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LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER

SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA & SAN BENITO COUNTIES

November 10, 2022

City of Menlo Park
701 Laurel St, 2nd Floor
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Community Development Director
Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Chair and Members of the Planning Commission

Via: City Clerk Judi Herren: jaherren@menlopark.org

Re: Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club Golf Course Renovation Project

Dear City Manager Justin Murphy and Planner Matt Pruter,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter writes to you in support of Sharon Heights sustainability projects that have impressed us. Their distributed water treatment model should be expanded to other large projects. Treating and creating purple water locally is necessary in the era of climate change.

We are in full support of the golf course renovation currently before you, including expansion of their lake for recycled water storage, and the overall project to improve the infrastructure for self-sustaining water, energy and resources savings.

We are also in full support of the reforestation project as part of the golf course renovation. Allowing the remaining redwood trees to prosper and the planting of new native trees on the site, mostly oak trees, will be a big upgrade for the ecology of the land and native species.

Overall, we see Sharon Heights as the leading edge for golf courses in a future Peninsula that is dryer, hotter and more likely to burn. Their reclamation and reuse of water provides a means for hydrating the landscape and preventing loss. We look forward to other golf courses and parks in the region learning from this example in your city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Gladwyn d'Souza
Conservation Committee Chair
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

Cc:

James Eggers, Executive Director, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter
Carol Steinfeld, Co-Chair Water Committee, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter