

Exhibit 3: Letters of Support

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MARK LENO
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October 6, 2006

Board of Directors
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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Dear Members of the Board for the California Coastal Conservancy:

I write in support of Fort Mason Foundation's proposal to the California Coastal Conservancy request for \$25,000 in planning funds for *The Fort Mason History Project*. This project will develop interpretive displays about the human, maritime, and natural history of the urban waterfront site.

Fort Mason is a national model for successful military-base conversion. It provides space to 31 resident non-profit organizations, as well as over 15,000 short-term community programs each year. It receives over 1.6 million visitors annually. This urban waterfront facility is an integral part of the San Francisco Bay coastline.

I support *The Fort Mason History Projects* historical importance and commitment to educate the public. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (415) 557-3013.

Sincerely,



MARKLENO
Assemblyman, 13th District

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PARKS TRUST

October 31, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chair, Board of Directors
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to encourage your support for Fort Mason Foundation's proposal to the California Coastal Conservancy requesting \$25,000 in planning funds for The Fort Mason History Project. This exciting new project will enhance and increase tourism to Fort Mason (which currently receives 1.6 million visitors each year) by developing interpretive displays about the human, maritime, and natural history of the site.

Not only will this project honor the stories of the brave men and women who defended our country during World War II and the Korean Conflict, it will also serve as a powerful reminder of San Francisco's culturally diverse history. Stories to be relayed include those of the Ohlone, the Spanish, and the Mexicans. The project will also tell stories about California's early statehood, about the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, even about the grassroots organizers who transformed Fort Mason into a model of creative reuse and ensured that the last parcel of original Bay shoreline in San Francisco – visible from Fort Mason's Pier 2 – was saved for future generations.

Fort Mason, recognized as a national model for the successful military-base conversion, receives over 1.6 million visitors a year. It plays host to 31 resident non-profit organizations, as well as over 15,000 short-term community programs each year. As a heavily visited waterfront facility, it is an integral element of San Francisco's urban fabric and a unique and important feature along the San Francisco Bay coastline. For that reason, I lend my full support to this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Patricia Ivancich Dassios
San Francisco Parks Trust

Cc: Neal Fishman, Deputy, California Coastal Conservancy
Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, California Coastal Conservancy
Donna Graves, Project Leader, The Fort Mason History Project