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Submitted via email to kdrumm@marincounty.org

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President Judy Arnold
and Honorable Supervisors
Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 329
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Marin County Local Coastal Program Amendments (LCPA)

Dear President Arnold:

The California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) writes in support of the Pacific Legal Foundation's (PLF) letter to the Board dated May 8, 2017. CCA shares PLF's concerns regarding the Marin County LCPA, namely that

the Program's mandatory merger of legal lots into larger "farm tracts" would significantly limit—and potentially eliminate—landowners' development rights on agricultural land without providing just compensation as required by the Takings Clauses of the United States and California Constitutions...[and that] the Program requirements imposing affirmative agricultural easements and restrictive covenants on the division of land as conditions to development permits would likely constitute unconstitutional exactions.

CCA urges the Board to address these concerns prior to acting on the proposed LCPA.

Our outstanding concerns with the LCPA are well-documented; rather than reciting them anew, CCA asks the Board to refer to our concerns already well-established in the record.¹ CCA appreciates Marin County's engagement with the agricultural community throughout the long process of amending Marin's LCP. While the Board is no doubt eager to finalize the LCPA, CCA nevertheless requests that the Board act to address our concerns prior to finalizing the LCPA.

Sincerely,

Kirk Wilbur
Director of Government Affairs

CC: Jeremy Talcott, Attorney, Pacific Legal Foundation
Kevin Lunny, President, Marin County Farm Bureau
Chris Scheuring, California Farm Bureau Federation

¹ See CCA letters to the Marin County Board of Supervisors dated October 2, 2012; February 26, 2013; April 22, 2015; and August 13, 2015 (jointly with PLF), and correspondence to the Marin County Planning Commission dated September 15, 2016.