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September 13, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Venice Canals Foundation is applying to the California Coastal Conservancy for a \$100,000 grant to complete the Venice Beach-Venice Canals Access Project. I would like to express my appreciation for the Conservancy's involvement with this project, and my hope that it will continue with the help of this additional funding.

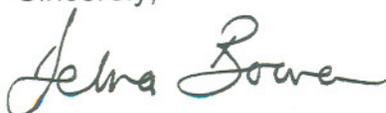
The beach-to-canal walkway will connect one of Southern California's most popular tourist destinations to the most historically significant feature of a community that is proud of its beginnings in 1905 as founder Abbot Kinney's "Venice of America." The Venice Canals Foundation has envisioned an inviting, landscaped walkway for pedestrians, the first of its kind to connect Venice Beach with its picturesque canals.

While the Venice Canals Foundation was formed in 2005, many of its founders have been involved in efforts to maintain and improve the Venice Canals for almost 30 years. Their tireless efforts to restore and maintain the nearly 100-year old Canals have helped to ensure that the historic area remains clean, beautiful and safe for residents and visitors. This beach-to-canal project is well-supported by local residents, and is a natural extension of the pride they feel in sharing their unique community with visitors from throughout the Los Angeles region and beyond.

One especially noteworthy feature of this proposal is that it creates new public open space by incorporating property owned by the City of Los Angeles that was previously slated for sale and development. Due to the efforts of the Foundation and community leaders, the new pedestrian pathway will flow through the center of this vacant lot. The Foundation will maintain all of the plants and trees that will be added there, to ensure that they continue to flourish, in keeping with the planners' original vision.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this worthy proposal.

Sincerely,



Debra Bowen
Senator, 28th District

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BILL ROSENDAHL

City of Los Angeles
Councilman, Eleventh District

September 13, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11TH Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

FAX NUMBER: 510-286-0470

REFERENCE: VENICE BEACH-VENICE CANALS ACCESS PROJECT

Dear California Coastal Commissioners & Staff:

Please let this letter serve to document my support the Venice Canals Foundation's application for funding from the California Coastal Conservancy. This project is in my district and will serve the public's benefit by providing a safe access to both the Historic Venice Canals and the famous Venice Beach.

Both are important resources of Los Angeles and are visited by millions of people per year round. Linking the two will provide the public an access to Coastal activities including beach recreation, human powered boating, bird watching, nature tours and other activities that lend to Venice's status as an internationally-renowned destination. The project will further the goals of the Venice Canals Foundation to protect, maintain and improve accesses to the historic Venice Canals for the general public and the Venice Community.

The city of Los Angeles has showed it's commitment to this effort by awarding the Venice Canal Foundation a Matching Grant of \$10,000.00, along with my own commitment to have the City of Los Angeles maintain the beach access path.

In the final analysis, this project calls for an environmentally-sound landscape design, using City approved trees and drought tolerant plants to beautify City owned property. When finished, the public will have a beautiful tree shaded path to be used by all.

It is with this image that I submit this letter of support.

Warm Regards,

BILL ROSENDAHL
Councilman, 11th District

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September 21, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Venice Beach-Venice Canals Access Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I fully support the Venice Canals Foundation's (VCF) application to secure a \$100,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy to create an access to connect the historic Venice Canals with Venice Beach. The VCF's proposed project will create a safe and beautiful pedestrian-friendly, tree-shaded pathway for the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods and general public.

The Venice Beach/Boardwalk is the sixth most mentioned Los Angeles destination and attraction according to a survey conducted by both the City of Los Angeles and Travel Industry Association of America. Over nine million people a year utilize Venice Beach and the Venice Boardwalk. In 1982, the Venice Canals were placed in the National Register of Historic Places as an early example of community and recreational planning in a coastal marshland area.

The Venice Beach-Venice Canals Access Project will allow the public to enjoy safe and easy access to the Venice Canals and the Beach. In addition, the project will protect and preserve these two important public coastal resources for future generations to access and enjoy.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

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ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Supervisor, Third District

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September 12, 2006

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RE: Venice Beach-Venice Canals Access Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

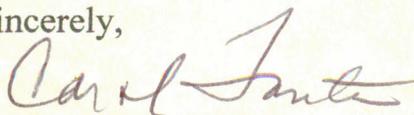
I enthusiastically support the Venice Canals Foundation's Access Project and ask that you endorse this important community project to create an access that will connect two popular tourist attractions – the Historic Venice Canals and Venice Beach.

The proposed landscaped, tree lined pathway using two City parcels will provide a safe, easy and attractive access, which will benefit the residents of Venice and visitors from around the world.

I urge your favorable consideration of the Foundation's request for a \$100,000 grant.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carol Tantau

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September 18, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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RE: Venice Beach-Venice Canals Access Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We enthusiastically support the Venice Canals Foundation's Access Project and ask that you endorse the community project.

As community leaders and business owners, we are aware of the importance of this project that will provide a safe, easy and attractive pathway connecting the historic Venice Canals and Venice beach. Venice is high on the "must see" list of thousands of visitors each year and this project will enhance their experience .

Once again, we urge you to support for this project.

Regards,

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