PRESS ADVISORY

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Mary Hufty MD replaces Mayor Hughes on Portola Valley's Town Council with 76% voter turnout

Longtime community organizer and environmental activist Mary Hufty will be sworn in on December 14th for Portola Valley Town Council for a 4-year term.

The Council is a body of 5 with responsibility for the management of the town's fire and seismic safety of residents and property, the General Plan and financial stability. Remaining on the council are Sarah Wernikoff who has served on the Council for 2 years and Jeff Aalfs who has served for 10. The other two new council members will be Judith Hasko and Craig Taylor. This was the second contested election in the last 10 years. The current mayor, Craig Hughes, accepted defeat on November 18th.

Portola Valley is a town of 3,621 eligible voters founded to protect a unique rural community in the seismically-active, fire-prone rugged Santa Cruz foothills. The San Andreas Fault runs between the Town Center and the majority of the town population areas with multiple faults spreading through deep canyons and watersheds.

The election occurred in a wave of community engagement in the wake of the CZU fire starting in August 2020.

Mary commented, "Running for the Portola Valley Town Council has been a humbling and educational experience. I am grateful for the engagement of each of the candidates and to the serving Council who has given so much time and talent to the well-being of the Town. Residents can expect honesty, transparency and inclusion from me. I will do my best in this leadership role and act with courtesy and curiosity. If I fail on any issues, I want to be held accountable and I will do my best to do better on the next try. In exchange, I ask my fellow residents to stay engaged! We need everyone's expertise, organizational time and talent to sustain and further our unique role in the Bay Area."

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