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**State Senate District 13 Candidate Mike Brownrigg Takes Strong Stand
Against Development of Redwood City Salt Ponds**

*Calls on other state senate candidates Becker, Masur, and Oliva to oppose the
reckless anti-environmental proposal*

Redwood City, California – Today, state senate candidate Mike Brownrigg, a two-term Mayor of Burlingame and current City Council Member, gave his strong support to environmental groups and community organizations at a press conference opposing Cargill Salt and luxury home developer DMB's planned development on Redwood City Salt Ponds. The Development was proposed after the Trump Administration weakened Clean Water Act protections for San Francisco Bay and no longer protected the salt ponds.

Brownrigg, who has been a champion of increasing affordable housing, guarding against sea level rise, and protecting the environment as Burlingame Mayor and City Council Member, has signed onto a petition from the environmental organization Save the Bay opposing the project due to its dire environmental impact and its risk to the public due to sea level rise. He attended a press conference today organized by County Supervisor David Pine and Save the Bay, at which a petition protesting this development was released, signed by 60 elected officials (including Mike), community leaders, and environmental organizations.

"Not only does the proposed development endanger wildlife and destroy their

habitat, it makes no sense from a housing standpoint," said Brownrigg. "Building thousands of housing units within a foot of sea level puts people directly in harm's way and will create a traffic nightmare given the lack of transit.

"We have large areas of the Peninsula that are viable options for smart, transit-oriented development. These options increase housing, provide vitality to our downtowns, and help protect the environment. We should not be paving over an important part of our ecosystem just to widen the bottom line of large corporations and developers.

"I call on every candidate in this race to go on record now and oppose this project," continued Brownrigg. "Opposing special interests and supporting the environment here at home should be a no-brainer for anyone who seeks to represent our community in the state senate."

Brownrigg's campaign for State Senate has over 600 community supporters and a growing list of endorsements from prominent local elected officials, including San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa, South San Francisco City Council Members Mark Addiego and Rich Garbarino, Belmont City Council Member Doug Kim, Hillsborough Mayor Shawn Christianson, Council Members Jay Benton, Marie Chuang and Alvin Royse, San Carlos Council Mayor Mark Olbert, Burlingame Mayor Donna Colson and Vice Mayor Emily Beach, Burlingame Council Members Ann Keighran and Ricardo Ortiz, San Mateo Councilman Joe Goethals, San Bruno Council Members Marty Medina and Laura Davis, Half Moon Bay Mayor Deborah Penrose and former mayor "Farmer John" Muller, Foster City Mayor Sam Hindi and former Foster City Mayor Charles Bronitsky, and former County Supervisor John Ward, along with dozens of other leaders from every corner of the district.

Brownrigg is one of the top fundraisers in the race of five candidates. His

campaign ended the financial reporting period with a total of \$460,000 in contributions.

Brownrigg is a 9-year Burlingame City Council Member and two-term Mayor, and served 8 years on the Planning Commission. Under his leadership, Burlingame expanded child and senior care, added more affordable housing and opened new parks and schools. Prior to elected office, Brownrigg worked as a congressional aide for Democratic U.S. Rep. Howard Berman and served our country under three Administrations as a diplomat in the Foreign Service. Professionally, Brownrigg is a partner in a social impact investment firm that's helping improve underserved communities around the world. He and his wife, Marty, a pediatrician, live in Burlingame where they are raising their four children.

Brownrigg was born and raised in the district, and his campaign seeks to address the affordability crisis affecting Bay Area families by increasing smart housing options; he seeks better funding for education and childcare and wants to add a 4-year public institutions within district limits, and continue California's leadership on climate change, waste reduction and clean energy.

For more information on Brownrigg for State Senate, please visit VoteBrownrigg.com.



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