need it.
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31 Anna: Thank you.
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33 Vice Mayor Goddard thanked all of the students for participating on the panel and expressed that she
 34 is so inspired, and appreciative of all that they have to teach us. She encouraged them to keep
 35 showing up, it makes all the difference.
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37 **7. BUSINESS MEETING**

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 39 7.a. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Suspension of MCCMC By-Laws
 40 and Cancel the November MCCMC Meeting Currently Scheduled for November
 41 20, 2019;
 42 and
 43 Review and Provide Feedback on Preliminary 2019-2020 meeting schedule, to be
 44 adopted at June meeting
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46 President Withy stated that this item was introduced at the April MCCMC meeting, as the
 47 suspension of the by-laws must be a two meeting process. If cancellation of the November
 48 2019 meeting is approved, then there will only be eight meetings in 2019-20.
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50 The same situation will present itself in the 2020-21 year. Since cancellation of the November
 51 2020 meeting would also require a two-meeting process, it is also being brought up for

1 consideration at this time, as an introduction. The final meeting calendar and listing of host
2 cities will be on the agenda for approval at the June 2019 meeting.

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4 There was a motion and a second (Cox/Reed) to approve the cancellation of the
5 November, 2019 MCCMC meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.

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8 7.b. Nominations for Executive Committee – President and Vice President for
9 2019-20 Term

10 Nominations were accepted from the floor at the May meeting and letters of interest
11 solicited. A vote by the membership will be held at the June 26, 2019 meeting hosted by
12 the City of Larkspur

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14 7.b-1: Nominations for MCCMC President for 2019-20

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16 Regarding the nominations for MCCMC President for 2019-20, President Withy
17 announced that current MCCMC Vice President, Elizabeth Brekhus, could not attend
18 this evening, but has indicated that she is interested in being considered for MCCMC
19 President. There was a motion and a second (Colin/Eklund) to nominate Elizabeth
20 Brekhus for MCCMC President for 2019-20. Hearing no further nominations, President
21 Withy closed nominations for President and instructed the nominee, and any other
22 interested parties, to submit letters of interest to himself and the MCCMC Secretary. It
23 will be voted on at the June MCCMC meeting.

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25 7.b-2: Nominations for MCCMC Vice President for 2019-20

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27 There was a motion and a second (Athas/Moulton-Peters) to nominate Eric Lucan for
28 MCCMC Vice President for 2019-20. Hearing no further nominations, President Withy
29 closed nominations for Vice President and instructed the nominee, and any other
30 interested parties, to submit letters of interest to himself and the MCCMC Secretary. It
31 will be voted on at the June MCCMC meeting.

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36 7.c. Review of Draft Agenda for the June 26, 2019 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the City of
37 Larkspur

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39 There were no comments on the draft agenda.

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41 7.d. Consideration and Possible Action to Accept the Draft Minutes of the April 24,
42 2019 MCCMC Mayors Select Committee Meeting

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1 There was a motion and a second (Lucan/Athas) to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2019
2 MCCMC Mayors Select Committee meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.
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5 7.e. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the April 24,
6 2019 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera
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9 There was a motion and a second (Cox/Moulton-Peters) to approve the minutes of the April
10 24, 2019 MCCMC meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.
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13 **Adjournment**

14 President Withy thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:19p.m. to the
15 next regular meeting scheduled for June 26, 2019 hosted by the City of Larkspur.
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