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March 28, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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RE: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's proposal for a Coastal Conservancy grant to protect Mindego Hill, an important and signature landscape in the mid-peninsula region of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mindego Hill, located in my state Senate district, is a critical link in the San Francisco Bay Area's regional greenbelt. At 1,047 acres, Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and provides a number of elements that are vital to the health of the region's natural environment: diverse wildlife habitat, a critical link in the area's wildlife corridors, broad recreation potential and extraordinary scenic beauty.

Standing at 2,143 feet, its landmark summit presents itself as a visible and desirable destination from nearby open space preserves and parks such as Portola Redwoods State Park and Sam McDonald County Park, offering visitors

a unique experience of the Bay Area's rural heritage. Positioned in the midst of one of the largest networks of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Mindego Hill looks out to a pristine coastline and to the deep forests that define the San Mateo County Coast. Perhaps most importantly, however, Mindego Hill is part of the region's system of watersheds and is essential in maintaining local water quality.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection and will support the acquisition of the property, allowing the District to integrate Mindego Hill with the larger area of connected open space and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the San Mateo County Coast.

I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the District in preserving this vital landscape, one that will have tremendous effect on the future of open space for the mid-peninsula region and the future of our local natural resources.

Sincerely,



S. Joseph Simitian
State Senator, Eleventh District

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cc: Janet Diehl, California Coastal Conservancy

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

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IRA RUSKIN
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT

March 18, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's proposal for a Coastal Conservancy grant to protect Mindego Hill, an important and signature landscape in the midpeninsula region of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mindego Hill is not just a gem that is increasingly rare throughout the Bay Area, and on the San Francisco Peninsula in particular, but it's also a critical link in the regional greenbelt. At 1,047 acres, Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and provides a number of elements that are vital to the health of the regional natural environment: diverse wildlife habitat, a critical link in the area's wildlife corridors, broad recreation potential and extraordinary scenic beauty. Standing at 2,143 feet, its landmark summit presents itself as a visible and desirable destination from nearby open space preserves and parks such as Portola Redwoods State Park and Sam McDonald County Park, offering visitors a unique experience of the Bay Area's rural heritage. Perhaps most importantly, however, Mindego Hill is part of the region's system of watersheds and essential in maintaining local water quality.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection by supporting the acquisition of the property, allowing the District to integrate Mindego Hill with the larger area of connected open space, and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the San Mateo County Coast.

Positioned in the midst of one of the largest networks of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Mindego Hill looks out to a pristine coastline and to the deep forests that define the San Mateo County Coast. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the District in preserving this vital landscape, one that will have tremendous effect on the future of open space for the midpeninsula region and the future of our local natural resources.

Sincerely,



IRA RUSKIN
Assemblymember, 21st District

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March 19, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to you in support of the proposal submitted by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) for a Coastal Conservancy grant to protect Mindego Hill, an important site in the Midpeninsula region of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mindego Hill is a superior natural site on the San Francisco Peninsula and a critical link in the regional greenbelt. At 1,047 acres, Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and would greatly enhance the health of the region's environment, protect available habitat for diverse wildlife and provide a seamless link in the area's wildlife corridors. The site will also offer broad recreational potential and extraordinary scenic beauty for future visitors.

At an elevation of 2,143 feet, it is a highly visible landmark summit and is a desirable destination from nearby open space preserves and parks such as Portola Redwoods State Park and Sam McDonald County Park.

In addition, Mindego Hill is part of the region's system of watersheds and essential in maintaining local water quality, an issue of increasing significance particularly on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection by supporting the acquisition of the property and allowing the District to integrate Mindego Hill into the larger area of connected open space and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the San Mateo County Coast.

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Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

Located within one of the largest networks of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Mindero Hill looks out to a pristine coastline and to the deep forests that define the San Mateo County Coast. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the MROSD in preserving this vital resource as both a natural asset of its own and as part of providing additional protection and enhancement to existing assets.

I enthusiastically support the proposal submitted by the MROSD and I hope that the Coastal Conservancy will support the proposal as well. If I can be of any additional assistance please contact David Burruto in my San Mateo district office at 650-340-8840.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leland Y. Yee', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

LELAND Y. YEE, Ph.D.

Senator

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CC: Kristopher Tjernell

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April 4, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing you to voice my support for the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District's grant proposal to protect Mindego Hill, a beautiful open space area in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Positioned in the midst of one of the largest networks of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Mindego Hill looks out on the pristine coastline and the deep forests that define the San Mateo County Coast. Mindego Hill is a critical link in the area's wildlife corridors, home to numerous rare and endangered species. With its extraordinary scenic beauty, Mindego Hills has broad recreation potential. Standing at 2,143 feet, Mindego Hills' summit presents itself as a visible landmark and a desirable destination that would offer visitors a unique experience of the Bay Area's rural heritage. In addition, due to the state's desperate need for fresh water, Mindego Hill's system of watersheds is essential in maintaining local water supplies.

Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and provides a number of key services vital to the health of the regional environment. I understand that funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection and therefore I support the acquisition of this property, which will allow the District to integrate Mindego Hill with a larger area of connected open space, regional trails and the San Mateo County Coast. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the District in preserving this vital landscape, one that will have tremendous effect on the future of open space for the mid-peninsula region and the future of our local natural resources.

Sincerely,

Gene Mullin
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 19th Assembly District

CC: Will Clark, Peninsula Open Space Trust

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RICHARD GORDON

Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo

March 10, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's proposal for a Coastal Conservancy grant to protect Mindego Hill, an important and signature landscape in an unincorporated part of my supervisorial district, in the midpeninsula region of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mindego Hill is not just a gem that is increasingly rare throughout the Bay Area, and on the San Francisco Peninsula in particular, but it's also a critical link in the regional greenbelt. At 1,047 acres, Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and provides a number of elements that are vital to the health of the regional natural environment: diverse wildlife habitat, a critical link in the area's wildlife corridors, broad recreation potential and extraordinary scenic beauty. Standing at 2,143 feet, its landmark summit presents itself as a visible and desirable destination from nearby open space preserves and parks such as Portola Redwoods State Park and Sam McDonald County Park, offering visitors a unique experience of the Bay Area's rural heritage. Perhaps most importantly, however, Mindego Hill is part of the region's system of watersheds and essential in maintaining local water quality.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection by supporting the acquisition of the property, allowing the District to integrate Mindego Hill with the larger area of connected open space, and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the San Mateo County Coast.

Positioned in the midst of one of the largest networks of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Mindego Hill looks out to a pristine coastline and to the deep forests that define the San Mateo County Coast. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the District in preserving this vital landscape, one that will have tremendous effect on the future of open space for the midpeninsula region and the future of our local natural resources.

Sincerely,



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March 12, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Department of Parks, I am writing to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's proposal for a Coastal Conservancy grant to protect Mindego Hill, an important and signature landscape in the midpeninsula region of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mindego Hill is not just a gem that is increasingly rare throughout the Bay Area and on the San Francisco Peninsula in particular, but it's also a critical link in the regional greenbelt. At 1,047 acres, Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and provides a number of elements that are vital to the health of the regional natural environment: diverse wildlife habitat, a critical link in the area's wildlife corridors, broad recreation potential and extraordinary scenic beauty. Standing at 2,143 feet, its landmark summit presents itself as a visible and desirable destination from nearby open space preserves and parks such as Portola Redwoods State Park and Sam McDonald County Park, offering visitors a unique experience of the Bay Area's rural heritage. Perhaps most importantly however, Mindego Hill is part of the region's system of watersheds and essential in maintaining local water quality.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection and will support the acquisition of the property, allowing the District to integrate Mindego Hill with the larger area of connected open space and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the San Mateo County Coast.

Positioned in the midst of one of the largest networks of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Mindego Hill looks out to a pristine coastline and to the deep forests that define the San Mateo County Coast. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the District in preserving this vital landscape, one that will have tremendous effect on the future of open space for the midpeninsula region and the future of our local natural resources.

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OAKLAND, CALIF.


David G. Holland
Director

cc: Janet Diehl, California Coastal Conservancy



March 10, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Bay Area Open Space Council, I am writing to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's proposal for a Coastal Conservancy grant to protect Mindego Hill, an important and signature landscape in the midpeninsula region of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mindego Hill is not just a gem that is increasingly rare throughout the Bay Area, and on the San Francisco Peninsula in particular, but it's also a critical link in the regional greenbelt. At 1,047 acres, Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and provides a number of elements that are vital to the health of the regional natural environment: diverse wildlife habitat, a critical link in the area's wildlife corridors, broad recreation potential and extraordinary scenic beauty. Standing at 2,143 feet, its landmark summit presents itself as a visible and desirable destination from nearby open space preserves and parks such as Portola Redwoods State Park and Sam McDonald County Park, offering visitors a unique experience of the Bay Area's rural heritage. Even more importantly, Mindego Hill is part of the region's system of watersheds and essential in maintaining local water quality.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy will provide permanent protection by supporting the acquisition and will allow the District to integrate Mindego Hill with the larger area of connected open space and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the San Mateo County Coast.

Positioned in the midst of one of the largest networks of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Mindego Hill looks out to a pristine coastline and to the deep forests that define the San Mateo County Coast. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the District in preserving this vital landscape, one that will have tremendous impact on the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bettina K. Ring". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Executive Director
Bay Area Open Space Council

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Bettina Ring, Executive Director

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March 6, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of Greenbelt Alliance, I am writing to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's proposal for a Coastal Conservancy grant to protect Mindego Hill, an important and signature landscape in the midpeninsula region of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mindego Hill is not just a gem that is increasingly rare throughout the Bay Area, and on the San Francisco Peninsula in particular, but it's also a critical link in the regional greenbelt. At 1,047 acres, Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and provides a number of elements that are vital to the health of the regional natural environment: diverse wildlife habitat, a critical link in the area's wildlife corridors, broad recreation potential and extraordinary scenic beauty. Standing at 2,143 feet, its landmark summit presents itself as a visible and desirable destination from nearby open space preserves and parks such as Portola Redwoods State Park and Sam McDonald County Park, offering visitors a unique experience of the Bay Area's rural heritage. Perhaps most importantly, however, Mindego Hill is part of the region's system of watersheds and essential in maintaining local water quality.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection by supporting the acquisition of the property, allowing the District to integrate Mindego Hill with the larger area of connected open space, and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the San Mateo County Coast.

Positioned in the midst of one of the largest networks of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Mindego Hill looks out to a pristine coastline and to the deep forests that define the San Mateo County Coast. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the District in preserving this vital landscape, one that will have tremendous effect on the future of open space for the midpeninsula region and the future of our local natural resources.

Sincerely,



Mike Howe
Interim Executive Director

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March 6, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County - Support

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of Committee for Green Foothills, I am writing to enthusiastically support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's proposal for a Coastal Conservancy grant to protect Mindego Hill, a prominent landscape feature in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mindego Hill is not just a gem that is increasingly rare throughout the Bay Area, and on the San Francisco Peninsula in particular, but it's also a critical link in the regional greenbelt. At 1,047 acres, Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and provides a number of elements that are vital to the health of the regional natural environment: diverse wildlife habitat, a critical link in the area's wildlife corridors, broad recreation potential and extraordinary scenic beauty. Standing at 2,143 feet, its landmark summit presents itself as a visible and desirable destination from nearby open space preserves and parks such as Portola Redwoods State Park and Sam McDonald County Park, offering visitors a unique experience of the Bay Area's rural heritage. Perhaps most importantly, however, Mindego Hill comprises an essential part of the coastside's system of watersheds. Protection of this land is essential to maintaining water quality and fisheries habitat.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection by supporting the acquisition of the property, allowing the District to integrate Mindego Hill with the larger area of connected open space and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Positioned in the midst of one of the largest networks of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula, Mindego Hill looks out over the spectacular rolling hillsides and deep forests that define the San Mateo County coastside.

I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the District in preserving this vital landscape, one that will have tremendous effect on the future of open space for the midpeninsula region and the future of our local natural resources.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate



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March 12, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
 Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Mindego Hill Property, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), I am writing to support the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's proposal for a Coastal Conservancy grant to protect Mindego Hill, a signature landscape in the midpeninsula region of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mindego Hill is not just a gem that is increasingly rare throughout the Bay Area, and on the San Francisco Peninsula in particular, but it's also a critical link in the regional greenbelt. At 1,047 acres, Mindego Hill is a natural extension of the District's Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and provides a number of elements that are vital to the health of the regional natural environment: diverse wildlife habitat, a critical link in the area's wildlife corridors, broad recreation potential and extraordinary scenic beauty. Standing at 2,143 feet, its landmark summit presents itself as a visible and desirable destination from nearby open space preserves, offering visitors a unique experience of the Bay Area's rural heritage.

Funding from the Coastal Conservancy is necessary to provide permanent protection and will support the acquisition of the property, allowing the District to integrate Mindego Hill with the larger area of connected open space, and regional trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the San Mateo County Coast.

Mindego Hill has been a POST priority for nearly 27 years, and only now, through a close partnership between POST and the District, is this spectacular property coming to permanent protection. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the District in preserving this vital landscape, one that will have tremendous effect on the future of open space and the natural resources of the midpeninsula region.

Sincerely,


 Audrey C. Rust

cc: Janet Diehl, California Coastal Conservancy