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October 18, 2006

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Grant Application - Pigeon Point Light Station Historic State Park Improvements

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing to express my most enthusiastic support for the California Department of Parks and Recreation's application for grant funding to be used for public access improvements at Pigeon Point Light Station Historic State Park.

The project includes the renovation of an existing parking lot and the construction of new public facilities, including a bathroom, blufftop paths, and landscaping at the entrance leading to the Light Station, one of San Mateo County's most scenic and popular coastal landmarks. The existing parking area at the Light Station is informal and limited and adversely impacts the aesthetics of the area. The proposed new parking lot would replace the existing parking area, located directly in front of the Light Station and an adjacent youth hostel complex, and would establish a gateway to the park. When completed, the parking lot would be more attractive and less obtrusive than the current haphazard parking arrangement and would significantly enhance the aesthetics of the approach to the lighthouse complex and the nearby blufftop and beach areas.

The DPR owns all of the blufftop and beach areas surrounding the lighthouse (as well as the lighthouse itself and the associated outbuildings and youth hostel) and would operate and maintain the proposed new public access facilities. These improvements would help to further establish the lighthouse as a hub for recreation in the region, and would provide access to the California Coastal Trail, which is designed to extend north and south from the lighthouse to nearby beaches at Bean Hollow, Gazos Creek and Año Nuevo state parks. Assisting DPR in the design and construction of public access improvements at Pigeon Point is recommended in the Coastal Conservancy's "Completing the California Coastal Trail" Report (January 2003).

Once again, I enthusiastically support the California Department of Parks and Recreation's application for grant funding to be used for public access improvements at Pigeon Point Light Station Historic State Park. Should you have further questions regarding the merit of this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Gene Mullin
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 19th District

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October 26, 2006

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing to voice my enthusiastic support for the public access improvements project at Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park.

This celebrated landmark, the oldest lighthouse on the West Coast and one of the tallest lighthouses in America, has been guiding our mariners to safety since 1872. With its 115-foot white masonry tower and commanding views of the sea, Pigeon Point Light Station is a rare coastal jewel that we should strive to preserve and protect.

The project being considered by the State Coastal Conservancy is a \$305,000 grant to the State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for the renovation of an existing parking lot and public access facilities, including a new bathroom, blufftop paths, and landscaping at the entrance leading to the Pigeon Point Light Station. The proposed new parking area would replace the limited and visually obtrusive parking currently located in front of the lighthouse and youth hostel complex, and would significantly enhance the aesthetics of and accessibility to the lighthouse, blufftop and beach areas. The parking and public facilities improvements will help to further establish the Pigeon Point Light Station as a hub for public recreation in the region, including facilitating access to the California Coastal Trail that is planned to extend from the lighthouse to nearby State Park beaches at Bean Hollow, Gazos Creek and Año Nuevo.



I respectfully urge the State Coastal Conservancy board to give this project every consideration, and move to support DPR's efforts to preserve this precious natural and recreational area.

Sincerely,



S. Joseph Simitian
Senator, Eleventh District

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Joe Muzzi
Muzzi Ranch, Inc.
P. O. Box 57
Pescadero, CA 94060

October 20, 2006

San Mateo County Planning Commission
County Center
Redwood City, CA 94062

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to offer my support for the State Department of Parks and Recreation proposal to renovate and improve the parking facilities located at the entrance to the Pigeon Point Lighthouse.

My family has leased the agricultural land directly across the street from Lighthouse and the proposed project for over 40 years. During this time we have never encountered any problems with our farming operations and the many people that park and visit the Lighthouse. Our typical crops require no more than five applications of chemicals each year and require no more than 100 feet of buffer for application. We contract with a farm chemical company that applies these chemicals during evening and early morning hours (10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.) when there is less of chance wind.

I do not see any problems from the proposed parking facilities and adjacent blufftop path as currently planned. The current parking lot has never been a problem to my farming operation and I believe this project will serve to improve the efficient use of this parking area. In addition, State Parks, San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Farm Bureau will be signing an MOU that will allow the parking area to be closed up to 15 times each year if I provide 24 hour notice to State Parks. State Parks will be responsible for closing and opening the parking area. I support these Conditions of the MOU.

Please call me at 650-619-0305 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Joe Muzzi



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To: Whom It May Concern:

From: Jeffrey Parry, General Manager

HI-Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel

210 Pigeon Point Road

Pescadero, CA 94060

Subject: Parking lot at Pigeon Point Light Station

Date: October 24, 2006

In the ten years I have worked at Hostelling International's Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel the existing entrance way has been undeveloped as a parking lot because it was just a rite of passage area and never planed to be a functioning parking lot. As the lighthouse became popular with the opening of the hostel in 1981, it needed a parking area for the 52 people who can spend the night in this low cost shared overnight accommodation. We now average 12,000 overnight guests per year. Usually people share a ride within their party, so an average of 35 cars can be inside a lot that is much smaller than that. Guests and the public frequently park along the coast side of the Pigeon Point Road when the entrance is full. With the opening of the State Historic Park in the late 90's we have seen up to 400 people per day visit the grounds. The need to have properly planned parking lot and street side parking is well overdue. I was happy to participate in the cooperative meetings between the California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the San Mateo County, and the Peninsula Open Space Trust who all have a vested interest in planning a parking lot. With minor differences in opinion, we all agreed that the need for professionally planned lot will benefit us all. This letter supports the proposed parking lot at Pigeon Point Light Station in Pescadero, CA.

Signed,

Jeffrey Daniel Parry

Jeffrey Daniel Parry

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The project entails a \$305,000 grant to the State Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") for the renovation of an existing parking lot and public access facilities including a new bathroom, bluff top path, and landscaping at the entrance leading to the Pigeon Point Historic Light Station State Park, San Mateo County's most scenic and popular coastal landmark. The existing informal parking area at the Light Station is limited and adversely impacts the aesthetics of the lighthouse area. The proposed new parking area would replace the existing parking currently located directly in front of the Light Station and youth hostel complex, and would establish a much-needed gateway to the park. When completed, the parking lot would be more attractive and less visually obtrusive than the current haphazard parking arrangement, and would significantly enhance the aesthetics of the approach to the lighthouse complex and to the nearby bluff top and beach areas.

Assisting DPR in the design and construction of public access improvements at Pigeon Point is recommended in the Coastal Conservancy's "Completing the California Coastal Trail" Report (January 2003). DPR owns all of the bluff top and beach areas surrounding the lighthouse (as well as the lighthouse itself and the associated outbuildings and youth hostel), and would operate and maintain the proposed new public access facilities. These improvements would help to further establish the lighthouse as a hub for public access and recreation in the region, including access to the California Coastal Trail that is planned to extend north and south from the lighthouse to nearby State Park beaches at Bean Hollow, Gazos Creek and Ano Nuevo State Parks.