

My name is Jill Grant. I am running for Councilmember of the Midcoast Community Council (MCC). I am a dog owner of an old, sweet rescue dog (poodle/Bijon Frise) who is almost completely blind. I used to love to walk Surfer's Beach with my pooch but unfortunately he was attacked twice by off-leash dogs so we only walk the sidewalks now to the post office and back. I think dogs should be allowed in most places on-leash and in some areas off-leash. I support on-leash dog walking access at Rancho Corral de Tierra. I need more information from the citizens of San Mateo to form an opinion on voice control dog walking. I am running for MCC to promote beneficial development with an eye toward the preservation of our rural small-town character; protection of our agricultural lands, commercial fishing and the natural environment; and support of our greenbelt and coastal protections afforded by our Local Coastal Program and Mid-Coast Land Use Plan. I am an outdoor enthusiast who has enjoyed our lovely parks, beaches, recreational trails, and small town businesses in Montara, Moss Beach, Princeton, Miramar, and my hometown of El Granada since 1991, when the MCC was established. Seventeen years later I became a resident hoping to establish multigenerational roots in the community. I have a deep desire to listen to your views and communicate your needs to the County of San Mateo and other governmental agencies, and feel my 20-year experience interpreting construction plans, designs, and permits will benefit the council, as will my interest in community issues and my welcoming and respectful presence.