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Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
P.O. Box 85
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Attention: Arlene Tavani

Dear Board Members:

I am writing this letter to provide you with my strong and unqualified support of Jay Bartow to fill your open position on the MPWMD for Division 2.

I have known, worked with and highly respected Jay Bartow for more than 30 years. I have had the privilege of being inspired by and learning from Jay as the Pastor of the church my wife and I joined and have attended since 1980, the First Presbyterian Church of Monterey. Jay is an incredibly well read, intelligent and insightful individual who I have observed over the years working with our widely diverse congregation. He is a good listener who is willing and able to work in a very respectful and collaborative manner to solve problems and find solutions in what have at times been challenging situations. I had the pleasure of serving as a church elder, working with Jay for a period of 8 years.

Several years ago I had a discussion with Jay regarding the possibility of having solar panels installed on our church to save on our large electricity bills and to help conserve resources and reduce environmental pollution in the process. Through a church committee process and then final approval by our church session we were able to see this effort be approved and then completed, thereby reducing our over \$8,000 annual electricity budget to less than \$300 this past year, not to mention the energy saved.

Jay Bartow has the ability to thoughtfully analyze, to see the big picture, and to work creatively and collaboratively with others to find solutions to problems of the nature you are currently facing. I highly recommend Jay Bartow to fill your open position.

Respectfully,

Ronald L. Allen

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