

# Community Engagement Next Steps

Listening to the Midcoast - May 27, 2020

# How did we get here?

County effort "to identify community information needs and community engagement opportunities"

> Jan 9 and Feb 19: County and Common Knowledge presentations to MCC to share findings from over 30 interviews with community members

> > Jan 22 MCC subcommittee two goals: (1) develop better understanding of how entire community feels about high priority issues and (2) provide timely info about topical issues

# What did the community say?

- 341 people expressed interest in a **Newsletter** about issues and events on the Midcoast
- "Keep all communications clear, transparent..."
- "Listen to the needs and concerns of the midcoast"
- "Alternative outreach programs": SMS survey, Zoom, NextDoor, online access, meet people where they are

### Future Collaboration Opportunities

- Midcoast Newsletter
- Additional surveys based on community interest
- In-person and virtual events as health order allows (ie Moss Beach Playground Re-opening celebration)
- Social media posts to share information about MCC



#### **Priority Topics**

- Transportation/mobility
- Safety, emergency services
- Housing
- Jobs/economy
- Environmental sustainability
- Education
- Recreation/coastal access

# **Proposed Newsletter Format**



- County and MCC to collaborate on newsletter topics/content
- English and Spanish language content
- Examples of content:
  - Midcoast-specific information
  - upcoming events
  - highlights from community leaders
  - emergency preparedness

# **Proposed Newsletter Audience**



- People who expressed interest in the recent survey
- Email sign up form on MCC website and District 3 website
- Grow audience through outreach including social media

## **Proposed Next Steps**

- Collaborate with MCC to draft first edition of the newsletter (Summer 2020)
- Proposed frequency: Quarterly, with additional newsletters as needed for timely information