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February 4, 2008

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

RE: Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express the strongest possible support for the grant application submitted to the California State Coastal Conservancy by the Redwood Shores Community Library for an Interpretive Center at the Library site.

The Interpretive Center proposed by the Library will provide people living and working on the San Francisco Peninsula with a unique educational and recreational opportunity. By partnering a new state-of-the-art full-service library with a San Francisco Bay-focused Interpretive Center, the Redwood Shores Community Library will be able to create a dynamic, hands-on learning experience for people of all ages.

The Interpretive Center's interactive exhibits and colorful graphic signage will encourage people to learn more by participating in field trips and classes as well as seeking additional information from Library resource materials. Programs that will be offered by the Library and local environmental education organizations partnered with the Library will help bring the natural environment alive.

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

The Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center will provide a tremendous community service for people today and a legacy for future residents. It will also stand as a unique model for cooperation between two traditionally separate types of educational facilities. I enthusiastically encourage full funding of this grant application.

Sincerely,

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S. Joseph Simitian  
State Senator, Eleventh District

cc: Michelle Jespersen, Project Manager

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March 5, 2008

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

**RE: Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Redwood City's application to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant award for the Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center.

This 540 square foot Center, located at the Redwood Shores Community Library, will offer residents and visitors an enriching educational and recreational opportunity. By incorporating multi-generational learning, activities and interactive exhibits highlighting *Life in the Mud, Life in the Air and Life in the Water*, the Interpretive Center will be a unique facility, able to offer field trips and classes, in addition to the library's collection of books, magazines and other media.

Each visit to the Library will provide new excitement, and new opportunities to learn.

The Redwood Shores Community Library's Interpretive Center will be a valuable asset to the region, and I encourage your full consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,

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IRA RUSKIN  
Assemblymember, 21<sup>st</sup> District

CC: Michelle Jespersion, Project Manager

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support



March 28, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to encourage the California Coastal Conservancy's financial support of the Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center.

Since, 1970, the Marine Science Institute, a nonprofit organization has offered hands-on science and environmental education programs to students of all ages throughout the Bay Area and Northern California. From our location near Bair Island, we have introduced tens of thousands of students to Discovery Voyage programs aboard our ship, the *R/V Robert G. Brownlee* and many more thousands through our land-based Shoreside, Inland Voyage, and Tidepool programs delivered on Redwood Creek and in classrooms and community centers around the Bay Area.

We are very excited about our new partnership with the Redwood City Library to bring programs to the Redwood Shores Community Library visitors on Belmont Slough. The educational opportunities will be endless through the pairing of marine science programs and the Library's books, magazines and computer resources.

By bringing our programs to the Library, we'll open Library visitor's eyes and ears to the many living natural resources of the waters of the San Francisco Bay. The Interpretive Center will bring science education on the San Francisco Peninsula to higher level for people of all ages.

Thank you for your consideration of support of this important project.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Redwood City Library Foundation, I am pleased to write in support of the Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center. The Interpretive Center will be the "hub" of the Library, a centrally located feature of the Library's marketplace lobby.

The Redwood City Library Foundation has raised over \$800,000 for the Redwood Shores Community Library's Opening Day Collection. The Foundation is also working in conjunction with the Library to underwrite the Interpretive Center. We look forward to an Opening Day Event in Fall 2008.

Programs related to the Interpretive Center will be developed by Library staff using books and media from the Library collections. Community organizations will also deliver programs using the Interpretive Center exhibits, Library collections and the adjacent Belmont Slough as a natural laboratory.

A \$150,000 grant from the Coastal Conservancy would underwrite a significant portion of the Interpretive Center and will greatly help leverage support from regional and local foundations, corporations, and individuals.

I hope that the Coastal Conservancy will join us in support of this very exciting community project. If you have questions about the Interpretive Center, please contact Jacky Averill, Children's Library at (650) 780-7016.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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Co-President



# SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

March 18, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Board of Directors of the Sequoia Audubon Society strongly supports the Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center project.

The Interpretive Center will be located on Belmont Slough near the San Francisco Bay, an important natural setting which attracts and supports many common and rare, local and migratory birds for essential feeding and roosting activities.

When open, the Interpretive Center will help support the mission of the Sequoia Audubon Society, which is to participate actively in environmental education and conservation, and in the restoration, preservation, and protection, and enjoyment of our native natural resources with emphasis on birds and their habitats.

Sequoia Audubon Society has already been heavily involved with the design of the Interpretive Center. Our volunteers have worked with Library staff to select the appropriate species of local birds to be incorporated into the many exciting interactive exhibits and displays. Additional volunteers are now assisting with the selection of the bird photographs from a community Photo Contest for inclusion in the Interpretive Center.

The Interpretive Center will be an enjoyable place where people can discover birds in their local habitats on the bay on Audubon Society-lead bird walks, listen to presentations about natural habitats, and of course, check out library materials to get an even deeper understanding. We look forward to being involved with Library programs for years to come.

We encourage your full support of the Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center project.

Sincerely,

  
Carol Masterson, President  
Sequoia Audubon Society

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