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## NEWS RELEASE

### Local nonprofit hires new executive director

PALO ALTO, CA – Environmental nonprofit [Committee for Green Foothills](http://www.GreenFoothills.org) announced today that the group has hired Santa Clara county resident Cynthia D’Agosta to lead the organization. Ms. D’Agosta will take the reins of this 45-year old advocacy and education organization on May 1, overseeing its programs and fundraising as its new Executive Director. The Committee for Green Foothills, headquartered in Palo Alto, works for open space and natural resources protection throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

A native Californian, Cynthia’s community involvement and work experiences cover a wide range of leadership and team work on open space planning and natural resource protection. After receiving her Masters in Landscape Architecture (MLA), from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design, and a BS in Science and Fine Arts, from UC Santa Cruz, Cynthia jumped right into the work of protecting the environment.

She has spent the last 8 years working as the first Executive Director of a new local government agency, the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority. Prior to returning to the Bay Area in 2000 for this position, Cynthia worked in Southern California on river restoration issues and park and open space planning for the County of Los Angeles and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, a JPA of the Santa Monica Mountains State Conservancy. She is also a visual artist who uses landscapes as her inspiration and often her medium.

April Vargas, the President of the Committee’s Board of Directors, stated, “Committee for Green Foothills enthusiastically welcomes our new Executive Director, Cynthia D’Agosta and the expertise she brings to our organization. Her leadership in the fields of resource protection, habitat restoration planning and watershed management demonstrate her strong commitment to the preservation of our fragile environment. Her effective work with governmental entities on all levels ensures that CGF will continue to successfully advocate for responsible environmental policies and land use decisions within our region.”

Cynthia, who makes her home in San Jose, said, “I’m very excited to accept this opportunity to return to the work of open space protection and preservation in general. I am very inspired by the Committee’s history, dedication and successes. I look forward to continuing in this tradition, and achieving new heights with the Committee for Green Foothills.”

**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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