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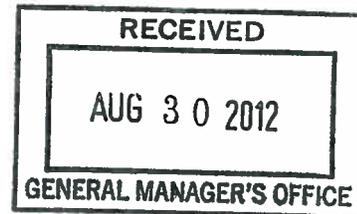
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Mr. Samuel P. Schuchat
Executive Director
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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RE: East Bay Regional Park District; Pleasant Ridge Regional Park; Robertson Property Acquisition; San Francisco Bay Area Program Grant Application

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Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing in support of East Bay Regional Park District's request for grant funding for the purchase of the Robertson property at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

East Bay Regional Park District is proposing to acquire the 1,367.8 acre Robertson property adjacent to the 7,500 acre Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to preserve diverse upland habitat in southern Alameda County. The property rises from Palomares Road to Sunol Peak, which, at 2,163 feet, is the highest peak in the East Bay hills and a prominent regional landscape feature. This significant acreage contains rolling grasslands, chaparral-covered hills, and heavily wooded drainages, and is also an important habitat for protected species such as the California tiger salamander, California red-legged frog, and Alameda whipsnake. The Robertson property also contains a large portion of the watershed of Palomares Creek, a major tributary of the Alameda Creek. Park District stewardship of the land would benefit downstream water quality, anadromous fish and other aquatic wildlife.

The Robertson property will become part of a large preserve of interconnected publicly-owned lands and wildlife corridors in the Niles Canyon area. Views from Sunol Ridge are spectacular, and there are a large number of vantage points from which to view them. Trails from the adjacent parkland can easily be extended through the Robertson property to create new opportunities for recreation and wildlife viewing.

An award of grant funds will aid the District in preserving this important habitat and providing additional public access to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. I urge the Conservancy to give favorable consideration to this grant request.

Sincerely,

Congressman Pete Stark



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September 12, 2012

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This significant acreage contains rolling grasslands, chaparral-covered hills and heavily wooded drainages. These are important habitats for protected species such as the California tiger salamander, Alameda whipsnake, California red-legged frog and many raptors. The Robertson property also contains a large portion of the watershed of Palomares Creek, a major tributary of Alameda Creek. Park District stewardship of the land would benefit downstream water quality, anadromous fish and other aquatic wildlife.

This acquisition will be a key step in maintaining a high quality of life for all of us in the region. The Robertson property will become part of a large preserve of interconnected publicly-owned lands and wildlife corridors in the Niles Canyon area. Views from Sunol Ridge are spectacular from a number of vantage points, and trails from the adjacent parkland can easily be extended through the Robertson property to create new opportunities for recreation and wildlife viewing.

An award of grant funds will aid the District in preserving this important habitat and providing additional public access to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. I urge the Conservancy to give favorable consideration to this grant request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-319-2020.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert A. Wieckowski".

Bob Wieckowski
Assemblymember – 20th AD



East Bay Area Trails Council

2950 Peralta Oaks Court
Oakland, California 94605

August 18, 2012

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

**RE: East Bay Regional Park District; Pleasanton Ridge Regional
Park;
Robertson Property Acquisition;
San Francisco Bay Area Program Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The East Bay Area Trails Council (EBATC) is a coalition of hiking, equestrian, bicycling and environmental groups working with land managing agencies to establish, manage and preserve trails in the East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa) Counties. We wish to express support for the East Bay Regional Park District's application for grant funding to purchase the Robertson property at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

The 1,368 acre Robertson property will become part of a large preserve of interconnected publicly-owned lands and wildlife corridors in the Niles Canyon area. Trails from the adjacent parkland can easily be extended through the Robertson property to create new opportunities for recreation and wildlife viewing.

An award of grant funds will aid the District in preserving this important habitat and providing additional public access to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. I urge the Conservancy to approve this grant request.

Sincerely,

cc: Betsy Wilson, Program Manager, Coastal Conservancy
Robert Doyle, General Manager, EBRPD

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August 20, 2012

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

Dear Chair Bosco:

The Sierra Club urges you to approve a grant of \$1 Million to the East Bay Regional Park District for acquisition of the 1,300 parcel called the Robertsonh property to add to the regional Park at Pleasanton Ridge.

Sincerely yours,

Norman La Force

Norman La Force, Chair
East Bay Public Lands Committee

cc: Betsy Wilson, Program Manager, Coastal Conservancy
Robert Doyle, General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District

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19 September 2012

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

RE: PLEASANTON RIDGE REGIONAL PARK
Robertson Property Acquisition
California Coastal Conservancy
San Francisco Bay Area Program Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The California Native Plant Society, a volunteer organization of 10,000 members statewide, is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of our California flora through plant science, education, and advocacy.

The California Native Plant Society strongly supports of East Bay Regional Park District's request for grant funding for the purchase of the Robertson property at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

East Bay Regional Park District proposes to acquire the 1,367.8-acre Robertson property adjacent to the 7,500-acre Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to preserve diverse upland habitat in southern Alameda County.

Our CNPS botanists and conservationists are quite familiar with the native habitat values in which the Robertson parcels are set. This significant acreage contains rolling grasslands, chaparral-covered hills and heavily wooded drainages, important habitat for protected wildlife species which rely upon the native vegetation communities found on the property. Our botanists recognize that the Robertson property is at the northern frontier of occurrence of some important plant species, which upon further close examination may in fact extend onto that property itself; predictions of plant redistributions due to anticipated changes in global warming would indicate that the Robertson property might provide some of the critical connectivity or pathways for such migrations.

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The Robertson property also contains a large portion of the watershed of Palomares Creek, a major tributary of Alameda Creek. Park District stewardship of the land would benefit the riparian corridor's native vegetation and its associated wildlife.

The Robertson property will become part of a large preserve of interconnected publicly-owned lands and wildlife corridors in the Niles Canyon area --a goal that CNPS has long supported. Ecological connectivity is a critical biological and land management function which CNPS has worked hard to stimulate in our modern-day world of excessive fragmentation and disintegration of native habitats. Trails from the adjacent parkland can easily be extended through the Robertson property to create new opportunities for providing recreational and educational access to those native habitat values which underpin the missions of both CNPS and the EBRPD.

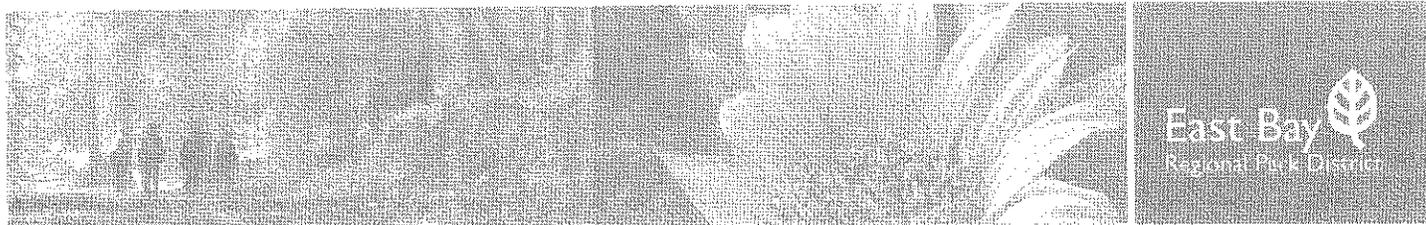
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Rauch".

Peter Rauch
for the EBCNPS Conservation Committee

cc: EBCNPS Conservation Committee and Board of Directors



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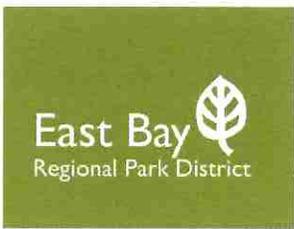
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cc: Betsy Wilson



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