

# BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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**VIA E-MAIL: [Sabrina.Cardoza@marincounty.gov](mailto:Sabrina.Cardoza@marincounty.gov)**

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Marin County Civic Center  
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Re: Letter of Support for the County of Marin's Department of Public Works' Coastal Permit Application (P4237) to Authorize a Residential Permit Parking Program and Parking Restrictions on Brighton Avenue and Wharf Road.

Dear Ms. Cardoza:

On behalf of the Bolinas Community Public Utility District ("BCPUD"), I am writing to express our support for the Department of Public Works' coastal permit application to authorize a residential permit parking program and associated new parking restrictions on Brighton Avenue and Wharf Road in Bolinas. We very much appreciate the investment of time and resources the County has made in pursuing the development of this program and associated new parking restrictions, which are more comprehensive, appropriate and enforceable than the restrictions currently in place, known as "Measure X."

A great deal of community time and years of effort went into the development of the Measure X ordinance now due to sunset this month. Nearly four years of additional community time and effort went into supporting the County's development of the proposed residential permit parking program and associated parking restrictions. It is vitally important that the need for access by downtown Bolinas residents to their homes is balanced with the need for beach access by the public. The proposed three-hour overnight parking restriction (i.e., the residential permit parking only zones) on a limited portion of the downtown streets is a step towards creating this balance; at the same time, the County's program creates greater parking turnover so that other visitors can enjoy the beach during the daytime hours. Limiting street parking by large vehicles as proposed also is important as the two short streets (Brighton Avenue and Wharf Road) that lead to the beach are shared by pedestrians and vehicles; larger vehicles pose a significant hazard to the public.

The BCPUD fully supports the implementation of the residential permit parking program and associated parking restrictions as proposed by the Department of Public Works. BCPUD has committed to partnering with the County for the implementation of the new program by locally issuing the residential parking permits. We recognize this program will not solve all of the problems Bolinas residents face due to the increasing number of visitors using these small downtown streets; that said, this is a welcome step forward. We very much appreciate and commend the strong working relationship that has developed between our community and County staff to find solutions to address the impact of the ever-growing number of visitors to Bolinas on the parking and traffic in our small downtown neighborhood.

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For all of these reasons, we respectfully request that you approve the coastal permit application submitted by the Department of Public Works to implement a residential permit parking program and associated parking restrictions on Brighton Avenue and Wharf Road in Bolinas.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Blackman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Jennifer Blackman  
General Manager