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September 15, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair  
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Dear Chair Bosco:

I strongly support the City of Fort Bragg's application for the Noyo Center for Science and Education. The Noyo Center will be a valuable marine research laboratory on an international scale for scientists who study a variety of critically important issues including: climate change, fisheries monitoring and ocean productivity. Also, it will be a tremendous asset by providing educational exhibits about a variety of environmental topics to the local community and to the millions of tourists who visit the North Coast.

The City of Fort Bragg continually demonstrates that it is a proactive leader in helping the local economy transition from logging and fishing to tourism and education as the key industries. Through the development of the Noyo Center, Fort Bragg will set a standard for green development which is one of my priorities. It will also encourage redevelopment of Fort Bragg's scenic waterfront.

I support this request without reservation and trust that you will give it every consideration. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of public access and coastal conservation in California.

Sincerely,

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MIKE THOMPSON  
Member of Congress

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WESLEY CHESBRO  
Assemblyman, 1<sup>st</sup> District



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SSU has a strong interest in working with the City to develop processes for operating and maintaining the Center in accordance with university policies and procedures. The mission of SSU is to provide undergraduate and graduate education to California residents. We also seek to be a community resource and to foster regional, social, cultural and economic development. In particular, we have made recent commitments to enhancing learning on sustainability issues, including our recent strategic plan establishing sustainability as a key element of Sonoma State University's identity, training programs in sustainability planning, centers of sustainability education (e.g., Hutchins Institute's Action for a Viable Future, and the Center for Sustainable Communities), and the environmental learning laboratories of our Field Stations and Nature Preserves.

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Saeid Rahimi  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

KENDALL SMITH  
Supervisor  
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Sincerely,

  
Kendall Smith, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors



COLLEGE  
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Dean, Mendocino Coast

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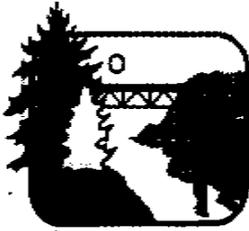
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September 20, 2010

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**NOYO RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**

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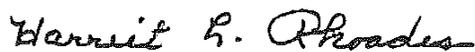
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Noyo River Indian Community

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West Company sees this project as an anchor to microenterprise development for our area. Facilities like this offer many opportunities for our clients to create higher incomes.

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Sincerely,  
  
Pamela Patterson, CEO



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George Reinhardt

Associate, Noyo Headlands Unified Design Group



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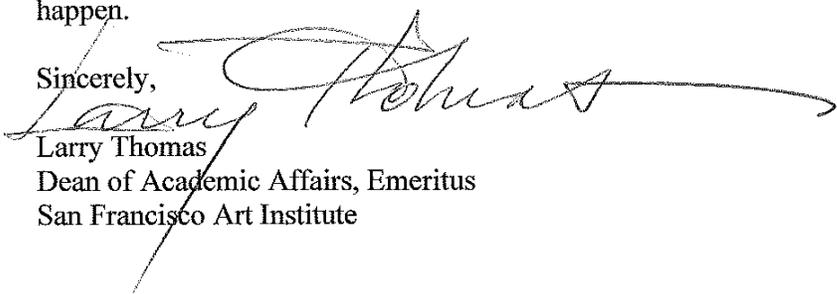
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