

## Exhibit 4 Letters of Support

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February 2, 2005

Ms. Brenda Buxton  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway 11th Floor  
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Subject: Codornices Creek Restoration Project  
Project Proponents: City of Albany

Dear Ms. Buxton:

I am writing to convey my support for the grant application for the Restoration of Codornices Creek between San Pablo Avenue and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks on the boundary between the cities of Berkeley and Albany in northwestern Alameda County. I have been following this project for some time and have been impressed by the community coordination and multi-purpose nature of the project. This is a wonderful opportunity to restore a natural creek within a heavily developed urban setting. The Codornices Creek restoration project will link the community through the development of a bike trail between the Bay Trail and the Ohlone Greenway.

This project demonstrates the positive results that come when different agencies coordinate and listen to one another. While the cities of Berkeley and Albany, the University of California, and the U.S. Postal Service have all had to compromise, everyone supports the results that benefit the community.

Please consider the cooperative nature of the planning process and the ecological and social benefits of the project design when comparing it to other applications. I wholeheartedly support this restoration project.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress

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# California State Senate

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January 27, 2005

Ms. Brenda Buxton  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: Codornices Creek Restoration Project Grant Proposal**

Dear Ms. Buxton,

I am pleased to support the grant application being submit to you by the Cities of Albany and Berkeley and the University of California. The project proposes to continue restoring Codornices Creek, to construct a bicycle and pedestrian path along the creek's bank, and to build two bridge crossings.

I believe in the goal of the Codornices Creek Project. This is a unique opportunity to return an urban area to its natural state, in turn providing the local community with both green space and environmentally-friendly transportation routes.

I also support the strategy the cities and University have embarked upon. The jurisdictions have worked collaboratively on this project for many years. They have successfully completed the first phase of the project and have a Memorandum of Understanding for maintaining the creek once completed.

Codornices Creek has the auspicious distinction of being the last remaining creek in Albany and Berkeley which is still open and not used for storm drain piping. I hope you will support the completion of this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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DON PERATA

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Loni Hancock

ASSEMBLYWOMAN, FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005

*BRENDON*

Doug Bosco  
San Francisco Bay Program  
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**Subject: Letter of Support for Phase 2 of the Codornices Creek  
Restoration and Trail Project**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As the California State Assembly representative for the City of Albany and Berkeley I am pleased to support the efforts for the Codornices Creek restoration and the trail project.

This project consists of the restoration of Codornices Creek in the cities of Albany and Berkeley between San Pablo Avenue (State Route 123) on the east, and the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks on the west. The project includes a half mile reach of the creek which will restore nearly a mile of creek channel. Additionally, it includes the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian path adjacent to the top of the bank, as well as two bridge crossings. This is a regionally significant project and a cooperative effort between the cities of Albany and Berkeley and the University of California. These agencies have been working constructively together for several years to plan and implement this project, and in 2004 signed an MOU to jointly manage the maintenance and monitoring of the creek.

Codornices Creek is an urbanized creek demarcating the border of the cities of Berkeley and Albany. The portion of the creek in Albany is on property owned by the University of California, and is the site of University Village, a graduate student/family housing facility. Although significantly altered over time by channelization and culverting, it is the only creek left in the cities of Albany and Berkeley which is still an open channel and has not been converted to storm drain piping. It therefore represents the best opportunity in the area to restore natural creek functions within an urban environment.

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This is an innovative project and I urge the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program to support the City of Albany, Berkeley and the University of California's grant request.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal and please feel free to contact my office if we can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,

*Loni Hancock*

LONI HANCOCK  
Assemblywoman, 14<sup>th</sup> District

cc: City of Albany

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January 28, 2005

*PRENDA BUXTON*

Douglas Bosco  
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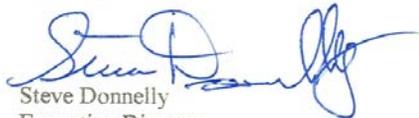
RE: Grant Application for Codornices Creek

Dear Mr. Bosco

Urban Creeks Council writes in support of the application submitted by the City of Albany requesting Coastal Conservancy funds for the restoration of Codornices Creek. This project will continue restoration efforts between San Pablo Avenue and the Union Pacific railroad tracks. The first phase of these efforts, between the railroad tracks and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, was successfully implemented Summer 2004 and acts as a catalyst to furthering Codornices restoration. Requested funds will enable the city to address the channel between 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets and incorporate public amenities including pedestrian bridges and pathways. Urban Creeks Council is currently involved in the Codornices Creek watershed through fish migration and habitat restoration efforts. As an anadromous creek, the work proposed by the City of Albany will provide a myriad of benefits to channel stability, wildlife, and the community.

The Codornices Creek restoration project is the result of a long planning effort that has involved numerous community groups representing a wide range of interests. The project as proposed is one that is supported by these diverse stakeholders, and one we hope you will fund.

Sincerely



Steve Donnelly  
Executive Director

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February 1, 2005

*BUTTON*

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Codornices Creek Restoration Project Grant Application

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This letter is to confirm the University of California, Berkeley's strong support for the Codornices Creek Restoration Project being submitted to you by the City of Albany for grant funding. With our University Village property adjoining the entire north length of the creek project, we have worked closely and cooperatively for years with the Cities and Agencies to bring this vision to fruition. This project is a rare opportunity where a critical creek habitat can be widened and restored within a dense urban setting.

In support of the project, the University has incorporated the proposed creek improvements with its wider setbacks into our master plan and current housing redevelopment. New conservation and public-use easements on our land will ensure this corridor is protected for future generations. Our current family housing project, directly adjacent to the Codornices Creek is designed as a sustainable and environmentally responsible development which will further improve the health of the creek. Finally, we continue to bring planning and technical expertise to the project to ensure its successful implementation and maintenance.

As you know, the first phase of the Creek is nearing completion and the positive impacts are quite striking. With public ballfields adjoining the creek, the public can now see and experience the rich riparian environment that was formerly hidden and in decline. The positive media coverage of the project has also increased public awareness of the benefits of such a investment. More importantly, its implementation has spurred other critical improvements downstream, such as the new Union Pacific Rail Road culverts. These projects are symbiotic and add considerable benefits to the creek and community while reducing flooding events with its resulting environmental damage.

The Coastal Conservancy's grant funding is critical to the viability of the project so we urge you to consider continuing your financial support. Should you have any questions, I am available at 510 643-4392 to discuss the University's ongoing commitment for this important project.

Sincerely,

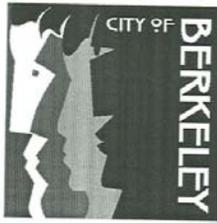
Crystal Barriscale, AIA AICP  
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Parks Recreation & Waterfront

26 January 2005

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

*Boston*  
**RE: Codornices Creek Restoration Project Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is intended to express the City of Berkeley's support for the Codornices Creek Restoration Project grant application being submitted to you by the City of Albany and co-sponsored by the Waterways Restoration Institute (WRI).

The City of Berkeley has been working with these two groups and the University of California at Berkeley to develop a plan for the creek's restoration that meets the needs of each of our agencies and the communities we represent. The plan described in the application includes the results to date of our efforts and is fully supported by all three agencies.

The creek restoration plan will improve the habitat of the creek and reduce flood risk to adjacent properties by removing barriers and increasing the size of the creek channel section. We will compensate for the removal of the barriers by increasing the sinuosity of the creek to its historic levels, before it was channelized. The plan represents the re-naturalization of a creek that has been compromised as a result of urban development. Over time, the creek has been straightened and the banks steepened. In addition, culverts have been placed in the creek where it is crossed by roads. The plan proposes to remove all but one of the culverts and the banks will be graded to a natural slope. In addition, the channel will meander and the banks will be landscaped with native and native riparian vegetation.

The Codornices Creek Restoration Project is the result of a three-year planning effort that involved a variety of community groups representing a wide range of interests. As a result, the final plan described in the application has broad community support. I urge you to fund its implementation.

Sincerely,

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Marc Seleznow  
Director

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# WATERWAYS RESTORATION INSTITUTE

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BRENDA BUXTON

California Coastal Conservancy  
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Dear Mr. Bosco

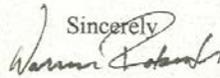
February 8, 2005

I am submitting this letter of support for the City of Albany grant application of approximately \$800,000. for the restoration of Codornices Creek, as authorized by the Board of Directors of the Waterways Restoration Institute at our February 5, 2005 board meeting. The Institute is a nationally recognized organization located in Berkeley which promotes the implementation of demonstration restoration projects for the education of design professionals and public on the options for restoring urban environments. The Codornices Creek project meets our standards as a model restoration project in which very difficult urban conditions have been overcome to restore an ecologically functioning creek. This project has already received financial assistance from the California Department of Water Resources, Caltrans and the Cities of Albany, Berkeley and the University of California. We would like to include the Coastal Conservancy a partner in this ambitious and high visibility project.

The proposed grant will fund a portion of the restoration project which begins at the Union Pacific Rail Road and ultimately culminates at San Pablo Avenue. The restoration of the downstream reach was recently completed this winter and the level of cooperation required of the partnership to realize this project indicates a predictable success for completion of the upstream reaches. The project provides badly needed green space for the University Village housing project under construction to serve as married student housing for University of California students. The project is multi-objective in that it provides for true ecological restoration, including restoring steel head habitat and migration. The floodplain restoration component also provides flood protection for the newly constructed housing development.

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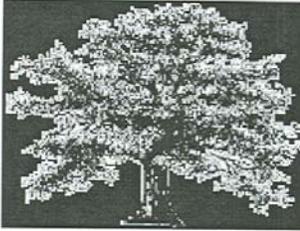
This project has a high level of community support and awareness and has been instrumental in motivating the organization of a Codornices Creek Watershed Council. This Council is dedicated to forming public-private partnerships to continue the stewardship and restoration of Codornices Creek and its anadromous fishery . The Conservancy will therefore be making a well appreciated and sustainable contribution to the East Bay environment.

Sincerely  


Warren G. Roberts  
Chair of The Board

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**LOCCNA**

Live Oak Codornices Creek  
Neighborhood Association  
1256 Spruce St.  
Berkeley, CA 94709

January 28, 2005

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2430

Dear Chairman Bosco:

We are writing to express our strong support for the Coastal Conservancy's application for funding of Phase 2 of the Codornices Creek Restoration and Trail Project. Our organization, Live Oak Codornices Creek Neighborhood Association (LOCCNA), has been involved extensively with creek restoration issues in Berkeley over the past several years. In conjunction with the Urban Creeks Council, we collaborated in obtaining a grant (funded by the CALFED Watershed Program) to prepare a watershed assessment for Codornices Creek. That grant is now being followed up with implementation funds and activities just east of the Coastal Conservancy's project site, thus providing wonderful linkage and continuity across several major restoration sites. Therefore, not only is the Coastal Conservancy project a laudable one as a stand-alone implementation, but also provides a critical contribution to a larger, well-planned effort to restore Codornices Creek to its full potential for several miles inland.

While LOCCNA members reside in the middle reaches of the creek, we are committed to a watershed approach to restoration along this waterway, which is currently one of the most open and natural creeks in the East Bay. Phase 1 of the Codornices Creek Restoration and Trail Project has already opened people's eyes to the possibilities and benefits inherent in urban stream restoration. It is imperative that such projects are completed, in order that this positive message for flood control and habitat enhancement through urban stream restoration is fully realized.

Moreover, Codornices Creek supports populations of the threatened species, *O. mykiss*. We are intent on working in whatever ways we can to enhance habitat for this species, and to help build a truly sustainable fisheries run in this creek. Eventually, we hope that the reaches where we live will provide excellent spawning and rearing habitat as part of this fisheries restoration goal.

We urge you to fund Phase 2 of the Codornices Creek Restoration and Trail Project. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Alan Gould, President  
LOCCNA

  
Juliet Lamont, Chair, Creek Sub-Committee  
LOCCNA



# Friends of Five Creeks

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Jan. 25, 2005

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
Board Members  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco and Board Members:

I am writing to enthusiastically support the grant request of the City of Albany for funding for Phase II of the restoration of Codornices Creek, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Street, on University of California and US Postal Service property on the Albany-Berkeley border, Alameda County.

Restoration of this small stream, with its healthy population of rainbow trout that seem likely to at least include ocean-going steelhead, is a milestone in the effort to restore the San Francisco Bay Estuary. Codornices will show that a small, urbanized creek can nevertheless support a healthy and varied ecosystem.

The creek and adjacent trail also will offer wonderful opportunities to learn about and enjoy nature, particularly to families living in the adjacent University Village housing and youngsters using the trail leading to sports fields on the lower creek, in the area just restored.

Volunteers from Friends of Five Creeks, the group I head, look forward to helping to gradually increasing biodiversity with fill-in plantings and maintenance. With work parties monthly or more, and a Monday "weekday weed warriors" maintenance group, we can make a significant contribution.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

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Susan Schwartz, President  
Friends of Five Creeks