

Memo

To: Town Council of Portola Valley
Attention: Mary Hufty

From: Chester T. Wrucke, Chair
Geologic Safety Committee

Subject: Recommendation for new member
of the Geologic Safety Committee

Date: January 24, 2023

As Chair and member of the Geologic Safety Committee since the 1960s, I see that our Town now needs the services of the committee more than at any time in recent years. Problems raised by the Draft Safety and Housing Elements emphasize that need. Unfortunately, I now find that decreasing eyesight and hearing are decreasing my capacity to function to the level the committee currently needs. Therefore, I take this opportunity to suggest a new member for the committee for your consideration. I recommend Robert T. Wrucke, who knows the geology of the Town better than most members of the Geologic Safety Committee and has a deep love of Portola Valley. Bob, as my son, functions as my secretary and has an outstanding knowledge of geologic problems facing the Town and the committee. He has studied geology at Humboldt State University in northern California and is junior author (and significant contributor) of a paper on the San Andreas fault in Portola Valley. The paper was published by the Seismological Society of America, a major geologic journal.

I know of no one better qualified for this position than Bob. He is well liked by current members of the committee. Despite recommending him, I would like to remain on the Geologic Safety Committee for the historic information I have on the workings of the committee, but Bob would add new and important insights for the committee and our Town.

Sincerely, Chester T. Wrucke