

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE A PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate a petition within the city of Half Moon Bay for the purpose of an initiative for the voters to amend the Local Coastal Program to include a policy prohibiting the construction of public school classroom facilities west of Highway 1.

A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

This new policy would recognize that having a pedestrian-friendly, centrally located downtown core is a vital civic goal for Half Moon Bay and that the community's overall quality of life depends on limiting traffic congestion, reducing automobile emissions and other pollution and safeguarding public views, sensitive habitat, wetlands, streams and other coastal resources for future generations. Further, this policy would recognize that an important part of the pedestrian-friendly, centrally located downtown core includes Cunha Middle School, which is conveniently located and provides ready access to downtown doctors, dentists and other health care providers, the Adcock Community Center, library, playing fields and tennis courts, the skateboard park, markets and cafes, churches, a police station and the whole downtown Half Moon Bay community. Any new school or new school facility should not be constructed west of Highway 1 because students benefit from interaction with community members, parents benefit from convenience and easy access, senior citizens benefit from walking-distance proximity, and businesses benefit from downtown vitalization. Any new school or new school facility should not be constructed west of Highway 1 in order to prevent further urban sprawl, preserve the coastal resources on which our visitor service economy depends and protect our children from further exposure to heavy traffic.

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