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November 19, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairperson
San Francisco Bay Program
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Tri-Valley Conservancy has submitted a grant application to the California State Coastal Conservancy for \$600,000 in support of the acquisition of the Bobba Property, which would protect the scenic and open space values and preserve the agricultural uses of the property.

Also, the purchase of this property would provide a public access trail across the property, that would eventually link Del Valle State Park, located southeast of the Bobba Property, to Sycamore Gove Regional Park (Sycamore Grove), immediately to the west of the Bobba Property.

The Bobba Property is located within the South Livermore Valley Area in eastern Alameda County, just outside the City of Livermore. The property is L-shaped and sits between the Del Valle State Park, a state park unit operated by the EBRPD and Sycamore Grove, a regional park owned and operated by the LARPD. The property would eventually be transferred to either LARPD as an extension of the Sycamore Grove Park or to EBRPD.

The ultimate vision for public access within the region is the establishment of a trail that would go from the Ohlone Wilderness trail to EBRPD's Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in South Pleasanton, and connect up to the Bay Ridge Trail.

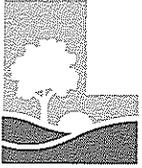
I hope that you will choose to award this grant to the California State Coastal Conservancy for the purchase of this property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy S. Houston".

Guy S. Houston
Assemblyman, 15th District

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November 20, 2008

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Tri-Valley Conservancy's efforts to obtain a grant to purchase the Bobba Property, which is adjacent to Sycamore Grove Park in south Livermore. The acquisition of the Bobba Property has long been the desire of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District for the purposes of completing a missing link in the regional trail connecting EBRPD's Shadow Cliffs Regional Park with Lake Del Valle through LARPD's Sycamore Grove Park. This acquisition would be a very strong statement in the preservation of open space and, by completing the regional trail connections, the public will have access to our beautiful south Livermore area and the whole region. The Board of Directors of LARPD has long stated its desire to make this trail connection and plans to pass a resolution of support at its December 10, 2008 meeting in enthusiastic support of this application. Thank you so much for your efforts in this endeavor, and we urge the California Coastal Conservancy to help fund this critically important acquisition.

Sincerely,

Tim Barry 

Tim Barry
General Manager

TB/s



November 21, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairperson
San Francisco Bay Program
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Livermore to support the Tri-Valley Conservancy's application for a grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy for the purchase of the Bobba property.

The acquisition of this important property by the Tri-Valley Conservancy would provide a valuable public trail connector that would link Del Valle State Park with Sycamore Grove Regional Park and ultimately connect the Bay Ridge Trail with the East Bay Regional Park District's Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area. The acquisition of this property would also help to protect a critical point of connection between Sycamore Grove Park and Del Valle State Park from unwanted development, while preserving the scenic and open space values and agricultural use of the property.

The preservation of agricultural and open space land in the South Livermore Valley area and the provision of trail connections between important local and regional recreational amenities is a goal that is strongly supported by the City of Livermore and is consistent with the policies established by Livermore's South Livermore Valley Specific Plan and General Plan.

The City of Livermore has long supported the valuable work of the Tri-Valley Conservancy in protecting crucial agricultural and open space lands and trail connections and we urge you to favorably consider their grant request to help preserve the Bobba property and the important regional trail connectivity it provides.

Sincerely,

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Marc Roberts
Community Development Director

November 20, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Letter of Support –Acquisition of Bobba Property by the Tri-Valley Conservancy

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The East Bay Regional Park District enthusiastically supports the Tri-Valley Conservancy in their application for California Coastal Conservancy for funds to acquire the Bobba property located near Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore.

The District supports the Tri-Valley Conservancy’s mission to permanently protect fertile soils, rangelands, open space and biological resources in the Tri-Valley. This project offers the opportunity to preserve open space and provide a trail connection between the District’s Camp Arroyo Environmental Youth Camp and Sycamore Grove Park operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPd). As part of the Del Valle to Shadow Cliffs Regional Trail, the District has wanted a trail along the Arroyo Del Valle for years. This project would connect Lake Del Valle and Camp Arroyo to the LARPd’s Sycamore Grove Park and ultimately to Shadow Cliffs Regional Park and the entire Tri-Valley. LARPd further supports the project because it abuts Sycamore Grove Park.

We support this grant application and urge the California Coastal Conservancy to help fund the acquisition of the Bobba property.

Sincerely,



Pat O'Brien
General Manager

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November 24, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
San Francisco Bay Program
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

The Tri-Valley Conservancy has applied to the Coastal Conservancy for \$600,000 to fund acquisition of the Bobba property in the South Livermore Valley Area. The Bobba property shares boundaries with lands owned and managed by the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD). Following acquisition, the property would eventually be transferred to either EBRPD or LARPD, to be managed as public park.

Acquisition of this property would support the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's goal of establishing recreational trails that connect communities to parks and open spaces around the region. New trail across this property would connect to the existing Ohlone Wilderness Trail and thereby help link Livermore and Pleasanton communities to the Bay Area Ridge Trail at Mission Peak Regional Park. The new trail could also eventually connect to the existing 40-mile long Iron Horse Trail, establishing a link to communities and parks as far north as Martinez.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council urges your approval of the Tri-Valley Conservancy's grant request for funding to acquire the Bobba property.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Janet McBride
Executive Director, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

cc: Sharon Burnham
Executive Director, Tri-Valley Conservancy