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President Groom and Members of the Board of Supervisors
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Re: 2019 allotment of Measure K funds

President Groom and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter would like to recommend that the Board increase its allotment of Measure K funds for affordable housing from $18M/year to $30M/year and direct those funds to high density housing near transit and on infill lots and not in areas that would infringe on existing county open space.

The housing crisis has become so serious, that it is having a major impact on the county’s attempts to mitigate GHG emissions that contribute to Climate Change which is having a major impact on the county’s environment, agriculture, and wildlife as the oceans continue to warm and drought remains a constant threat.

We can mitigate climate change by focusing on dense walkable affordable housing near transit. The Planned Development Areas in the One Bay Area Plan are where the Measure K should be spent. The Cypress Point Family Community development at Moss Beach, as an example, is far from transit and jobs and an instance of resources failing to meet Measure K goals. We hope that you will ensure that multiple county goals are realized by Measure K dollars.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cc James Eggers, Exec. Director, Sierra Club Loma Prieta