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GREEN FOOTHILLS

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Environmental group hires second advocate for San Mateo County Coastside activist will join Lennie Roberts as County watchdog

PALO ALTO, CA –Environmental nonprofit [Committee for Green Foothills](http://www.GreenFoothills.org) announced today that the organization has hired environmental activist April Vargas to serve as the organization's second San Mateo County Legislative Advocate. Vargas will join longtime San Mateo County Legislative Advocate Lennie Roberts, who will continue to work on open space issues throughout the County.

Vargas, a graduate of San Francisco State University, was in 2002 named the 19th Assembly District's Woman of the Year in recognition of her environmental leadership. She was one of seven women named to the Coastside Hall of Fame in 2002, and was named one of "The Coast's Most Influential Women" by the Half Moon Bay Review newspaper.

She was elected to the MidCoast Community Council in 1999 and chaired that group in 2002. Vargas was active in the "Yes! on F" and "Yes! on Measure T" Campaign Committees, and has also served as an officer or director of a number of environmental organizations, including Friends of Coastal Open Space, Save Our Coast/Citizens' Alliance for the Tunnel Solution, Committee for Green Foothills, Green Foothills Foundation, and the Half Moon Bay Open Space Trust. A small business owner on the coast since 1976, Vargas has also been involved with the Half Moon Bay-Coastside Chamber of Commerce and Visitors' Bureau.

"April brings to our team a strong working knowledge of coastside issues and policies. Her first-hand experience with local land use issues and grassroots organizing is invaluable to the Committee's work in the County," said Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Executive Director. "We are excited about adding her expertise to that of Lennie Roberts. Together, this team will expand the Committee's ability to protect local lands for future generations."

As Committee for Green Foothills' San Mateo County Legislative Advocates, Vargas and Roberts will lead the group's work throughout the County, advocating protections for coastal lands, agricultural lands, riparian corridors, and other open space.

A photo of Vargas is available at <http://www.GreenFoothills.org/AprilVargas.jpg>.

#### About Committee for Green Foothills

Committee for Green Foothills is a regional grassroots organization working to establish and maintain land-use policies that protect the environment throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Committee for Green Foothills, established in 1962, is a Bay Area leader in the continuing effort to protect open space and the natural environment of our Peninsula and Coast. For more information about the Committee, visit [www.GreenFoothills.org](http://www.GreenFoothills.org).

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