



June 11, 2019

Dear Speaker Rendon:

The North Bay Labor Council is honored to recommend Caryl Hart for the Statewide Public Seat on the California Coastal Commission. We've enjoyed a long-standing relationship with Caryl so this is an easy letter to write.

Caryl is a tireless fighter for the environment and equally so for social justice and worker's rights. During her tenure as the Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks she demonstrated great skill and talent ensuring that our park system worked for everyone, including the natural habitat. When she left that job, she received a certificate of appreciation from SEIU for her exemplary leadership, and especially fair and progressive labor practices. I do not believe this is an honor bestowed lightly by SEIU on anyone.

Caryl is more than well prepared to take on this position. Her academic accomplishments are impressive. Hart received a B.A. in economics from Cornell University and got her doctorate at UC Berkeley, where her focus was on the role of California State Parks in addressing the challenges of climate change. She returned to UC Berkeley in 2010 to teach a course on the history and challenges of the California State Park system. And she also has a J.D. from the University of San Francisco.

All of that said, the real value Caryl Hart brings to the table is not her educational background but rather, the person she is. Caryl is the kind of forward thinker we need making decisions that will impact our future and the future of our coastline. She is a talented and creative problem solver, a passionate environmentalist, a powerful leader and a most valued community member.

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We strongly support the appointment of Caryl Hart to the Public Member seat on the California Coastal Commission.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Jack Buckhorn

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Executive Director

Maddy Hirshfield

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Political Director