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April 20, 2007

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

Dear Chairman Bosco:

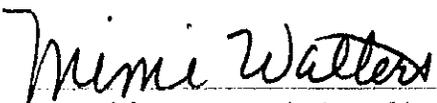
We, the undersigned members of the San Diego and Orange County legislative delegations, are writing you in support of the Ocean Institute's request for a grant of \$1.25 million toward the cost of building the Seaside Learning Center at Dana Point Harbor.

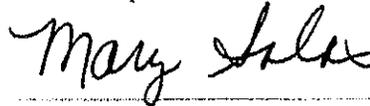
The new Seaside Learning Center will add oceanfront teaching space to the current Ocean Education Center facilities. This new learning center will provide the space and equipment to reach an additional 30,000 students each year. Specifically, the new Seaside Learning Center's programs will focus on ocean science, technology and maritime history.

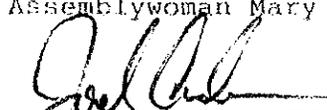
Students benefit tremendously from these hands-on learning opportunities that take them out of the classroom and let them touch, see, and do. These are the lessons that are remembered for a long time. This is especially important to students from low-income or inner-city schools who do not always have the opportunity to participate and the Seaside Learning Center will provide a place where low-cost education opportunities will be available to serve these students.

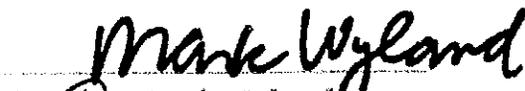
We also want to express our appreciation for your past support of the Ocean Institute's endeavors in past years, and for any future support of their efforts in coming years.

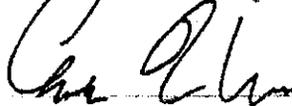
Sincerely,

  
Assemblywoman Mimi Walters

  
Assemblywoman Mary Salas

  
Assemblyman Joel Anderson

  
Senator Mark Wyland

  
Assemblyman Chuck DeVore

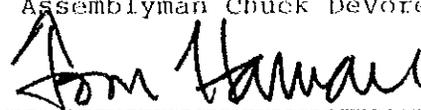
  
Senator Tom Harman

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Assemblyman Jim Silva



Assemblyman Michael Duvall



Assemblyman Van Tran



Senator Dick Ackerman

cc: Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, California Coastal Conservancy  
Dan Stetson, President / CEO, Ocean Institute  
Pete Conaty & Associates

**CITY OF DANA POINT**



**CITY COUNCIL**

April 2, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Diane L. Harkey**  
Mayor

**Lisa A. Bartlett**  
Mayor Pro Tem

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**Steven H. Weinberg**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

With this letter, I would like to convey my strongest possible endorsement of the request from the Ocean Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant to create a new Seaside Learning Center in Dana Point.

As a member of the City Council of Dana Point, I recognize the major role the Ocean Institute plays in educating K-12 students, families, and the general public from our community. The Ocean Institute uses the ocean to provide outstanding, standards-based science, history and literacy programs that inspire students to learn and to preserve and protect this most essential aquatic resource. The City of Dana Point has supported the Ocean Institute since its founding in 1977, donating \$678,266. We are extremely proud of what the Institute accomplishes for the good of the entire Orange County community.

This new learning center will provide programs that will bring 30,000 additional people annually to the coast and ocean. Specifically, the Seaside Learning Center will provide the equipment and space for expanded programming focused on ocean science, technology, and maritime history. Funding from the California Coastal Conservancy would also enable the Ocean Institute to offer free and low-cost educational opportunities to low-income, inner city, inland, and minority children not currently being served.

Please help the Ocean Institute build a new Seaside Learning Center that will help fulfill the mission of the Coastal Conservancy by attracting Californians to the coast and ocean.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane Harkey  
Mayor  
Dana Point

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May 10, 2007

Copy: Mr. Wayne Rayfield

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to convey my endorsement of the request from the Ocean Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant to create a new Seaside Learning Center at its facility in Dana Point.

As Mayor of the City of Santa Ana, I recognize the major role the Ocean Institute plays in educating our city's K-12 students every year. Using the excitement of the ocean, the Institute provides outstanding, standards-based science, history and literacy programs that inspire students to learn and preserve our essential aquatic resources. Over 3,600 students from Santa Ana travel to the Ocean Institute every year. For many it is their first exposure to the ocean and beaches. Most of these students are from underserved families and are able to participate in Institute programs only because of contributions from generous donors.

The Seaside Learning Center will provide programs that will bring 30,000 additional people annually to the coast and ocean. Specifically, this new learning center will provide the equipment and space for expanded programming focused on ocean science, technology, and maritime history. Funding from the California Coastal Conservancy would also enable the Ocean Institute to expand these unique and valuable opportunities to additional children from low-income communities.

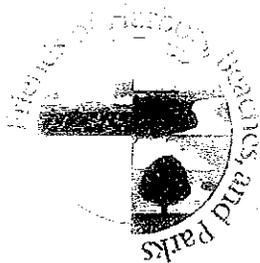
I hope you will seriously consider the Ocean Institute application. I am confident that the a new Seaside Learning Center will help fulfill the mission of the Coastal Conservancy by attracting Californians to the coast and ocean while helping to educate them about our State's precious coastal resources.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miguel A. Pulido  
Mayor

*Sent to  
Conservancy  
on  
Aug. 1*



July 25, 2007

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1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

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Dear Mr. Bosco and members of the Conservancy Board::

With this letter, I would like to convey my strongest endorsement of the request from the Ocean Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant to create a new Seaside Learning Center in Dana Point.

**Supporting Organizations**

Amigos de Bolsa Chica  
Audubon, Sea & Sage Chapter.  
Caspers Wilderness Park Volunteers  
Earth Resource Foundation  
Equestrian Coalition of O.C.  
Environmental Nature Center  
Great Park Environmental Coalition  
Huntington Beach Wetlands  
Conservancy & Wildlife Care Center  
Laguna Canyon Conservancy  
Laguna Canyon Foundation  
Laguna Greenbelt, Inc.  
The Newport Conservancy  
Sierra Club, Orange County  
Surfrider Foundation, Newport  
Beach Chapter  
Stop Polluting Our Newport  
Upper Newport Bay Naturalists  
& Friends  
St. Mark Presbyterian Church  
Ecophillians

As the President of Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks in Orange County, I recognize the major role the Ocean Institute plays in educating thousands of K-12 students throughout the county. This new learning center will provide programs that will bring 30,000 additional people annually to the coast and ocean. Specifically, the Seaside Learning Center will provide the equipment and space for expanded programming focused on ocean science, technology, and maritime history. Funding from the California Coastal Conservancy would also enable the Ocean Institute to offer free and low-cost educational opportunities to low-income, inner city, inland, and minority children not currently being served.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean H. Watt  
President, FHBP

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August 16, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

With this letter, I would like to convey my strongest endorsement for the request from the Ocean Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant to create a new Seaside Learning Center in Dana Point.

As Director of the Urban Water Research Center at the University of California Irvine, I recognize the major role the Ocean Institute plays in educating thousands of K-12 students throughout this county. By cleverly using the ocean, the Institute provides outstanding, standards-based science, history and literacy programs that inspire students to learn and to want to preserve and protect our essential aquatic resource. I am extremely proud of what the Institute accomplishes for the good of the state of California.

I also look to the Ocean Institute for collaborations and we have teamed with them on a number of proposals in water related projects. For example, by teaming we bring our academic strengths and the Institute brings its "outreach" strength. We are presently working on several additional educational opportunities that will utilize the new facilities.

The Institute is also involved with UCI and the Urban Water Research Center in hosting the 2008 International Water Summit. At UCI we are expecting 500 – 750 people from all over the world to attend this first ever – UNESCO sponsored international program. Simultaneously, the Ocean Institute through its Watershed Program, will be hosting 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Canada, Mexico and the US to hold its' own 2008 Summit. These students will participate in the opening ceremonies and also interact with the delegates from all over the world.

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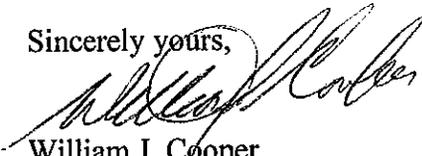
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I believe that your assistance to the Ocean Institute in building a new Seaside Learning Center will help fulfill the mission of the Coastal Conservancy by attracting Californians to the coast and ocean. This will also provide an opportunity for people from outside California to see a world class facility, and it will be a model for others to emulate, nationally and worldwide!

If there is anything or anyway in which I can further assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me, 949-824-5620 or [wcooper@uci.edu](mailto:wcooper@uci.edu).

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Cooper  
Professor and Director  
Urban Water Research Center



## Concordia Elementary School

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August 17, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

With this letter, I would like to convey my strongest endorsement of the request from the Ocean Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant to create a new Seaside Learning Center in Dana Point.

As Principal at Concordia Elementary School in San Clemente, California, I recognize the major role the Ocean Institute plays in educating thousands of K-12 students throughout this county. By cleverly using the ocean, the Institute provides outstanding, standards-based science, history and literacy programs that inspire students to learn and to want to preserve and protect our essential aquatic resource. I have brought classes to the Ocean Institute since 1983, and I am extremely proud of what the Institute accomplishes for the good of the entire state of California.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Gerhard".

Dave Gerhard  
Principal



August 16, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

With this letter, I would like to express my strongest endorsement of the request from the Ocean Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant to create a new Seaside Learning Center in Dana Point.

As former CEO for a major clothing manufacturer, and avid supporter of the ocean environment, I recognize the major role the Ocean Institute plays in educating thousands of K-12 students throughout the county each year.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Warner'.

John Warner  
O'Neill Clothing/Lost Clothing



## *R.H. Dana Elementary School*

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August 16, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

With this letter, I would like to articulate my strongest endorsement of the request from the Ocean Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant to create a new Seaside Learning Center in Dana Point.

As Principal of R. H. Dana Elementary School, located in Orange County, I recognize the major role the Ocean Institute plays in educating thousands of K-12 students throughout the county.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Weber  
Principal



CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

ROBERTA LESSOR  
DEAN, WILKINSON COLLEGE OF  
LETTERS AND SCIENCES

August 22, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco  
Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I'm writing today to convey my strongest endorsement of the request from the Ocean Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant to create a new Seaside Learning Center in Dana Point.

Wilkinson College of Letters and Sciences at Chapman University has partnered with the Ocean Institute in a shared effort to educate children about beach pollution. Researchers from our Chemistry Department are currently working with the Ocean Institute on using environmental research water quality projects as a science education and recruitment tool for low-income minority students in our in-land community, which impacts the watershed and coastal waters. We are also exploring developing a "Communicating Science to the Public," course for undergraduate students which focuses on ethics, and internships in science education for our students at the proposed learning center.

By cleverly using the ocean, the Institute provides outstanding, standards-based science, history and literacy programs that inspire K-12 students to preserve and protect our essential aquatic resource. I am extremely proud of what the Institute accomplishes for the good of our local coastline as well as the entire state of California.

This new learning center will provide programs that will educate 30,000 additional people annually about the coast and ocean. Specifically, the Seaside Learning Center will provide the equipment and space for expanded programming focused on ocean science, technology, and maritime history. Funding from the California Coastal Conservancy would also enable the Ocean Institute to offer free

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and low-cost educational opportunities to low-income, inner city, inland, and minority children not currently being served.

I urge you to do whatever you can to help the Ocean Institute build a new Seaside Learning Center. The center will advance the mission of the Coastal Conservancy and be of great benefit to our coastal communities for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Roberta Lessor, PhD  
Dean

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