

Cyndie Martel

From: Mathew Salter
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:14 AM
To: Christa Johnson; Cyndie Martel
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Councilmember Salter and MCE Board Service

Christa & Cyndie,

I want to ensure these letters are a part of the public record and uploaded to the website. They are in relation to Item 10(i) of the Agenda for tomorrow's Council meeting.

Thanks,

Mathew

Mathew Salter
Town of Ross Council

From: Dan Segedin <dansegedin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:21 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofrossca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Councilmember Salter and MCE Board Service

Dear Ross Town Council,

We are writing to support Councilmember Salter's continued participation as an active and engaged member of MCE's Board.

We are a group of Marin Conservation League members who have closely followed MCE for about 10 years. In recent years, one of us has attended almost every Board meeting, Executive Committee meeting, and Technical Committee meeting. We have developed a first-hand, well-informed viewpoint of the Board and its members.

Councilmember Salter has been well prepared for Board meetings, asks appropriate questions, and participates constructively and appropriately in Board and Committee meetings. He advocates for his viewpoints, but treats his Board colleagues and MCE management with respect. He also brings significant financial and risk management expertise to the Board. This is especially important given the volatile nature of MCE's business and approximately \$500 million of MCE reserves.

We want a strong MCE Board to ensure that MCE thrives as a key JPA to address climate challenges. We have never observed anything that would even remotely justify Councilmember

Salter's removal from the MCE Board. To the contrary, Councilmember Salter is one of the more engaged Board members who has provided unique financial perspectives and some degree of oversight. We are concerned that his removal will reduce the Board's expertise in key needed areas, and take away the voice of an engaged MCE Board member.

More broadly, we are extremely concerned by reports that unidentified MCE Board members from other jurisdictions lobbied for Councilmember Salter's removal. We expect JPA Board members to state and debate their opinions in public meetings for all to see and hear. It is anti-democratic if JPA Board members choose to attempt to remove fellow Board members in this manner instead of engaging in robust, democratic debate. This is an extremely bad precedent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Miller, Dan Segedin, Ken Strong