

Midway City Council
1 December 2020
Regular Meeting

Albert Kohler Legacy Farm /
Letter of Commitment

Midway City Corporation

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December 2, 2020

Wendy Fisher
Executive Director
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Re: Albert Kohler Legacy Farm

Ms. Fisher:

Midway City, by formal motion by its City Council on December 1, 2020, approves and commits to pay \$1,000,000.00 from its open space bond for the Albert Kohler Legacy Farm.

The Council made the following findings in approving this Letter of Commitment:

1. The project and funding request is consistent with the vision of the open space element of the Midway City General Plan.
2. The outside donations including the contribution of conservation easement value made by the landowners toward the project roughly equate to \$10.00 dollars for every \$1 dollar given by Midway City thus leveraging the City's donation and maximizing its impact on the community as a whole.
3. Donation to the Albert Kohler Legacy Farm will have a broader impact on open space than just the project because the Kohler Dairy is currently a functioning business, and hay from many other fields within Midway City and the County is used to support the dairy.
4. The preservation of the Dairy also keeps valuable land as open space and assures the dairy will continue to provide agricultural products to the community.
5. The project is located along one of the three major entry corridors in Midway and preserving its use as agricultural and agrarian fits the purposes of the open space bond to preserve Midway's rural roots.

Sincerely,

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