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To: City of Sausalito Finance Committee: Ray Withy, Mayor, Joan Cox, Vice Mayor, Adam Politzer, City Manager, Melanie Purcell, Finance Director, Jonathan Goldman, Public Works Director

RE: Recommendations for Funding - City Resource Allocation Plan 2017-2018

Thank you for giving Sausalito Beautiful an opportunity to present recommendations in anticipation of the upcoming Budget Allocation Plan, 2017-2018.

Allocating budget for care and maintenance of Sausalito public landscapes represents a community commitment to the environment, public and private investments and beautification which brings day-to-day pleasure and civic pride to residents. We appreciate the partnership with the Department of Public Works, and the Finance Committee, and encourage all to continue with your 2016 commitment to rate public landscape improvement, care and maintenance as high priorities.

The following recommendations are made in the context of the Sausalito Beautiful 2016-2017 Strategic Plan and our work with the DPW on identifying public landscape rehab priorities:

Civic Center: We greatly appreciate the \$100,000 annual budget allocation through to 2020, towards completion of the Civic Center Landscape Improvement Project. For the sake of benefits that can come from visible progress, economies of scale, and limited disruption for visitors and employees of the Civic Center, we respectfully request this allocation of funds be compressed to 2 years, with a 60/40 split to ensure that critical parts of the project, such as the four entrances, are completed in 2017 and the remaining landscaping completed by Q2 2018.

Medians: In 2016, Sausalito Beautiful (SB) recognized that a full landscape rehabilitation of the seven Bridgeway medians, as outlined in the February 2014 Questa Engineering report, was inappropriate considering park renovations and other high priority capital improvements. Instead, we requested allocations for more modest improvements that would enhance the Bridgeway corridor through maintenance and minor additions. As partners with the DPW, we successfully accomplished this goal in Medians 3 and 4, between Coloma and Nevada Streets. Sausalito Beautiful is raising private funds to improve Median 6 and anticipates completion in 2017.

We would like to keep this momentum going and request that the City make improvements to Median 7 using the same palette of materials. Median 7 is approximately 2000 square feet larger than Medians 3 and 4 combined. We request increasing the 2017-2018 budget of \$40,000 by an additional \$8,000 - \$10,000 to complete Median 7 in 2017.

While the turf on Median 7 currently looks healthy, for it to remain healthy, it will require water on an on-going basis. We should consider the following quote by our Governor ... "This drought emergency is over, but the next drought could be around the corner," Brown said in a statement. "Conservation must remain a way of life."

Caledonia Street Landscape Improvements: in March 2014, Bartlett Tree Company submitted a report to Loren Umbertis about the health of the trees on Caledonia Street. The report provided photographic evidence of the main structural and health problems with the trees on Caledonia Street, as well as recommendations of general tree work to improve the health and aesthetics of the trees. Pursuant to a key recommendation, Bartlett pruned the trees along Caledonia that Spring of 2014.

In 2016, SB formed a Caledonia Street committee and formalized a project with the DPW to beautify the street. DPW, using a professionally designed planting plan from SB, installed improvements to planting beds at the South end of Caledonia. In 2017, the next focus of this project was to explore replacing trees on the North and South ends of Caledonia. SB sent a questionnaire to property owners, businesses and residents which revealed a concern about the maintenance of the existing trees. The SB Committee agreed that more can be done to improve the health of the existing trees and believes this shows good faith with the community.

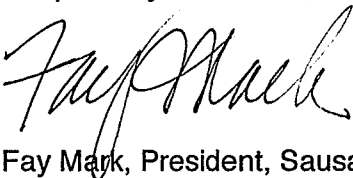
Sausalito Beautiful requests that all funds currently designated for Caledonia remain in the budget to maintain existing trees throughout the street per the recommendations of the Bartlett report and plant new trees where pre-existing trees have been removed in the North and South ends of the street. Sausalito Beautiful would like to make an initial contribution of two new trees, including the cost of delivery and installation to replace trees that have been removed.

Maintenance

We urge Public Works, the Finance Committee, and the City Council to continue to rate landscape maintenance as a high priority during today's and future Strategic Planning and Financing processes. We recommend that the Committee consider instituting a procedure whereby when a capital improvement is budgeted for landscape, a targeted line item is included in the operations budget for maintenance of that landscape improvement.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of Sausalito Beautiful's requests.

Respectfully Submitted,



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