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August 24, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bay Area Open Space Council Grant Request

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to ask for your support for the Bay Area Open Space Council grant proposal.

The Council fills a unique and valuable role in coordinating the work of over 55 public collaborative approach fulfills the mandate of the Bay Area Conservancy agencies and non-profit land conservation organizations in the region. This Program, to work in partnership with local agencies and organizations to achieve its park, habitat, recreational and agricultural protection goals.

The Council has had numerous accomplishments since it was established in 1990 but none have had as much impact as the development of the Bay Area Conservancy Program. Working through the Coastal Conservancy, the region has been able to generate over \$200 million in new funding for the Bay Area. The grant proposal before you will help develop a vision and open space plan for the region. This will serve as a valuable tool to the Conservancy and will help it determine how to best allocate limited funds to protect important lands in the nine-county Bay Area.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant.

Sincerely,

CAROLE MIGDEN

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August 25, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Ste 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bay Area Open Space Council Grant Request

Dear Chairman Bosco:

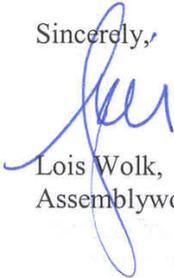
I am writing to ask for your support for the Bay Area Open Space Council grant proposal.

The Council fills a unique and valuable role in coordinating the work of over 55 public agencies and non-profit land conservation organizations in the region. This collaborative approach fulfills the mandate of the Bay Area Conservancy Program to work in partnership with local agencies and organizations to achieve its park, habitat, recreational and agricultural protection goals.

Developing the Bay Area Conservancy Program has been one of the Council's major accomplishments. The Council, working through the Coastal Conservancy, has generated over \$200 million in new funding for the Bay Area. The proposal before you focuses on developing a vision and plan for future open space protection in the Bay Area. This project will identify important conservation areas and will serve as an invaluable tool to the Conservancy, as it determines how to best allocate scarce funds among numerous projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,


Lois Wolk,
Assemblywoman, 8th District

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EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS DISTRICT



August 24, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bay Area Open Space Council Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the East Bay Regional Parks District, I would like to express our strong support for the Bay Area Open Space Council's grant proposal.

The primary focus of this grant proposal is to develop a vision and implementation plan for open space protection in the nine-county Bay Area. Our organization feels that this project is critical in helping the region develop strategic partnerships and secure the additional funding needed for open space protection in the Bay Area.

A hallmark of the Bay Area Program is the collaborative state and local partnerships. These partnerships have been possible in large part because of the research and information sharing provided by the Bay Area Open Space Council.

Your support of this grant proposal would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Pat O'Brien
General Manager

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MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

August 24, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Bay Area Open Space Council Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I'm writing to express the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's strong endorsement of the Bay Area Open Space Council's grant request.

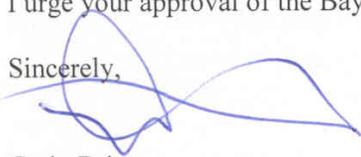
By working closely with the Council, the Coastal Conservancy has established the highly effective and well-respected Bay Area Conservancy Program. This program has become a model for how to implement state and local partnerships.

The grant proposal before you will help the Coastal Conservancy advance the Bay Area Conservancy Program to the next level of effectiveness. A major focus of this proposal is the development of a vision and implementation plan for open space protection in the nine-county Bay Area. The project is designed to also help the region address the challenges of operating and maintaining our parks and protected open space lands.

The grant proposal would also help fund a variety of sub-regional goal development and capacity-building projects. I have seen first hand the value of these projects and believe that this work has greatly strengthened relationships between the public, private and non-profit sectors and advanced land conservation in the Bay Area.

I urge your approval of the Bay Area Open Space Council grant proposal.

Sincerely,


Craig Britton
General Manager

cc: Bettina Ring, Executive Director

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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Re: Grant Proposal from the Bay Area Open Space Council

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express support for the Bay Area Open Space Council's grant proposal. The California State Parks Foundation has been working closely with the Bay Area Open Space Council to develop stronger partnerships between local park districts, land trusts and the California State Park units in the Bay Area.

Ongoing resource management is a major concern for State Parks. The Foundation recognizes that good stewardship requires a greater level of information sharing and coordination between the many agencies and organizations involved in open space protection. This grant will help the Council continue working with State Parks to protect park resources and improve resource stewardship. It will also help State Parks better integrate its work with those of local agencies and land trusts.

In addition, this grant will support the development of a vision and plan for open space protection in the Bay Area. The results of this research will greatly benefit State Parks and its partners as it develops priorities for future acquisitions and park improvements.

Thank you for considering the Council's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hill

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August 23, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Request for Support for the Grant Proposal from the Bay Area Open Space Council

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of The Trust for Public Land (TPL) I would like to express my support for the work of the Bay Area Open Space Council and the grant proposal which is before you.

As a national organization with substantial experience in complex real estate transactions, TPL is often asked to assist with negotiating major land acquisition projects. One of the biggest challenges is securing additional private and public dollars for land conservation. The primary focus of this grant proposal is to develop a vision and implementation plan for open space protection in the nine-county Bay Area. TPL believes this project is critical in helping the region develop strategic partnerships and to secure the additional funding needed for open space protection in the Bay Area.

TPL also has an active urban parks program designed to meet the park needs of underserved communities in the Bay Area. Because of this work, we are very interested in the Council's focus on values and the connection between land and people.

The Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Conservancy Program has accomplished a great deal since its inception in 1997. Many of these accomplishments have been due to the strong partnerships it has developed with the agencies and organizations which implement projects on the ground. These partnerships have greatly aided by the research and forum provided by the Bay Area Open Space Council.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Tim Wirth
Director, S.F. Bay Area Program

cc: Bettina Ring, Bay Area Open Space Council

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Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bay Area Open Space Council Grant Proposal

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of LandPaths, I would like to express our strong support for the Bay Area Open Space Council's request for grant funding.

As you are probably aware, the Council has taken the lead recently in pulling together a diverse coalition of land trusts and public agencies to develop a vision for open space protection in the Bay Area, in addition to providing essential training and relationship building opportunities for these groups. The Council's work can be measured not only in additional acres acquired, but in on-the-ground projects better-suited to connecting the Bay Area's population to *this place*.

Beyond this, the Council continues to fill a unique and valuable role in coordinating the work of over 55 public agencies and non-profit land conservation organizations in the region. This coordinated approach fulfills the mandate of the Bay Area Conservancy Program to work in partnership with local agencies and organizations in achieving its park, habitat, recreational and agricultural protection goals.

Like you, as someone who calls Sonoma County home, I have seen the collaborative fruitage from the strong partnership between the Bay Area Conservancy Program first hand. I urge you to approve the requested grant. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig Anderson", with a long, sweeping underline.

Craig Anderson
Executive Director

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John Muir*

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August 23, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bay Area Open Space Council Grant Proposal

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of Save Mount Diablo, I would like to express our support for the Bay Area Open Space Council's request for grant funding.

In our local area, the Council has helped organize and staff the Diablo Ridgeland Working Group. Through this working group, Save Mount Diablo and approximately two dozen other agencies and organizations have identified important resources values and areas in need of protection. The grant proposal before you focuses on developing a vision and plan for open space protection for the entire region. This project will help all of the land conservation organizations and public agencies in the nine-county Bay Area, take the steps necessary to protect important lands in their communities.

The Bay Area Open Space Council fills a unique and valuable role in coordinating the work of over 55 public agencies and non-profit land conservation organizations in the region. This collaborative approach fulfills the mandate of the Bay Area Conservancy Program to work in partnership with local agencies and organizations to achieve its park, habitat, recreational and agricultural protection goals.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of the requested grant.

Sincerely,

Ron Brown
Executive Director

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