Mills Court Menlo Park, CA 94025

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Dear MPC Ready Community,

With mixed emotions, I am letting the broader MPC Ready Community know that I have announced my plan to retire from the leadership of MPC Ready. On January 25, 2024, the organization will propose its new Board and my term will formally end.

I was a founding member of MPC Ready and I have been its primary leader since its inception in January 2020. The impetus to form MPC Ready started with Tom Prussing and without him, I doubt if MPC Ready would exist today.

Fortunately, there is strong interest in continuing the MPC Ready organization and the transition effort is well underway. I am particularly optimistic based on the clear support from the City of Menlo Park for neighborhood-level disaster preparedness efforts. We have a strong foundation for a new Board, and we invite others to consider applying for a working Board role.

I am supporting the transition effort. I look forward to the way a transition can foster new ideas, new energies and new people getting involved. I believe that my retirement is an opportunity for a needed, fresh approach to the MPC Ready organizational model that strengthens collaboration across the "whole community" engaged in disaster preparedness.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve my community, while getting to know so many more people in the area. Throughout, the work has been extremely interested too. I am proud of our many successes together, which I hope to detail in a "Five-Year Report." While much work remains, I see a positive path forward for MPC Ready.

I have personally ensured that MPC Ready is funded sufficiently for day-to-day expenses and more through 2025 and likely beyond.

I will continue to be a Block Coordinator and work to improve my HAM radio skills. I am also available to support those who want to hold their first block party!

I thank everyone who contributed to MPC Ready's success and I wish the new leadership my very best. Should anyone wish to reach out to me personally, please contact me at <u>lynne.e.bramlett@gmail.com</u> or at (650) 380-3028.

Sincerely, Lynne Bramlett