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DON KNABE
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October 6, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman
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1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

OYSTER RESTORATION PROJECT AT JACK DUNSTER MARINE RESERVE

As Los Angeles County Supervisor for the Fourth Supervisorial District, I am aware that municipalities, local stakeholders and non-profit organizations have initiated native oyster restoration projects in Northern California. I am delighted to learn about KZO Education Project for Alamitos Bay.

This Project will create greater awareness of the pollutants that oysters remove from the water and will help coastal residents understand the impacts of pollution flowing into bays and estuaries as storm water. Our citizens are paying for the removal of contaminants from wastewater through utility bills and other fees for maintaining or upgrading sewage treatment facilities. These contaminants include nutrients, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, which rank as one of the top causes of degradation in Los Angeles County waters. Research on oyster habitat, as a natural mitigation measure for filtering nutrients, is a concept for improving the quality of life for coastal communities.

I support your efforts for restoring the Olympia oyster in Alamitos Bay and believe the Project is a promising proposition for all of Southern California.

Sincerely,

DON KNABE
Supervisor, Fourth District
County of Los Angeles

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September 27, 2011

Douglas Bosco
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RE: Letter of Support for Oyster Restoration Project at Jack Dunster Marine Reserve

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am delighted to learn that California State University, Fullerton is applying for funds to make the oyster restoration project for Alamitos Bay in my 3rd District a reality. Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Science, Danielle Zacherl, will provide sound leadership as the grantee.

Our community pays for polluted waters in the form of remediation costs, fewer fish, and a lower quality of life for coastal communities. Legislators and policymakers are increasingly recognizing that oyster "ecosystem services" for mitigating nutrients have real economic value.

Restorations of native oyster reefs are becoming recognized as a global priority for habitat management and conservation. Restoring the native Olympia oyster for cleansing estuaries and coastal bays is a promising proposition for Southern California.

We look forward to reviewing the quarterly updates on your team's progress for this exciting oyster restoration program at Jack Duster Marine Reserve.

Sincerely,

Gary DeLong

Gary DeLong
Councilmember, 3rd District

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October 4, 2011

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I am really excited about the oyster gardening concept for getting the children of our members involved as a community in the program. I have read about the oyster gardening programs on the East Coast and am delighted that the City of Long Beach is taking a leadership role for pioneering this important education and ecological program in Southern California.

I support the oyster restoration program at Jack Duster Marine Reserve and look forward to working with you for greater awareness about "ecosystem engineers" for our community.

Sincerely,

Richard Miller
Commodore, 2013