



March 26, 2011

Mayor Mary Ann Nihart
Mayor Pro Tempore Pete DeJamatt
Councilmember Sue Digre
Councilmember Jim Vreeland
Councilmember Len Stone

Dear Council,

The Pacifica Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Committee, would like to reaffirm the chamber's strong support for the Sharp Park Golf Course. The Chamber has stood side by side with the council and we applaud council's unanimous support in their vote on December 10, 2007 "A resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to Retain Sharp Park Golf Course" and as the chamber has demonstrated in the past, we will continue to strongly support council in this matter.

The Sharp Park Golf Course was designed by renowned architect, Alister MacKenzie. The course predates the incorporation of Pacifica. We see no reason why the 18 hole course cannot, as it has for many years, co-exist with the existing environment. Pacifica exhibits many examples of thriving habitat that are also enjoyed by people from all over the Bay Area.

Reduction or elimination of the golf course will cause undeniable economic hardship in Pacifica and will impact local businesses and the city's tax revenue negatively. The golf course is paramount to the renovation and vitalization of Palmetto Ave. As the southern anchor of Palmetto, it also serves as the gateway to the Mori Point component of the GGNRA. Loss of the golf course would be a terrible loss for not only Pacifica, but to the environmental community as well.

San Francisco is once again under attack to close the golf course and declare it open space. We believe the current lawsuit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity is counter to the wishes of San Francisco, Pacifica, and all the other entities that have joined to maintain this historical course.

The Chamber requests council to agendaize and officially vote to reaffirm your support, as you unanimously did on December 10, 2007, to support San Francisco in maintaining Sharp Park Golf Course as a regulation sized course and to also express your support for the current mitigation plan in place to protect native species. The Chamber supports a strong message reiterating Pacifica's determination to maintain Sharp Park Golf Course.

Sincerely,

Chris Porter

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President, Pacifica Chamber of Commerce