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April 6, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn. Amy Hutzl

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I support the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) grant application for the Tidewater area of the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Park to the California Coastal Conservancy San Francisco Bay Program.

Approval of the EBRPD's grant will allow completion of one-half mile of the San Francisco Bay Trail, improve park access and provide for public facilities at the Tidewater area. These projects offer neighborhood residents safe access to the northeast shore of San Leandro Bay and increase opportunities for recreational activities.

The EBRPD's effort to finish one-half mile of multi-use trail brings us one step closer to fulfilling the vision of having a "ring around the Bay". I encourage you to consider the Tidewater improvement project because it provides increased access and enjoyment to one of the Bay Area's natural treasures.

Sincerely,

DON PERATA

Cc: Pat O'Brien, General Manager

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April 2, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Amy Hutzel

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in strong support of the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) application to the California Coastal Conservancy San Francisco Bay Program for the development of the San Francisco Bay Trail and park access improvements at the Tidewater area in Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline.

The Tidewater area, located in a heavily urbanized area in the City of Oakland, contains a wide mix of uses, including maritime, heavy industrial and residential. Improvements will include completion of one-half mile of a multi-use segment of the Bay Trail, replacement of the entry road with utilities, restrooms, turf with picnic areas, and parking for 65 cars. When completed, the facility will offer neighborhood residents a safe access to the northeast shore of San Leandro Bay.

I respectfully request the California Coastal Conservancy give favorable consideration to EBRPD's requested funding for the development of the Tidewater area of the Martin Luther King Jr. Shoreline Park.

Sincerely,

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WILMA CHAN
Assemblymember, 16th District

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April 29, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn. Amy Hutzler

Via Fax 510-286-3840

Dear Mr. Morabito:

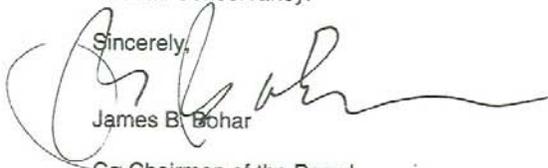
The Oakland Strokes Junior Rowing Club enthusiastically supports the applications of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to the California Coastal Conservancy for the development of San Francisco Bay Trail and park access improvements at Tidewater Park in Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline.

Tidewater Park is located in a heavily urbanized area in the City of Oakland. The project will enhance the amenity of the waterfront and livability of the neighborhood.

Improvements will include completion of one-half mile of multi-use Bay Trail, restrooms, turf with trees and irrigation, picnic areas, pathways, replacement of the access road, the addition of utilities under the access road, and a parking lot for 65 cars. The project completes a portion of the Bay Trail and provides for recreational benefits on the Oakland Waterfront for an urban, underserved population. The Oakland Strokes is composed of 160 high school students and their parents. They intend to co-operate very closely with EBRPD to design and implement a variety of water sports programs for adjacent neighborhood children. These programs as well as Stokes rowing activities will take place within Tidewater Park. Thus, the contemplated improvements will directly support these youth activities.

I strongly support this application and favorably recommend development of Tidewater Park to the California Coastal Conservancy.

Sincerely,



James B. Bohar

Co-Chairman of the Board,

Oakland Strokes, Inc.

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