

Exhibit 3: Project Letters

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March 6, 2015

Laura Thompson  
Bay Trail Project Manager  
Association of Bay Area Governments  
101 Eighth Street  
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Dear Ms. Thompson:

I am writing in support of the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) grant application to the San Francisco Bay Trail Program for \$50,000 for the development of Pinole Shore to Bay Front Park segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail (total cost \$6 million). The proposed project connects the western end of the future Hercules Intermodal Station project to the City of Pinole.

A significant half-mile gap in the trail exists within Pinole. Current bicycle and pedestrian access for the San Francisco Bay Trail between the cities is along San Pablo Avenue. There is no Class I access along the shoreline. The proposed project replaces a four-mile trip on high-volume surface streets with a less-than-one-mile Bay-side walk or ride on a grade-separated pathway, thereby allowing multitudes of Pinole residents to leave their cars at home. According to the State Parks Service Area Calculator, 149,017 people live within five miles of the project.

The project will serve as an important link for North Bay communities, connecting job centers in downtown Pinole, the Hercules Waterfront District, the Bio-Rad Laboratory Campus (900 employees) and the high tech offices on Alfred Noble Drive in Hercules.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project and my request. If you have questions or need additional information please call me.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON  
Member of Congress

**Loni Hancock**  
CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR, NINTH DISTRICT



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March 9, 2015

Laura Thompson  
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Association of Bay Area Governments  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

**RE: Funding for the Development of Pinole Shore to Bay Front Park**

Dear Ms. Thompson:

I am respectfully writing to express my support for the grant proposal submitted by the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to the San Francisco Bay Trail Program for \$50,000 for the development of Pinole Shore to Bay Front park segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail. The significant half-mile gap in the trail within Pinole is pending development and this project will connect the western end of the future Hercules Intermodal Station project to the City of Pinole.

The EBRPD is doing great work to finalize projects that still need support and I commend them for the work they do. If granted the funding, the EBRPD will work on this project to replace a four-mile trip on high-volume surface streets with a less-than-one-mile Bay-side walk or ride on a grade-separated pathway, thereby allowing multitudes of Pinole residents to leave their cars at home. Current bicycle and pedestrian access for the San Francisco Bay Trail between the cities is along San Pablo Avenue and there is no Class I access along the shoreline. Additionally, according to the State Parks Service Area Calculator, 149,017 people live within 5-miles of the project. The project connects to job centers in down town Pinole, the Hercules Waterfront District, the Bio-Rad Laboratory Campus (900 employees) and the high tech offices on Alfred Noble Drive in Hercules.

This important project will have a significant impact on my constituents in District 09 and I thank your consideration on the EBRPD grant proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loni Hancock".

SENATOR LONI HANCOCK  
District 9, CA State Legislature

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February 27, 2015

Laura Thompson  
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101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Ms. Thompson:

I enthusiastically supports the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) grant application to the San Francisco Bay Trail Program for \$50,000 for the development of Pinole Shore to Bay Front park segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail (total cost \$6 million).

A significant half-mile gap in the trail exists within Pinole. The project connects the western end of the future Hercules Intermodal Station project to the City of Pinole. Current bicycle and pedestrian access for the San Francisco Bay Trail between the cities is along San Pablo Avenue. There is no Class I access along the shoreline. The project replaces a four-mile trip on high-volume surface streets with a less-than-one-mile Bay-side walk or ride on a grade-separated pathway, thereby allowing multitudes of Pinole residents to leave their cars at home. According to the State Parks Service Area Calculator, 149,017 people live within 5-miles of the project. The project connects to job centers in down town Pinole, the Hercules Waterfront District, the Bio-Rad Laboratory Campus (900 employees) and the high tech offices on Alfred Noble Drive in Hercules.

I strongly support this project and favorably recommend development of San Francisco Bay Trail from Pinole Shores to Bay Front Park.

Sincerely,

Tony Thurmond,  
Assemblymember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

