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August 16, 2005

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

RE: *Isla Vista Beach Access Ways Renovation Project*

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

I am writing in support of Santa Barbara County's application for \$150,000 to the Coastal Conservancy for repairs to Isla Vista Beach Access Ways. Isla Vista has five stairway beach accesses that provide coastal access from Isla Vista streets to the beaches.

The three access ways included in the proposal are located at the end of Escondido Pass, Camino Del Sur and Camino Pescadero Roads. These three sites provide critical beach access for the community and are the only means of accessing Isla Vista beaches and surf areas, such as "Pesci's" and "Depressions." Currently, the County of Santa Barbara Public Roads Division manages these three beach accesses, but an agreement is under consideration that would place the accesses under Isla Vista Recreation & Park District management. Before that can happen, stairways and railings need repairs and surrounding storm drainage must be reinforced to prevent bluff erosion.

The current structures cannot withstand coastal storms and they wash out during significant storm events, leaving Isla Vista without safe coastal accesses. The County understandably places a high priority on safe roads. After a storm, Public Works must attend to emergency road repairs in Santa Barbara County. Damaged beach accesses sometimes remain closed for months at a time.

Isla Vista beaches are very beautiful and provide a myriad of recreational activities. In addition to UCSB's academic excellence, the beaches are a strong attraction to academic enrollees. We strongly support funding for this project so that coastal accesses can be brought up to a durable standard that can withstand the harsh marine environment during the winter months, and provide safe, continuous access to the Isla Vista beaches.

Sincerely yours,

PEDRO NAVA
Assemblymember, 35th District

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Isla Vista Chapter
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c/o Associated Students
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August 15, 2005

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

RE: *Isla Vista Beach Access Ways Renovation Project*

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

This letter is in support of Santa Barbara County application to the Coastal Conservancy for repairs to Beach Access Ways in Isla Vista.

Isla Vista is known to be one of the most highly densely populated square miles on the West Coast. With the high population of mostly UCSB students, coastal recreation is a priority and a need. The stairs provide critical beach access for all residents in this overcrowded community for a wide variety of popular recreational activities.

Unfortunately, each year winter storms substantially damage these stairs to the point of closure. Isla Vista residents are left with no safe and direct access points to the beach for recreation. Damaged stairs often remain closed for extended lengths of time forcing some users to risk getting hurt to access the beach. This is especially common when large winter storm bring favorable surf to the beach breaks. Residents use the beach access ways to get to the surf and also rely on these same access points to get out of the surf to safety. We are lucky no one has gotten hurt to date.

Isla Vista surfrider is very supportive of year round beach access for the public. The repairs to the stairways and railings are overdue and must be reinforced to make them safe and resistant to damage over the long term. This improvement is a wise investment.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Bull
Isla Vista Chapter
Surfrider Foundation

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August 8, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chair
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RE: *Isla Vista Beach Access Ways Renovation Project*

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

On behalf of the University of California, Santa Barbara, I am writing in support of Santa Barbara County's application for \$150,000 to the Coastal Conservancy for repairs to Isla Vista Beach Access Ways. Isla Vista has five stairway beach accesses that provide coastal access from Isla Vista streets to the beaches.

The three access ways included in the proposal are located at the ends of Escondido Pass, Camino Del Sur, and Camino Pescadero Roads. These three sites provide critical beach access for the Isla Vista Community that houses a large portion of our students as well as some of our staff and faculty members. The access ways are the closest and most convenient means of accessing Isla Vista beaches and surf areas, such as "Pesci's" and "Depressions". Currently, the County of Santa Barbara Public Roads Division manages these three beach accesses, but an agreement is under consideration that would place the accesses under Isla Vista Recreation & Park District management. Before that can happen, stairways and railings need repairs and surrounding storm drainage must be reinforced to prevent bluff erosion.

The current structures cannot withstand coastal storms and they wash out during significant storm events, leaving Isla Vista without means for direct and safe coastal accesses. The County understandably places a high priority on safe roads. After a storm, Public Works must attend to emergency road repairs in of Santa Barbara County. Damaged beach accesses sometimes remain closed for extended lengths of time.

Isla Vista's beaches provide outstanding scenic enhancement to the Isla Vista Community as well as a variety of recreational activities. They serve to enhance the academic excellence of UCSB by helping to attract outstanding students, faculty and staff members. We provide support to Isla Vista through annual contributions for street sweeping and graffiti removal as well as an annual contribution for park improvements. In addition, our Associated Students organization contributes annually to the Shoreline Preservation Fund. We strongly support the application of Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District to the Coastal Conservancy for a grant to help in funding this project. This would help to bring coastal accesses up to a durable standard that can withstand the harsh marine environment during the winter months, and provide safe, continuous access to Isla Vista beaches.

Sincerely,



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RE: Repairs to Isla Vista Beach Access Ways

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

This letter is to support the County of Santa Barbara's application for a grant of \$150,000 to repair Isla Vista beach access ways. Isla Vista has five beach accesses that provide foot trails and stairways from Isla Vista streets to the beaches. The three access ways included in the proposal are located at the ends of Escondido Pass, Camino Del Sur, and Camino Pescadero Roads. These three sites provide critical beach access for the community and are the only means of accessing Isla Vista beaches and surf areas, such as "Pesci's" and "Depressions". Currently, the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department owns and maintains these three beach accesses, however, an agreement is under consideration that would place the accesses under Isla Vista Recreation & Park District management. Before this arrangement can be consummated, stairways and railings require repairs and surrounding storm drainage must be reinforced to make the bluffs more stable.

The current structures cannot withstand coastal storms and they wash out during every storm of magnitude, leaving Isla Vista without safe coastal accesses. The County understandably places a high priority on safe roads. After a storm, Public Works must attend to emergency road repairs in every corner of Santa Barbara County. As a result, damaged beach accesses occasionally remain closed for extended periods until limited resources become available.

Isla Vista beaches are very beautiful and provide a myriad of recreational activities. In addition to UCSB's academic excellence, the beaches are a strong attraction to academic enrollees. We strongly support funding for this project so that coastal accesses can be brought up to a durable standard that can withstand the harsh marine environment during the winter months, and provide safe, continuous access to Isla Vista beaches.

Sincerely yours,

Brooks Firestone
Third District Supervisor

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