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Marilyn Latta
Project Manager
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Latta:

I am writing in support of the City of Richmond's application for funding under the California Coastal Conservancy Grant Program. The Baxter Creek Daylighting and Restoration and Public Access Greenbelt Project will make a tangible difference in the lives and environment of an underserved community. It will also support the kind of health inducing, low-greenhouse gas producing infill development and infrastructure that the State needs to achieve the goals established under AB 32 and SB 375.

This project will daylight Baxter Creek thereby improving water quality and creating an educational community, riparian amenity. The project will also establish a safe pedestrian and bicycle trail. This trail, using a permeable pathway surface, will link an isolated community to Richmond's downtown and miles of recreational opportunities, including access to the San Francisco Bay trail. Moreover, by establishing an urban forest of 300 trees as a buffer between Interstate 80 and the community, the project will improve air and water quality and provide heat island escape for local residents.

The city of Richmond and its partners have a demonstrated track record of creating sustainable, livable communities with a high level of engagement from residents and local non-profit organizations. This project draws on that experience and promotes priorities and outcomes critically important to the residents of the city of Richmond, including: environmental quality and health; stewardship values; livable, diverse neighborhoods; and transportation access.

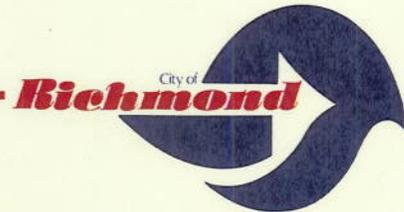
Please feel free to contact my office if I may be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Skinner".

Nancy Skinner
California State Assemblymember, District 14

OFFICE OF MAYOR GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN



August 28, 2012

Anna Schneider, Project Manager
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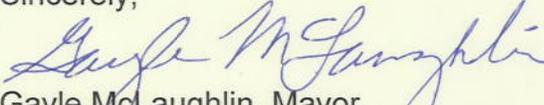
Dear California Coastal Conservancy:

I am pleased to give my enthusiastic endorsement and support to the city's application for funding under the California Coastal Conservancy Grant Program. The Baxter Creek Daylighting and Restoration and Public Access Greenbelt project, part of the Miraflores Housing Development has the potential to be an important catalyst and example of environmentally sensitive urban infill open space development here in the Bay Area. Richmond is becoming known throughout the country for its green initiatives and this innovative Brownfield reuse project continues our commitment to progressive solutions to community development. The project includes low-greenhouse gas producing infill development, open space and infrastructure in compliance with goals established under AB 32 and SB 375.

This project continues the restoration within Richmond of segments of regionally significant Baxter Creek. Over 700 linear feet of the creek will be daylighted, improving water quality and creating an enhanced riparian corridor. The project features pedestrian and bicycle trails that will link to the Richmond Greenway and provide access to the San Francisco Bay trail. The project will also establish an urban forest of several hundred trees that will serve as a buffer between Interstate 80 and the community. In addition, this project will improve air quality and provide heat island escape for local residents.

The city of Richmond and its partners have a demonstrated track record of creating sustainable, livable communities with a high level of engagement from residents and local non-profit organizations. At a time when cities and communities like Richmond are facing tough economic challenges, this project with funding assistance from the California Coastal Conservancy has the potential to engage and revitalize the interest and enthusiasm of its citizens. CCC funding will enable the completion of a fully enhanced Baxter Creek Daylighting and Restoration and Public Access Greenbelt project and I look forward to its positive impact and contribution to the Richmond community.

Sincerely,


Gayle McLaughlin, Mayor

John Gioia (say "Joy-a")
District One
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August 10, 2012

Anna Schneider
Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Schneider:

I am writing to offer my strong support of the City of Richmond's application for funding under the California Coastal Conservancy's Grant Program. *The Baxter Creek Daylighting, Restoration and Public Access Greenbelt Project* will transform the brownfield area into a thriving environment for all Richmond residents to enjoy. The innovative brownfield re-use project will promote in-fill development, a strategy that I have championed and supported for many years.

The proposed project has the potential to convert a vacant, contaminated area into a greenbelt that will promote health, and attract development that reduces greenhouse gases, meeting goals established under AB 32 and SB 375.

The project will daylight more than 700 linear feet of Baxter Creek, improve water quality, and create a natural riparian amenity. The project will also establish a safe pedestrian and bicycle trail. This trail, using a permeable pathway surface, will link the Park Plaza neighborhood to Richmond's downtown and miles of recreational opportunities, including access to the San Francisco Bay trail. The project will establish an urban forest of several hundred trees that will serve as a buffer between Interstate 80 and the community. The strategy for this development will improve air quality and provide a heat island escape for local residents.

The City of Richmond and its partners have a demonstrated track record of creating sustainable, livable communities with a high level of engagement from residents and local non-profit organizations.

The Baxter Creek Daylighting, Restoration and Public Access Greenbelt project has my unwavering support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Gioia".

John Gioia
Supervisor, District One

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September 20, 2012

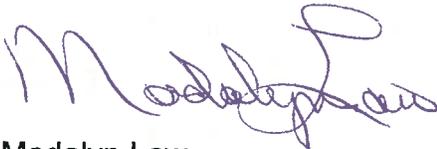
Douglas Bosco
Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Miraflores Resident Advisory Committee (RAC) and the Park Plaza Neighborhood Council are very much in support of the proposed Baxter Creek Daylighting and Restoration and Public Access Greenbelt project to be developed on a portion of the Miraflores Housing Development site located at South 47th Street and Wall Avenue in the City of Richmond. The RAC is comprised of representatives from three neighborhood councils (Park Plaza, Pullman and Laurel Park) in and around the project location. RAC members meet regularly with the development team to review and discuss project status and assist with community support to move the development forward.

Park Plaza Neighborhood Council and the Miraflores RAC would like to express their strong support of the city of Richmond's funding application submission to the State Coastal Conservancy.

Sincerely,



Madalyn Law,
On behalf of the Miraflores RAC and
Park Plaza Neighborhood Council