

## Holland MacLaurie

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**To:** Carl Wulf  
**Subject:** RE: Commissioners

**From:** Ed Alaimo <[edalaimo@comcast.net](mailto:edalaimo@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** October 22, 2024 at 8:28:51 AM PDT  
**To:** Carl Wulf <[cwulf@santacruzharbor.org](mailto:cwulf@santacruzharbor.org)>  
**Subject: Commissioners**

To whom it may concern,  
I'm going to have to decline running for commissioner position. Thank you for possible opportunity.  
Regards,  
Ed Alaimo  
Sent from my iPhone

## Holland MacLaurie

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**From:** Catherine Hodges <seabright2000@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2024 2:15 PM  
**To:** scpd@ SCPD  
**Cc:** Holland MacLaurie  
**Subject:** District 2

Santa Cruz Port Commission:

I am withdrawing my name from District 2 Port Commission race.

Thank you for your time.

Bengie Hodges



October 20, 2024

Santa Cruz Port Commission  
Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor  
135 5th Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Dear Commissioners,

I am pleased to write this letter in strong support of Lora Lee Martin for the position of Port Commissioner for the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor. Lora brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion that uniquely qualifies her to serve in this important role.

As someone who has spent years benefiting from Lora Lee's transformational efforts championing ocean management and research, I have seen her commitment to coastal management and her strategic approach to complex environmental challenges. Lora Lee's impressive background includes extensive work in environmental policy, community engagement, and public service, all of which will make her an asset to the Santa Cruz Port District.

Her experience with the University of California system, where she worked to secure and manage high impact projects, speaks to her capacity to lead with integrity and foresight. Lora Lee has a deep understanding of the economic, environmental, and operational aspects of management, which will allow her to contribute meaningfully to the Port Commission's mission to maintain a viable, operational, and financially sound harbor.

The vacancy on the Board of Port Commissioners presents a crucial opportunity to appoint a leader who values transparency, environmental stewardship, and the vitality of the local harbor community. I believe Lora Lee embodies these values and will serve as a strong advocate for ensuring that Santa Cruz Harbor continues to thrive while adapting to future challenges such as climate change and evolving economic demands.

I wholeheartedly endorse Lora Lee Martin for this appointment and have full confidence that she will make invaluable contributions to the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor and the broader community. Please feel free to contact me should you need further information or insights.

Sincerely,

Robert Mazurek  
Executive Director  
California Marine Sanctuary Foundation

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Board of Directors  
Santa Cruz Port District Commission  
135 5th Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

October 19, 2024

Re: Support for Lora Lee Martin's Application for Port Commission Appointment

Dear Commissioners;

As the Co-Chairs of WILDR - Women in Leadership for Diverse Representation - we are honored to write in support of Lora Lee Martin's application to join the Port District Commission as a representative of District 2.

We are proud to have one of our own leaders who has helped others begin their careers in public service now seek public office herself. Lora Lee's love of the harbor, dedication to responsible stewardship, and years of public service will bring a wealth of expertise and valuable connections to the Port District Commission and the important work that you do.

WILDR seeks to realize more diverse representation in Santa Cruz County's public offices, commissions, and appointments. We offer training, support, and advocacy for diverse women running for these important positions. We do this work for the good of the county, so that all are represented equally and with dignity by their elected and appointed officials.

When WILDR was founded in 2021, Lora Lee was an original and instrumental member of our small group of women - which has since flourished in the past three years.

Volunteer groups such as ours rely upon the expertise, passion, and skills of women like Lora Lee. She is a dedicated member of the WILDR group of advisors; she is always willing to offer up her knowledge and time for the benefit of our group and Santa Cruz County as a whole.

Sincerely,

Women in Leadership for Diverse Representation (WILDR)

*Stephanie Barron Lu, Co-Chair*

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October 18, 2024  
Santa Cruz Port District Commission  
135 Fifth Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

## **RE: Lora Lee Martin – Santa Cruz Port District Commission Appointment**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for the appointment of Ms. Lora Lee Martin as the Port Commissioner for the 2nd Division of the Santa Cruz Port District. Under my capacity as State Assemblymember representing Assembly District 30, I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Martin who has shown to be a valuable asset in the regional marine science and technology sector.

Her knowledge of environmental and economic issues is supported by her 36 years of living in the Central Coast. As member of the former Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board, she helped secure federal and state grants for infrastructure development and played a pivotal role in the acquisition of over 2,400 acres of land to establish the Monterey Bay Education, Science and Technology (MBEST) Center for UC Santa Cruz and Cal State Monterey Bay. This effort has bolstered the regional marine science and technology research sector by consolidating over 25 institutions of higher education and research.

As Chair and founder of the California Central Coast Caucus and member of the California Ocean Protection Council, I value contributions that effectively address the intersection of environmental concerns and enhance our region.

I am proud to support Lora Lee-Martin's appointment for Port Commissioner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> division of the Santa Cruz Port District. Her focus on marine conservation and negotiation skills will be vital to ensuring the port remains a strong resource for commerce while serving the needs of future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Addis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dawn" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Addis".

Dawn Addis, Assemblymember, District 30



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Board of Directors  
Santa Cruz Port District Commission  
135 5th Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

20 October 2024

**Re:** Supporting the nomination of Lora Lee Martin for Port Commissioner

Dear Commissioners:

I write to enthusiastically support the nomination of Lora Lee Martin for a seat on the Santa Cruz Port District Commission. I have known Lora Lee since I joined the faculty at UC Santa Cruz (1997). She is well known for starting the UC MBEST Center and the Monterey Bay Crescent Ocean Research Consortium (MBCORC). Both regional efforts have had and continue to have broad impacts on the economic and technological capacity across the Monterey Bay region. I also know she worked closely with Professor Gary Griggs on the relocation of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Tiburon Laboratory to UCSC's Coastal Science Campus and the USGS Pacific Marine Geology group to Santa Cruz. These are several examples of Lora Lee's ability to work closely with others in moving local initiatives forward to fruition. As the Port Commission moves forward with strategic development of the Port District, Lora Lee will bring a wealth of experience identifying and securing funding opportunities and overseeing the implementation of initiatives.

Beyond her entrepreneurship, Lora Lee has strong business management and organizational skills and a demonstrated history of working collaboratively and productively with others. This includes not only those she would engage with on the Port Commission and in the Port District, but also with those that the Port Commission and Port District work with. I have seen firsthand her ability to help guide complex processes forward with an approach that respects all voices in the room.

Lora Lee brings to the Port Commission her passion for Santa Cruz and the greater Monterey Bay region and her dedication to the people she works with and for. Thank you for considering my enthusiastic support for her appointment.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Carr, Professor  
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

## Holland MacLaurie

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**From:** Curtis <findingcurtis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 19, 2024 2:01 PM  
**To:** Holland MacLaurie  
**Cc:** Curtis Koppel  
**Subject:** My support for Division 2 candidate Lora Lee Martin

To: Port District Commissioners

I have been an active boat owner in the harbor more than four decades and wish to express my support for Lora Lee Martin.

I understand how important everyone's work with the port district is and your challenges maintaining the harbor.

I also understand Bill Lee will be returning. I am pleased to see him back and he certainly has my full support.

I recently met with Lora to discuss her interest in the port commission. I am impressed with her extensive experience and enthusiasm for community service.

Lora's experience in community outreach and funding resources provide great new opportunities for the port district.

Lora would provide a remarkable opportunity for the 2nd district and the broader Santa Cruz community to gain new and essential resources to the harbor.

She embodies the diversity the port commission strives to provide.

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of the harbor. I urge you to appoint Lora Lee as your newest commissioner.

Curtis Koppel

## Holland MacLaurie

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**From:** Nicole Crane <ncrane@conbio.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 19, 2024 10:25 AM  
**To:** Holland MacLaurie  
**Subject:** Lora Lee Martin Port District Commission App.

Dear Commissioners:

I am pleased to write in support of Lora Lee Martin's application to join the Port District Commission. I urge you to appoint her to your board. She would be a strong addition that would complement your existing members and that would help identify and bring financial resources to the harbor district.

I write to you as a boat owner/ long time slip renter, director of a business located in the harbor, and as a scientist. I have known Lora Lee about 30 years spanning her work at Fort Ord and her connection to the Monterey Bay Marine Sciences. I have watched her take on complex issues of land development, secure millions in government funding, relocate federal agencies to Santa Cruz and initiate large scale marine research collaborations. She is well respected in the region and has strong federal, state, and local relationships built over decades of relationship.

Equally important as her relationships and track record is her ability to listen, learn, and work as a team. Complex problems are her forte as are long-term planning and ability to follow through. She would be an asset as the harbor takes on the of 7<sup>th</sup> and Brommer opportunities and the necessary securing of funding for the many repairs and improvements needed at the harbor.

I appreciate that Lora Lee is not a 'regular' at the harbor though she is an avid kayaker. I urge you to look beyond our closed community for this appointment. This harbor is a regional and state asset that serves a broad community of interest. I urge you to expand the commission to match our service obligations. Lora Lee's talent and connections would serve the interests of the Port District well.

Many thanks for the consideration!  
Nicole

**Nicole Crane | Executive Director**





David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship  
Society for Conservation Biology

Senior Conservation Scientist/Co-Lead  
One People One Reef



*It is sometimes convenient for me to send email on evenings and weekends. Please do not feel obligated to respond outside of your normal working hours.*

Santa Cruz Port District Commission  
135 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

October 17, 2024

Re: Support for Lora Lee Martin Appointment to the Port Commission Division 2

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Lora Lee Martin for the Port District Commissioner. I join the other members of the Santa Cruz City Council in writing as an individual Council member and not on behalf of the Council or in any official capacity. I feel it important to voice support for such a strong and qualified candidate as evidenced by the numerous letters of support submitted from leaders around our region for her appointment.

I know Lora Lee as a community leader and am impressed with her track record of tangible results at the local, state, and federal levels. She is deeply invested in our community. She has frequently served as a liaison between her neighbors and the City to facilitate discussions regarding the contentious issues facing the city and her neighborhood. The city has often reached out to her for help in allaying neighborhood concerns for city projects, for instance in the case of the use of the armory for the unhoused. She is trusted and successfully facilitates conversations. She is a problem solver and team player.

Lora Lee has strong and visible support. Her knowledge, deep commitment to our community, and her broad strong networks would make her a great Commissioner. The Port Commission, as a special district, is an important entity in our community. I am pleased that Lora Lee has decided to apply and strongly urge you to appoint her to join you on the board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Newsome". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Scott Newsome, Santa Cruz City Council Member  
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# County of Santa Cruz

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October 16, 2024

Board of Directors  
Santa Cruz Port District Commission  
135 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Re: Lora Lee Martin's application for Commission Appointment

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Lora Lee Martin's appointment to the Santa Cruz Port Commission, Division 2.

I believe that Lora Lee's depth of experience working with local, state and federal agencies to deliver valuable projects would be a great addition to the Commission. I have no doubt that she would make important contributions to land use projects like improving the upper harbor as well as on issues of climate adaptation and resiliency. She is well connected with all levels of government in our region and is respected by our current and past elected members.

The Port District's Division 2 has a high level of overlap with County Supervisorial District 1. As a result I have gotten to know Lora Lee as a convener who brings together neighbors and elected representatives to discuss and resolve concerns. She values the importance of direct communication. Her interests are broad and her commitment to detail and outcome commendable. Most importantly, she is a problem solver who does not hesitate to take on complex issues.

I sincerely hope that you appoint Lora Lee to the Commission. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

MANU KOENIG  
First District Supervisor

October 15, 2024

Board of Directors  
Santa Cruz Port District Commission  
135 5th Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Re: Letter of Support for Lora Lee Martin's Division 2 Port Commission Appointment

Dear Commissioners:

As individuals committed to the long-term vitality and sustainability of our region, we are writing to express our strong support for the appointment of Lora Lee Martin to the Port Commission, District 2 vacancy. While we sign this letter as individual members of the Santa Cruz City Council, not on behalf of the Council or in any official capacity, we believe it is important to voice our personal admiration for Ms. Martin's qualifications, experience, and lasting contributions to the Monterey Bay region.

Ms. Martin's work over the past three decades has had a transformative impact on the region's marine science, economic development, and environmental conservation efforts. Through her leadership, key federal agencies were relocated to the Monterey Bay Research Crescent, bringing with them enhanced resources and opportunities for collaboration, particularly in areas directly related to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS). Her vision and determination were instrumental in establishing the UC MBEST incubator and securing nearly 500 acres for industry and research expansion at the former Fort Ord.

A true innovator, Ms. Martin's accomplishments extend far beyond local impact. She launched the nation's first PhD science fellowship program in a state legislature, which continues to expand science policy expertise in California. This program has and will continue to influence legislation that supports marine health and conservation, furthering our collective efforts to protect the sanctuary.

Ms. Martin's ability to connect and engage institutions has resulted in large-scale, multi-institutional research collaborations that have directly benefited the Monterey Bay. Her role in founding the Monterey Bay Crescent Ocean Research Consortium (MBCORC) and her leadership in advancing ocean observation technologies have strengthened regional research and conservation initiatives. Additionally, her tireless advocacy helped secure the relocation of the USGS Pacific Marine Geology Group and the National Marine Fisheries Service's Tiburon Laboratory to Santa Cruz, solidifying our region as a hub for marine research.

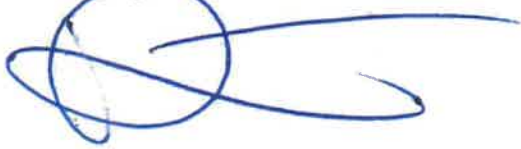
Her legacy of service extends to countless boards and projects, including her leadership roles with Camp SEA Lab, the Save the Sea Otters initiative, and the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation. Ms. Martin's dedication to fostering research, economic growth, and environmental

stewardship has earned her national recognition, including her election as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

We are confident that Ms. Martin's appointment to the Port Commission will further enhance the region's commitment to sustainable development, marine protection, and responsible management of our precious coastal resources. Her expertise, vision, and deep connection to the Monterey Bay community make her an exemplary candidate for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of this exceptional leader in our community.

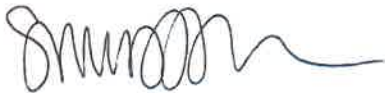
Sincerely,



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**From:** [Dan Haifley](#)  
**To:** [scpd@SCPD](mailto:scpd@SCPD)  
**Subject:** Lora Lee Martin for Port Commission  
**Date:** Monday, October 21, 2024 11:54:42 AM

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Hello Commissioners-

Thank you for your service to the Santa Cruz Harbor! I am writing in support of Lora Lee Martin for the soon to be vacant seat on your Commission. Lora has years of experience in identifying revenue sources and in delivering them for a variety of projects around Monterey Bay, and she would similarly assist you in that function for the Santa Cruz Harbor. I appreciate her community involvement and her big picture view, which I think will supplement the talent that currently resides within the Port Commission and the Santa Cruz Harbor's very capable staff. Thank you for considering my views!

Dan Haifley (He/Him)  
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