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MPWMD

To: Arlene Tavani

Dear Ms. Tavani,

I write in support of Jay Bartow to fill the open seat on the MPWMD Board. Jay has been active in service to our community for almost four decades both through his work and as a volunteer in several non profit organizations. I have known him for over thirty years through his ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Monterey and our mutual involvement in the Rotary Club of Monterey. I know he has a keen interest in working toward a sustainable water source for our Peninsula and has followed the ups and downs of that quest since moving here in 1974.

He has the ability and inclination to build consensus and to help persons of differing perspectives to find common ground. The decisions the Board will make will benefit from those skills. The Board will need to communicate toward the community at large in a way to engender confidence and support. For those reasons I think Jay Bartow is a good choice for your vacancy.

Kindly pass my thoughts on to the Board and to David Stoltz.

Please note the active participation he has instigated in helping underdeveloped countries improve their water supply. He was the driving force that convensed the Monterey Rotary Club to participate and send monies to such endeavors.

Jay's community acitivity is noted in his letter of application and I applaud his committment to this community.

Sincerely,

Libby Downey
Councilmember City of Monterey