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May 21, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I would like to express my strong support for the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST's) Pillar Point Bluff proposal to protect one of the San Mateo Coast's most valuable assets.

The 119-acre Pillar Point Bluff property, located on the west side of Highway One between the communities of Moss Beach and El Granada, is already a popular destination for hikers and sightseers on the coast, many of whom were unaware that the privately-owned Pillar Point Bluff remained unprotected. Along with its recreational values, Pillar Point Bluff features vital natural resources: it is located directly adjacent to the beaches and tidepools of San Mateo County's Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and harbors critical coastal wetlands and meadows.

Current well-worn trails on Pillar Point Bluff are exacerbating severe erosion on the property's cliffsides, posing a public safety hazard, and negatively affecting the property's critical natural habitat. Along with helping POST place permanent protection on the property's outstanding coastal bluffs, a grant from the Coastal Conservancy will enable POST to plan a carefully designed .7-mile portion of the California Coastal Trail.

This project will accomplish the following important goals:

- Protect invaluable coastal and wetland habitat
- Create the opportunity to add a critical segment to the California Coastal Trail
- Preserve one of the San Mateo Coast's outstanding scenic resources
- Address public safety and natural resource issues created by current trails
- Ensure public access to a popular recreational resource

I appreciate your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

BYRON D. SHER
Senator, 11th District

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June 4, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I'm pleased to convey my strong support for the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST's) Pillar Point Bluff proposal to protect one of the San Mateo Coast's most valuable assets.

The 119-acre Pillar Point Bluff property, located on the west side of Highway One between the communities of Moss Beach and El Granada, is already a popular destination for hikers and sightseers on the coast, many of whom are unaware that the privately-owned Pillar Point Bluff remained unprotected. Along with its recreational values, Pillar Point Bluff features vital natural resources: it is located directly adjacent to the beaches and tidepools of San Mateo County's Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and harbors critical coastal wetlands and meadows.

Current well-worn trails on Pillar Point Bluff are exacerbating severe erosion on the property's cliffsides, posing a public safety hazard, and negatively affecting the property's critical natural habitat. Along with helping POST place permanent protection on the property's outstanding coastal bluff tops, a grant from the Coastal Conservancy will enable POST to plan a carefully designed .7-mile portion of the California Coastal Trail.

The Pillar Point Bluff project will accomplish the following:

- Protect invaluable coastal and wetland habitat
- Create the opportunity to add a critical segment to the California Coastal Trail
- Preserve one of the San Mateo Coast's outstanding scenic resources
- Address public safety and natural resource issues created by current trails
- Ensure public access to a popular recreational resource

I enthusiastically encourage your most favorable consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gene Mullin'.

Gene Mullin
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 19th District

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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, San Francisco, California 94123

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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June 3, 2004

Paul Morabito
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Morabito:

The National Park Service (NPS) strongly supports the application of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for the grant to purchase the Pillar Point Bluff, on the San Mateo Coast.

Pillar Point Bluff is adjacent to property within our boundary at the protected 402-acre Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and the Pillar Point Radar Station. The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is designated as a "Marine Life Refuge" and "Area of Special Biological Significance" by the State of California. The Pillar Point Radar Station is the southern coastal boundary of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

The nearby Rancho Corral de Tierra was recently protected by POST and its partners as part of the "Save the Endangered Coast" Campaign and is part of pending federal legislation to include in the GGNRA boundary.

Protection of the 119-acre Pillar Point Bluff property will help permanently protect and preserve our adjoining federal parkland. It is now a popular destination for coastal hikers and sightseers, but the privately owned property remains unprotected. It has vital natural resources, including critical coastal wetlands and meadows and is adjacent to the beaches and tidepools of the Marine Reserve.

In addition, a grant from the Coastal Conservancy will enable POST to plan a carefully designed .7-mile portion of the California Coastal Trail with erosion control. Erosion problems have led to a situation that is unsafe for hikers and is damaging to the habitat.

The Pillar Point Ridge runs across the property parallel to the ocean. It provides striking views from the Pillar Point Bluff, to the reefs and tidepools of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and then south to the picturesque agricultural fields of the Rancho Corral de Tierra.

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Our support for the POST Pillar Point Bluff proposal will help to ensure preservation and protection for our adjoining NPS protected lands and help ensure continued public access to this popular hiking but eroded coastal property.

For further information, contact Christine Powell, Office of Public Affairs, at (415) 561-4732.

Sincerely,



Mai-Liis Bartling
Deputy Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area

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Regional Open Space

June 2, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

Dear Mr. Morabito:

On behalf of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), I would like to express my support for the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST's) Pillar Point Bluff proposal to protect one of the San Mateo Coast's most valuable assets.

The 119-acre Pillar Point Bluff property, located on the west side of Highway One between the communities of Moss Beach and El Granada, is already a popular destination for hikers and sightseers on the coast, many of whom were unaware that the privately-owned Pillar Point Bluff remains unprotected. Along with its recreational values, Pillar Point Bluff features vital natural resources: it is located directly adjacent to the beaches and tidepools of San Mateo County's Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, designated as a "Marine Life Refuge" and "Area of Special Biological Significance" by the State of California.

Current well-worn trails on Pillar Point Bluff are exacerbating severe erosion on the property's cliffsides, posing a potential public safety hazard, and negatively affecting the property's critical natural habitat. Along with helping POST place permanent protection on the property's outstanding coastal bluff tops, a grant from the Coastal Conservancy will enable POST to plan a carefully designed .7-mile portion of the California Coastal Trail.

This project will accomplish the following important goals:

- Protect invaluable coastal and wetland habitat
- Create the opportunity to add a critical segment to the California Coastal Trail
- Preserve one of the San Mateo Coast's outstanding scenic resources
- Address public safety and natural resource issues created by current trails
- Ensure public access to a popular recreational resource

As you know, the San Mateo coast is one of the few, precious, remaining rural coastal areas in close proximity to a major urban area, and the bluff at Pillar Point is an intrinsic part of the coastline. I encourage your support for POST's Pillar Point Bluff project to help preserve the natural, cultural, and scenic resources of the San Mateo Coast.

Sincerely,


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COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS

June 1, 2004

By FAX 510-286-0470

Paul Morabito, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Pillar Point Bluff, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Morabito,

On behalf of the over 1300 family members of Committee for Green Foothills (CGF), I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposal by Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to protect one of the San Mateo Coast's most important natural areas.

The 119 acre Pillar Point Bluff property, located between Highway One and the sea, and between the Seal Cove area and the Pillar Point promontory, is already a popular destination for hikers and sightseers on the San Mateo Coast. The Bluff property is a prominent geologic and scenic feature for travelers along Highway One in the El Granada/Princeton/ Miramar/Moss Beach area as well.

Along with its scenic and recreational values, Pillar Point Bluff supports extensive areas of coastal terrace prairie, considered by the California Coastal Commission to be an environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA). A freshwater marsh, willow riparian habitat, and a spring-fed pond on the property provide habitat for a variety of aquatic plant and animal species, including suitable habitat for the San Francisco garter snake and California red-legged frog. The Seal Cove Fault runs along the eastern edge of the bluffs, and the western boundary is located directly adjacent to the beaches and tidepools of San Mateo County's Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

Currently, the informal well-worn trails on Pillar Point Bluff are exacerbating severe erosion on the property's cliffsides, posing a public safety hazard, and negatively affecting the property's important natural habitats. Along with helping POST place permanent protection on the property's outstanding coastal blufftops, a grant from the Coastal Conservancy will enable POST to plan a carefully designed 7 mile long portion of the California Coastal Trail in this area.

This project will accomplish the following important goals:

- Protect and restore irreplaceable coastal and wetland habitat
- Help add a critical segment to the California Coastal Trail
- Preserve an outstanding scenic resource
- Address public safety and protect natural resources along current trails
- Ensure continued public access to a popular recreational area

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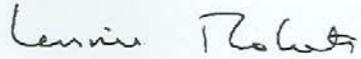
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Thank you for consideration of our views on this worthy project. We urge your approval of POST's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lennie Roberts".

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate
Committee for Green Foothills

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1001 Ocean Boulevard
Moss Beach, CA 94038
June 22, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
Attention: Marina Cazorla
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Re: Pillar Point Bluff Acquisition

Dear Mr. Chairman;

We are writing to support the proposed authorization of a grant to the Peninsula Open Space Trust for the acquisition of a tract known as Pillar Point Bluff. This is an agenda item for your meeting of June 30, 2004.

We are owners of property that abuts the subject tract of land. We live there, at 1001 Ocean Blvd, which is at the northwestern corner of the property being considered. The land proposed for acquisition is actively used by residents of the greater Moss Beach area for walking, biking, jogging, and dog walking.

It will be a great public benefit to preserve this land in its natural state, protected from development, in order to continue the widespread public use that it currently supports. We endorse the proposed acquisition and know that we are joined in this sentiment by virtually all of our neighbors and friends in the area.

Sincerely,



T.J. Glauthier and M. Brigid O'Farrell

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