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Subject: Please vote to approve CDA staff recommendations to the LCP!
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Dear Marin County Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to vote in support of the staff recommended changes to the LCP as they are presented on April 19th. As a resident of Stinson Beach, I commend the CDA staff for their multiple community meetings soliciting resident input on these changes as well as dozens (or hundreds?) of emails and calls spent with community leaders on the nitty-gritty details. Jack Liebster and his team did an incredible job of breaking down the multiple options and the various consequences associated with each proposed change. They listened to resident input, and the resulting changes do an excellent job of balancing our desires to protect and maintain our homes with our shared concern for protecting the environment.

I want to specifically call out one change that will greatly impact nearly 300 residents in the Calles and Patios. Without the ability to raise our homes a few feet above floodwaters - yet still within reasonable height limits that preserve our unique community character - I would eventually have to abandon my home, as would many of my neighbors. The Calles and Patios consist of many retirees and full-time, working-class residents (yes, they still exist in Stinson!!), and we cannot afford to go through months of permitting hearings and spend tens of thousands of dollars of expenses just to do this basic act of home preservation. Your staff has, in our opinion, done an excellent job balancing this need by providing some variance relief and expediting coastal permitting for those of us in floodzones. And, they have done so in a way that doesn't sacrifice public access, public views or the environment, all of which are highly valued by all of us in the community. This is an extremely important issue for those of us protected by the Coastal Act's safety and community character provisions, and we urge you to vote for and defend this section of the draft LCP against attempts to change it that would remove our ability to live safely in our homes along the Coast.

In the face of sea-level rise, I do not expect that there will be future generations living in Stinson Beach in 50 years. All we ask is that you allow us to protect our homes in a way that allows us to safely live out the rest of our lives in our homes, without ridiculous amounts of red tape or at great cost.

Sincerely,
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