

Exhibit 1: Letter of support

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July 2, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94512

RE: Conservancy Board Authorization of \$3 Million Bay Trail Block Grant

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to convey my strong support for Board authorization of a \$3 million Bay Trail block grant. As a long-time Bay Trail supporter and user, I appreciate the many benefits it offers to both recreational users and commuter cyclists within and beyond my district.

It is a pleasure to support this funding program because it:

- Enjoys strong tri-partisan (Democratic, Republican and Green) support in the State legislature;
- Brings local government to the table and encourages strong local public and private matching funds and in-kind contributions;
- Promotes cooperative partnerships among cities, counties, special districts, private companies, local community groups and the youth conservation corps;
- Has a demonstrated record of success in three previous Conservancy-Bay Trail funding cycles.

Personally, I eagerly await the day when I can ride by bicycle in a continuous loop around the San Pablo Bay, from the gorgeous Carquinez Strait in Contra Costa to Solano and Marin Counties, including the new pathway to be developed on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge and all the Bay Trail in between.

All around the San Francisco Bay, this funding will build new Bay Trail segments and close critical gaps, thereby providing longer continuous trail sections to be enjoyed by this generation and many to come. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Torlakson".

Tom Torlakson

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