

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 –

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT IN SUPPORT OF RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE CRYSTAL SPRINGS CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

WHEREAS, The San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCD) has been granted a license to operate a cross country course on land owned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) since the early 1970's; and,

WHEREAS, The SFPUC's goal is to protect the quality of drinking water and the watershed's natural resources consistent with SFPUC plans and policies while continuing to allow compatible public access; and,

WHEREAS, the Crystal Springs Cross Country Course is one of the premier competition venues in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, SMCCD has, for decades, made the course available for middle school, high school, and college student athlete competitions and for public access from San Mateo County and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, SMCCD, competition operators, and the City of Belmont have continually collaborated to address parking and traffic management at cross country meets; and,

WHEREAS, Since 2020, SFPUC Board Members and SMCCD Trustees have considered many comments from Belmont residents, predominantly in support of continued and unchanged operation and access and, alternatively, in support of implementing further restrictions on the number, size, and timing of competitions; and,

WHEREAS, SMCCD has worked efficiently and effectively for over a year to engage with the stakeholders, listen carefully, and, as a result, instituted restrictions on the number of meets, the number of large meets, and the number of Saturday meets; and,

WHEREAS, The cross-country athletic community has been accepting of and willing to abide by the reduced meet schedule and other restrictions placed by the SMCCD; and,

WHEREAS, At its January 2022 meeting, SFPUC Board Members will be considering the terms of the renewal or termination of the license permitting SMCCD to operate and maintain the Crystal Springs Cross Country Course.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Belmont resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. Belmont City Council acknowledges and celebrates the significant community benefits of this Course for competitive runners and individuals seeking a convenient, visually appealing, and publicly accessible outdoor exercise venue.

SECTION 2. Belmont City Council encourages SFPUC to renew the operating license with SMCCD for continued operation.

SECTION 3. Belmont City Council discourages enacting any geographic restrictions to participation in competitive events, as this contradicts Council's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

SECTION 4. Belmont City Council supports continued collaboration between race organizers, SMCCD, and Belmont Police Department to mitigate and manage traffic impacts.

SECTION 5. Belmont City Council acknowledges and applauds SMCCD for its intensive and lengthy outreach and supports SFPUC continuing to allow SMCCD to have oversight of meet schedules.

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ADOPTED November 23, 2021 by the City of Belmont City Council by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney