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July 12, 2005

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chair of the Board of Directors
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Thank you for your dedicated work as the Chairman of the Board of Directors on the Coastal Conservancy.

I would like to express my support for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's application to the Coastal Conservancy's Central Coast Program for a \$1,000,000 grant to acquire a major addition to the Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve. The 238-acre Stevens Canyon Ranch encompasses hillsides, meadows, and forested canyons in the Santa Clara County foothills west of Saratoga. Tucked back in Stevens Creek Canyon, yet readily accessible from the urban Midpeninsula, Stevens Canyon Ranch lies at the heart of over 6,630 acres of public land in Stevens Creek watershed.

The property's strategic location north of Stevens Canyon Road between Monte Bello and Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve and Stevens Creek County Park makes it an ideal "gateway" site for a public staging area. It will provide access to the upper part of the Stevens Creek corridor and to the regional trail system linking the Bay Area Ridge Trail with the San Francisco Bay Trail. The property's outstanding recreational, natural and cultural resources also will make it an attractive destination in itself.

These factors make the acquisition and preservation of the Stevens Canyon Ranch property a high priority for the District and I urge you to fund this project and ensure the property is permanently protected. Together with the surrounding park and open space lands, the project will protect valuable historic ranch lands, watershed resources, biological diversity and recreational trail connections for public enjoyment.

Sincerely,

IRA RUSKIN
Assemblymember, 21st District

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Cc: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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July 11, 2005

Douglas Brasco
Chair of the Board of Directors
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Grant Application --Stevens Canyon
Ranch Property Addition to Saratoga Gap Space Preserve

Dear Mr. Brasco,

I am writing to express my support for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's application to the Coastal Conservancy's Central Coast Program for a \$1,000,000 grant to acquire the 238-acre historic Stevens Canyon Ranch, a major addition to the Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve.

In addition to preserving a historic family ranch the property is strategically located as an ideal "gateway" site for a public staging area. The property will provide access to the upper part of the Stevens Creek corridor and to the regional trail system linking the Bay Area Ridge Trail with the San Francisco Bay Trail.

Together with the surrounding park and open space lands, the project will protect valuable historic ranch lands, watershed resources, biological diversity and recreational trail connections for public enjoyment.

I hope that you will give every consideration to this grant request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Simitian".

S. Joseph Simitian
State Senator, Eleventh District

cc: L. Craig Britton, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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Parks and Recreation Department

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June 27, 2005

Douglas Bosco
Chair of the Board of Directors
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Grant Application – Stevens Canyon Ranch
Property Addition to Saratoga Gap Space Preserve

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I would like to express my strong support for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's application to the Coastal Conservancy's Central Coast Program for a \$1,000,000 grant to acquire a major addition to the Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve. The 238-acre Stevens Canyon Ranch encompasses hillsides, meadows, and forested canyons in the Santa Clara County foothills west of Saratoga. Tucked back in the Stevens Creek Canyon yet readily accessible from the urban Midpeninsula Stevens Canyon Ranch lies at the heart of over 6,630 acres of public land in the Stevens Creek watershed.

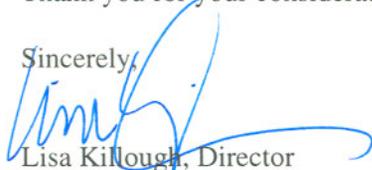
The property's strategic location north of Stevens Canyon Road between Monte Bello and Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve and Stevens Creek County Park, makes it an ideal "getaway" site for a public staging area. It will provide access to the upper part of the Stevens Creek corridor and to the regional trail system linking the Bay Area Ridge Trail with the San Francisco Bay Trail. The property's outstanding recreational, natural and cultural resources also will make it an attractive destination in itself.

The purchase will preserve a historic family ranch that originated in the 1890s and still retains the atmosphere of an earlier age. The original stone winery with its upper residence, weathered outbuildings, 5 acres of productive orchard and a large family picnic area still grace the property, although the original 40 acres of vineyard have vanished. Mortar holes for grinding acorns are evidence of earlier occupation by Ohlone Indians. A visit here feels like going back in time, yet it is only a short drive from Interstate 280 in Cupertino or Highways 85 or 9 in Saratoga.

These factors make the acquisition and preservation of the Stevens Canyon Ranch property a high priority for the District and I urge you to fund this project and ensure the property is permanently protected. Together with the surrounding park and open Space lands, the project will protect valuable historic ranch lands, watershed resources, biological diversity and recreational trail connections for public enjoyment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa Killough, Director

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.

c: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District



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County Executive: Peter Kutras, Jr.



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June 29th, 2005

Douglas Bosco
Chair of the Board of Directors
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Grant Application – Stevens Canyon Ranch Property Addition to Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, we would like to express our strong support for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's application to the Coastal Conservancy's Central Coast Program. This application is for a \$1,000,000 grant to acquire a major addition to the Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve. The 238-acre Stevens Canyon Ranch encompasses hillsides, meadows, and forested canyons in the Santa Clara county foothills west of Saratoga. Tucked back in Stevens Creek Canyon yet readily accessible from urban peninsula population centers, Stevens Canyon Ranch lies at the heart of over 6,630 acres of public land in the Stevens Creek watershed.

The property's strategic location north of Stevens Canyon Road between the Monte Bello and Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserves and Stevens Creek County Park, makes it an ideal "gateway" site for a public staging area. Stevens Canyon Ranch will provide access to the upper part of the Stevens Creek Corridor and to the regional trail system linking the Bay Area Ridge Trail with the San Francisco Bay Trail. Additionally, the property's outstanding recreational, natural and cultural resources make this property an attractive destination in itself.

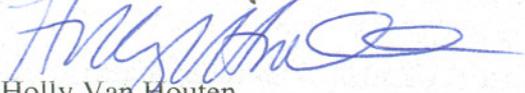
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These factors make the acquisition and preservation of the Stevens Canyon Ranch property a high priority for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and we urge you to fund this project and ensure the property is permanently protected. Together with the surrounding park and open space lands, the project will protect valuable historic ranch lands, watershed resources, biological diversity, and recreational trail connections for public enjoyment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Holly Van Houten
Executive Director

Cc: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

July 18, 2005

Douglas Bosco
Chair of the Board of Directors
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Therese Ambrosi Smith, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

cc: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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