EXHIBIT 3: Letters of Support

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PEDRO NAVA
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January 7, 2004

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of Santa Barbara County's application for funding from the Coastal Conservancy for the Isla Vista Blufftop Parcels Acquisition Project. The proposed acquisition would greatly benefit Isla Vista by preserving dwindling blufftop open space in this densely crowded community. The parcels targeted for acquisition are connected to other publicly owned parcels and this key acquisition would create one larger contiguous open space area.

I strongly support efforts to improve the overall quality of life for the residents of Isla Vista and all of Santa Barbara County through the preservation of this valuable natural resource.

Thank you for your consideration of the County's request for funding.

Sincerely,

Pedro Nava
Assemblymember, 35th District

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Isla Vista Project Area Committee/General Plan Advisory Committee

December 21, 2004

Douglas Bosco, Chair
c/o Mary Travis
State Coastal Conservany
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

I am writing in support of Santa Barbara County's application for funding from the Coastal Conservancy for the Isla Vista Blufftop Parcels Acquisition Project. The Isla Vista Project Area Committee/General Plan Advisory Committee (IV PAC/GPAC) made a motion supporting the proposed acquisition of the five vacant contiguous blufftop parcels during at the November 17th, 2004 IV PAC/GPAC meeting. The minutes from that meeting are proposed to be approved at the next IV PAC/GPAC meeting on January 26th 2005.

Thank you for your consideration of the County's request for funding for this important project in Isla Vista.

Sincerely,

Craig Geyer, Chairman
Isla Vista PAC/GPAC

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January 4, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chair
c/o Mary Travis
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Isla Vista Blufftop Parcels Acquisition Project

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

On behalf of the Environmental Defense Center (EDC), I am writing in support of Santa Barbara County's application for $300,000 from the Coastal Conservancy for the Isla Vista Blufftop Parcels Acquisition Project. The EDC is a public interest environmental law firm that represents community organizations dedicated to environmental and resource protection. In the past, we have represented both the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District as well as the Surfrider Foundation in efforts to preserve open space and to protect the Isla Vista bluffs from inappropriate development that results in further erosion and loss of coastal open space.

We support the proposed acquisition because it would preserve precious and dwindling blufftop open space in this densely crowded community. The parcels targeted for acquisition are connected to other publicly owned parcels and this key acquisition would create one larger contiguous open space area. This acquisition would also relieve pressures to construct seawalls or other hard structures along the bluffs by allowing for the implementation of natural restoration and preservation methods (e.g., planting native vegetation, improving drainage systems, etc.). Overall, the entire Isla Vista bluffs area will benefit from this project.

Thank you for your consideration of the County's request for funding.

Sincerely,

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Linda Krop
Chief Counsel

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cc: Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department
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January 12, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chair
c/o Mary Travis
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

The Isla Vista Association is an organization comprised of families and working professionals who reside within the western single family neighborhood of Isla Vista. We would like to express our support for Santa Barbara County's application for funding from the Coastal Conservancy for the Isla Vista Blufftop Parcels Acquisition Project. The parcels targeted for acquisition are connected to other publicly owned parcels and their acquisition would create one larger contiguous open space area. The proposed acquisition would benefit Isla Vista by preserving limited blufftop open space in this densely crowded community.

The Isla Vista Association supports efforts to preserve open space adjacent to the coast and supports funding for this proposed acquisition. Thank you for considering the comments of our organization and the many individuals who reside within Isla Vista.

Sincerely,

Joe Burke

Joe Burke
IVA Co-President