

RESOLUTION 19-__

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT REQUESTING THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXTEND THE 4/5THS SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED TO MOVE THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC GROWTH BOUNDARY FOR AN ADDITIONAL 99 YEARS TO CONTINUE THE PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT OPEN SPACE LANDS

WHEREAS, Stanford University is a private university comprised of more than 8,000 acres, spanning the northwest corner of Santa Clara County and southern San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, approximately 4,000 of those more than 8,000 acres, what is commonly considered the core campus area, are in unincorporated Santa Clara County and subject to the land use jurisdiction of Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, development on unincorporated Santa Clara County lands is governed by both a General Use Permit and a Community Plan, which Santa Clara County is in the process of updating (“the Proposed Project”); and

WHEREAS, of the approximately 4,000 acres of Stanford land in unincorporated Santa Clara County, about 2,200 of those acres lay outside of the Academic Growth Boundary, and have a land use and zoning designation of Open Space and Field Research; and

WHEREAS, the current General Use Permit requires a 4/5ths supermajority vote of the Board of Supervisors to modify the alignment of the Academic Growth Boundary, thus providing an extra increment of protection for the open space; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Supplement to the Sustainable Development Study conducted by the County confirmed that Stanford University could nearly triple in size over the next century and still not expand beyond its Academic Growth Boundary, thus affording continued protection of important open space lands; and

WHEREAS, based on the above information, Santa Clara County staff and the Planning Commission have both recommended that the 4/5ths supermajority vote requirement be extended for an additional 99 years, thus continuing to provide an extra increment of protection for open space lands outside the Academic Growth Boundary.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District does hereby resolve as follows:

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (“District”) requests that the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of its staff and the Planning Commission to extend the 4/5ths supermajority vote required to move the Academic Growth Boundary for an additional 99 years.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on _____, 2019, at a regular meeting thereof, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary
Board of Directors

President
Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

General Counsel

I, the District Clerk of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District by the above vote at a meeting thereof duly held and called on the above day.

District Clerk