



Friends Of Lighthouse Field Endorsed Candidate Neal Coonerty Wins As Santa Cruz County Supervisor

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., June 7, 2006 – Friends of Lighthouse Field (FOLF), a grassroots Santa Cruz community of people with dogs, is pleased that candidate Neal Coonerty, endorsed by FOLF for Third District Santa Cruz County Supervisor (which includes Lighthouse Field State Beach) was elected by a large margin. FOLF's backing of Coonerty's candidacy was based on his strong support to preserving the quality of life of thousands of Santa Cruz area residents who enjoy recreational access to Lighthouse Field State Beach with their dogs off-leash.

"By educating thousands of our supporters about the positions of the candidates and by endorsing the candidate who is most aligned with our community's continued use and enjoyment of Lighthouse Field and Its Beach, we were a factor in Neal Coonerty's margin of victory," said Betsy Firebaugh, Chairwoman of Friends of Lighthouse Field. "On behalf of FOLF, we'd like to congratulate Neal on his election and once again thank all of the candidates for their positive responses to our voter questionnaire."

FOLF will conduct its voter education program for the upcoming November Santa Cruz City Council election. FOLF will actively support candidates who advocate overturning the State's unjust decision to close Lighthouse Field State Beach to off-leash access in November 2007.

About Friends of Lighthouse Field

Friends of Lighthouse Field was formed in 2002 to support preservation of the beauty and recreation opportunities for humans and dogs off-leash at Lighthouse Field and Its Beach. For more information, visit www.folf.org.

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