

EXHIBIT 4: Letters of Support

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May 7, 2004

California Coastal Conservancy
Paul Morabito, Board Chairperson
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Mr. Morabito:

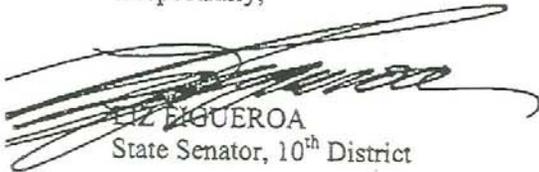
As the state senator for the tenth district, which includes the Alviso Marina, I am writing in strong support of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department's grant application.

The conservation enhancements proposed at the Alviso Marina will be an added resource to Santa Clara County's regional park system. The site is located at the southern end of the San Francisco Bay. The improvements will greatly benefit this wonderful location and allow residents throughout the region to gain better access and a better understanding of the San Francisco Bay.

The enhancements include expanded and improved storage areas, interpretive and directional signage, trails connecting to residential areas, businesses, and regional trail systems, a wildlife observation platform, decks and seating areas, a 2,500 square foot boardwalk, removal of derelict and silted marina docks and walkway floats overgrown with vegetation, new picnic areas, improved landscaping and parking lot reconfiguration for improved parking efficiency.

Without these funds, the Alviso Marina County Park Master Plan improvements will not be completed and the region will have very limited access to the bay. This project could make the Alviso Marina a crown jewel in the South Bay to the benefit of bay enthusiasts for years to come. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,


LIZ FIGUEROA
State Senator, 10th District

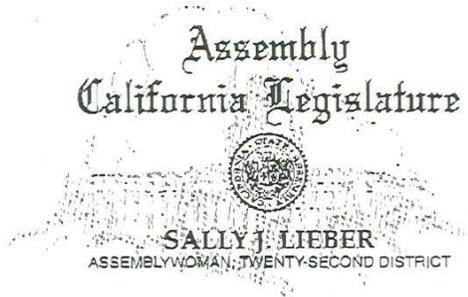
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Paul Morabito, Board Chairperson
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I want to express my support for the grant request from the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department for the Alviso Marina. Alviso is an important, environmentally sensitive community in the 22nd Assembly District, which I represent in the State Legislature.

The proposed conservation improvements at the Alviso Marina will be an added resource to Santa Clara County's regional park system. The site is located in the historic town of Alviso, at the southern end of the San Francisco Bay. The enhancements include expanded and improved staging areas, interpretive and directional signage, trails connecting to residential areas, businesses, and regional trail systems, a wildlife observation platform, decks and seating areas, a 2,500 square foot boardwalk, removal of derelict and silted marina docks and walkway floats overgrown with vegetation, new picnic areas, improved landscaping and parking lot reconfiguration for improved parking efficiency.

The full array of these improvements will be of benefit to Bay Area residents. Without the requested funds, the Alviso Marina County Park Master Plan enhancements will not be completed and therefore, users of the park will have limited access to the bay. Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sally Lieber
Assemblywoman
22nd Assembly District

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Pete McHugh
Supervisor Third District

May 7, 2004

California Coastal Conservancy
Paul Morabito, Board Chairperson
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

As a member of the County's Board of Supervisors representing the Alviso community, I strongly support the grant request from the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department for the Alviso Marina.

The proposed conservation enhancements at the Alviso Marina will add to the resources of the Santa Clara County's regional park system. I believe Alviso needs this project because it will turn the park into a featured destination of our County park system. When the Master Plan is complete, enhancements will include improved public access, an interpretive trail and observation deck, reconfiguration of the parking lot, picnic area improvements, landscaping, and wetland mitigation improvements. All in all, the project and the Master Plan will revitalize what is considered a gem in the Alviso community.

The requested funds are necessary to complete the Alviso Marina County Park Master Plan enhancements. I again urge your support and respectfully request your favorable consideration for the Alviso Marina County Park. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Pete McHugh
Supervisor, District Three
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors



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SOUTH BAY YACHT CLUB

Alviso, California

21 April 2004

Paul Morabito, Board Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11 th floor
Oakland CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

As a member on the Alviso Marina Master Plan Task Force, I have reviewed and participated in the plans for restoration of the Alviso County Marina. I am also the Staff Commodore of the South Bay Yacht Club which is situated close by this intended project. We as a club welcome the improvements it will bring. The process has been a long one, which has involved many different groups. With the sale of the adjacent salt ponds and the Salt Pond Restoration Project is now underway. This is a project in which, I am a designated stakeholder as a representative of the recreational boating community. This launch ramp with the implementation of this project has become a vital element in the enhancement of the recreational opportunities around the ponds.. The California Coastal Conservancy, as you well know, is directing the restoration project.

This new ramp is badly needed, as currently there is no place to launch a boat South of Redwood City. A large number of boats are therefore unable to utilize the fishing, sailing and water recreation provided by the South Bay. This proposed facility would allow South Bay access to many organizations such as fishing clubs, yacht clubs, rowing clubs, water ski clubs, youth sailing groups and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. There are thousands of acres of recreational water that would be opened to public use if this launch ramp were built. In addition to the many and diverse community activities that a new ramp would facilitate, it would provide quick and easy access by the Coast Guard and local law enforcement & rescue organizations to the South Bay. At present if there is a boating or airline accident in the South Bay, in order to provide aid the U.S. Coast Guard must dispatch a rescue boat from Yerba Buena Island in SF Bay or a helicopter from SF International Airport. Many critical pieces of infrastructure are part of the South Bay: the Dumbarton bridge, Amtrak, major gas & power lines and sewage treatment facilities. The security of these facilities would be greatly enhanced by South Bay access via water.

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The business community of Alviso would also benefit economically from the additional people who would come into the area to use the launch ramp. Many would stop for supplies or bait or would have an opportunity to stay a while and eat at a number of restaurants.

As a Staff Commodore of the South Bay Yacht Club, I have been in a position to watch the Alviso Marina. I believe that this plan is the best compromise given the present restrictions of funding and environmental concerns. It accomplishes the urgent need to provide better public access to the Bay and once again makes the park a productive unit in the great system of Santa Clara County parks. It also becomes a key element in the restoration and enjoyment of the salt pond project. I also believe that this is a well thought out plan and is entirely workable and at a reasonable cost.

I urge the California Coastal Conservancy to again lend your valuable support, as you have in the past, to this project.

Sincerely,



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April 26, 2004

Paul Morabito, Board Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
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re: Alviso Marina Coastal Conservancy Grant

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I am writing unofficially and on my own behalf in support of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation's \$500,000 grant application for the Alviso Marina County Park.

The Santa Clara County Park System is a wonderful and extensive array of diverse parks, from the redwood forests in Sanborn and Mt. Madona to the near-arid Grant Ranch and Coyote/Bear Parks in the Diablo Range. The Alviso Marina is unique within this system: it is within the San Jose city limits and is immediately adjacent the historic Alviso district, yet it is peaceful, quiet, and almost remote -- an expansive marshland at the southern end of the San Francisco Bay. The Park serves hikers and boaters, is a great birding site, and is a gateway to the newly expanded Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The Alviso Marina Park has recently been master-planned with extensive public input and with overwhelming public and official support, and now it is time to implement those plans. This grant, along with funding from County Parks and from various other sources, will be used to reconfigure the parking lot, replace the silted-in boat-launch with a more easily maintained launch, add picnic sites, improve trail access, and construct a boardwalk through marsh reeds so as to make a readily accessible loop trail. It will help transform this faded backwater into a facility that will well serve the residents of the nearby economically-challenged regions in northern San Jose, the workers in the nearby Silicon Valley industrial campuses, and residents from throughout Santa Clara County and the South Bay region.

I urge you to approve this grant.

Thank you,



Dr. Lawrence Lowell Ames
Vice-chair, Santa Clara Co. Parks & Rec. Cmsn.

cc: Lisa Killough, Director, Santa Clara Co. Parks & Rec.

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April 28, 2004

re: Alviso Marina Coastal Conservancy Grant

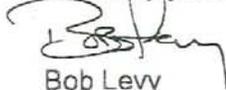
Dear Mr. Morabito,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the grant request from the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department for the Alviso Marina. As the Chair of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department and Vice-Chair of the San Jose Planning Commission I fully appreciate the unique role the Alviso Marina plays in Santa Clara County.

The Park is ideally located for many South Bay residents. It serves as a haven for countless Silicon Valley employees seeking a brief and therapeutic encounter with the wetlands during their short lunch hour. The park also provides much needed ingress and egress to the San Francisco Bay for recreational boaters, fishermen and emergency crews. Although this service is severely restricted due to the current condition of the facility.

The County Parks and Recreation Department has done an outstanding job of master planning the Alviso County Park and now it is time realize the vision. I encourage you to support the requested grant and allow the Alviso Marina to realize its full potential.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Lisa Killough, Director, Santa Clara Co. Parks & Rec.