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**Community Name:**

RESIDENTIAL WILDLIFE DISTRICT

**What is your Community of Interest?**

I've lived in Pacifica all of my life. I've had opportunities to leave this beautiful coastal town but my family has made the conscious choice to stay in Pacifica and raise our children here because Pacifica has a large and diverse community of residents who share our residential space with wildlife who comes from Sweeney Ridge, San Pedro Valley Park, Montara Mountain and along the headlands to hunt/forage, breed, raise their young, and use our community as a path of ingress and egress to other natural habitat areas in the County. The county of San Mateo must consider the impact on us as a Residential Wildlife District when decisions in neighboring areas impact these paths and push them out of our residential wildlife district into areas where they are at risk of being hit by cars, being disoriented when lost in high density residential areas. Please consider the importance of representing our residential wildlife district as a distinct residential district. We are a diverse community of residents from all walks of life and all socio-economic backgrounds." Now as a parent, living in a time where global warming and the destruction of our planet is finally in the forefront of most minds, it's our duty to teach by example, and show the next generation the importance of cohabiting and respecting the abundance of wildlife here in Pacifica and everywhere and all that mother nature has to offer. Our community as a whole strives to do this.

**Where is your Community?**

Within the City of Pacifica: San Pedro Valley Park, St. Peter Catholic Church, Old San Pedro Mountain Road, Shamrock Ranch up to the north side of the Tom Lantos Tunnel, to Linda Mar Shopping Center, along San Pedro Creek Watershed, to Sanchez Adobe, along the culvert on Seville Drive, to include the open space behind Pacifica Spindrift and the City owned park, to the access point of the Ohlone Trail on Fassler and below it in the Cattle Hill area of Rockaway Beach and all surrounding areas along Rockaway Beach Avenue until it dead ends into an open wildlife space. Mori Point, Sharp Park and Vallemar.

**How is your Community Impacted?**

Housing shortages are at critical levels, but state legislation has created a situation where the impact on the wildlife already in our county is not being considered as part of the planning process. A single municipality cannot address these issues and we need the support of the county to best represent the needs of our impacted district. Lions are showing up in residential neighborhoods in San Francisco that belong to San Mateo County - this is not normal and these animals are at risk in high density areas. They belong in their climate with the resources in our Residential Wildlife District. The proposals being presented across the coast rarely address the NEED which is very low income housing to meet our most vulnerable populations and they are absent critical services to best support our most vulnerable with more resources in public education, social services, employment and healthcare. High density housing development directly impacts the residents in our Residential Wildlife District as it displaces wildlife and pushes them into other existing residential housing areas of the county and into transit corridors which is unsafe for motorists. We need the county to best resolve how to REPURPOSE current housing and develop on vacant lots in "mixed use areas" where services, especially transit and employment opportunities are, and the County also needs to consider the impact AirBnb has on reducing the housing stock in our Residential Wildlife District. Airbnb in a Residential Wildlife District such as ours (there are

others up by 280 and in Burlingame hills as well) should be strictly regulated during a critical housing shortage. The County needs to evaluate the impact of AirBnb's on the housing crisis. For every home that has become a short-term rental, we have displaced families in need of shelter and we are driving the need to overdevelop, burden the infrastructure and impact the Residential Wildlife District. All our schools in Pacifica are already over burdened and short staffed with our current population. Pacifica is and has been dealing with a teacher shortage for some time. Pacifica schools have had to combine grades because there are not enough teachers. We are at a critical low level and the pandemic has brought us to a tipping point. How much more do our teachers and students have to sacrifice.

### Optional Information

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#### Which District do you live in?

District 3

#### Can we contact you with additional redistricting information?

Yes