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November 2, 2015

The Honorable Douglas Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2512

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors of the Board,

I am writing in support of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for a Coastal Conservancy Bay Area Program grant to help design and construct new trail segments for the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail is a multi-use trail spanning from Santa Cruz to Napa. Currently, 365 miles of the Ridge Trail are open for hikers, runners, cyclists, and equestrians to enjoy the beauty of the San Francisco Bay. The Trail provides affordable recreation opportunities for communities to enjoy and learn about nature. In addition, the Ridge Trail provides a connected corridor for habitat and wildlife, protecting important ecosystems while nurturing a new generation committed to stewardship of California's natural heritage.

This grant will help the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council complete the Ridge Trail, providing 550 continuous miles of trail through nine Bay Area counties. This grant will also help the Council leverage other federal, state, local and private funds to create new trails and associated amenities. Trails such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail provide numerous benefits to communities, including health, transportation, environmental stewardship, and tourism and economic development. Funding from this grant is vital for this important project to close gaps and create new trail connections.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I look forward to being updated on its progress. If you have any questions regarding this grant application, please contact staff in my San Francisco office.

Sincerely,

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Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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October 16, 2015

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2512

Dear Chair Bosco:

I am writing to support a grant from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to help plan, design and build new trail segments.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council has a strong record of success over more than 25 years. It is an extraordinary model of successful public-private cooperation, including federal, state and local government, agencies, park and open space districts, private landowners, businesses, the public and advocates working together to create a 550-mile trail on the ridgelines surrounding the San Francisco Bay.

Currently, 365 miles of the Ridge Trail are open for hikers, cyclists, runners and equestrians to enjoy today, and the trail is permanently protected for the future. People of all ages and abilities enjoy the trail; it connects people to parks and communities to each other. This grant will help move them toward their ultimate goal of an uninterrupted 550-mile regional trail network through all nine Bay Area counties.

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This grant will be used to leverage other federal, state, local and private funds to create new trails and associated amenities.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,



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October 14, 2015

Janet McBride

Executive Director

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

1007 General Kennedy Avenue #3

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Dear Ms. McBride:

I am writing to offer my full support of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's grant application to the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program. I understand that these funds will be used to plan, design, and construct several new trail segments of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The vision for the Bay Area Ridge Trail is an uninterrupted 550-mile regional trail network that spans all nine Bay Area counties and surrounds San Francisco Bay. The 365 miles of the project completed thus far provides unparalleled access and recreational opportunities close-to-home for hikers, runners, cyclists, and equestrians. Funds from the Coastal Conservancy would help the Council move toward its goal of an integrated trail network that connects communities, provides coastal access, and promotes stewardship of the environment.

In the design, implementation and maintenance of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the Council has worked closely with various partners, including local and state agencies as well as non-governmental organizations, to leverage their resources and expertise to ensure the trail is accessible and enjoyable. This kind of cooperative effort serves as a great example of how a range of stakeholders with a variety of interests and missions can come together to benefit our greater community.

As an avid outdoorsman, I strongly support public land conservation and ensuring access to the outdoors for Americans in rural communities and cities alike. Establishing and maintaining great open spaces, like the Bay Area Ridge Trail, can help revitalize communities by increasing economic development opportunities, improving public health, increasing daily physical activity, and reconnecting children with nature.

I am proud to endorse this great effort to provide coastal access for hikers, cyclists, and equestrians throughout the region, and I strongly support the Bay Area Ridge Trail's proposal.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON

Member of Congress

MARK DESAULNIER
11TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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Mr. Douglas Bosco
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RE: Support for a grant for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to request your full and fair consideration of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application to the Coastal Conservancy's Grant Program to help plan, design and build new trail segments.

It is my understanding that the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council takes a regional approach and collaborates closely with federal, state and local government, private landowners, businesses, and the public to create a 550-mile trail on the ridgelines surrounding the San Francisco Bay. The Council is seeking this grant to improve and expand these trails.

A major section of the trail runs parallel to the Carquinez Straight which stretches across the northern part of California's Eleventh Congressional District. Many of my constituents, therefore, benefit from the ridge trail and this grant will help preserve this and other trails for future generations. Project leaders indicate that this grant leverages other federal, state, local and private dollars to create new trails and related amenities critical to completing the Bay Area ridge line trail.

I respectfully ask you give this request your full and thorough review and trust that it will receive the serious consideration it deserves. Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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October 15, 2015

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2512

RE: **Support for a grant for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council**

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors of the Board,

I am writing to support a grant from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to help plan, design and build new trail segments.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council has a strong record of success over more than 25 years. It is an extraordinary model of successful public-private cooperation – including federal, state and local government, agencies, park and open space districts, private landowners, businesses, the public and advocates working together to create a 550-mile trail on the ridgelines surrounding the San Francisco Bay.

So far, 365 miles of the Ridge Trail are open for hikers, cyclists, runners and equestrians to enjoy today – and permanently protected as a legacy for the future. People of all ages and abilities enjoy the trail and it connects people to parks and communities to each other. Trails provide numerous demonstrated benefits to individuals and communities, including health and fitness, transportation, tourism and economic development, and environmental stewardship. The Ridge Trail is being created for hikers, runners, cyclists and equestrians of all ages and abilities. It provides affordable, close-to home recreation and opportunities to enjoy and learn about nature.

This grant also helps leverage other federal, state, local and private funds to create new trails and associated amenities. These funds are vital to keep up the momentum to close gaps and create new trail connections. On behalf of the people in my district, I look forward to each new trail opening and to continued progress on this important regional trail.

Sincerely,

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BILL DODD
Assemblymember 4th District

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October 15, 2015

Chair Douglas Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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RE: **Support for a grant for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council**

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors of the Board:

I am writing to support a grant from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to help plan, design, and build new trail segments.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council has a strong record of success for more than 25 years. It is an extraordinary model of successful public-private cooperation – including federal, state, and local government agencies, park and open space districts, private landowners, businesses, the public and advocates working together to create a 550-mile trail on the ridgelines surrounding the San Francisco Bay Area's nine counties.

Today, 365 miles of the Ridge Trail are open to hikers, cyclists, runners and equestrians providing numerous benefits to individuals and communities, including health and fitness, transportation, tourism, and economic development, and environmental stewardship. The Ridge Trail is also creating a connected corridor for habitat and wildlife, as well as nurturing a new generation of stewardship of California's natural heritage.

This grant also helps leverage other federal, state, local, and private funds to create new trails and associated amenities. For these reasons, I am pleased to support this grant request so my constituents in the 16th Assembly District and surrounding areas may enjoy each new trail opening and continued progress on this important regional trail.

If I can be of any additional assistance on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catharine B. Baker".

Catharine B. Baker
Assemblywoman, 16th District



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October 16, 2015

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, California 94612-2512

RE: Support for a grant for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors of the Board,

I am pleased to provide this letter expressing my full support to grant the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to help plan, design and build new trail segments.

As you know, the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council has a strong record of success over more than 25 years. It is an extraordinary model of successful public-private cooperation – including federal, state and local government, agencies, park and open space districts, private landowners, businesses, the public and advocates working together to create a 550-mile trail on the ridgelines surrounding the San Francisco Bay.

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This grant also helps leverage other federal, state, local and private funds to create new trails and associated amenities. These funds are vital to keep up the momentum to close gaps and create new trail connections. On behalf of hikers, runners, cyclists and of all ages and abilities in my district, I look forward to each new trail opening and to continued progress on this important regional trail.

Please feel free to contact me or my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

DAVID CHIU
Assemblymember, 17th District

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PUBLIC SAFETY

October 26, 2015

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2512

RE: Support for a grant for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors of the Board,

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Sincerely,

Nora Campos
Assemblymember, District 27

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October 16, 2015

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Coastal Conservancy
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This grant also helps leverage other federal, state, local and private funds to create new trails and associated amenities. These funds are vital to keep up the momentum to close gaps and create new trail connections. On behalf of the people of Sonoma County, I look forward to each new trail opening and to continued progress on this important regional trail.

Best regards,

Susan Gorin, Chair
Board of Supervisors, Sonoma County

Cc: Janet@ridgetrail.org



October 13, 2015

Mr. Douglas Bosco
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Oakland, California 94612-2512

RE: Support for a grant for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors of the Board,

I am writing to support a grant from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to help plan, design, and build new trail segments.

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This grant also helps leverage other federal, state, local, and private funds to create new trails. These funds are vital to keep up the momentum to close gaps and create new trail connections. On behalf of the 65 member organizations of the Bay Area Open Space Council, I look forward to each new trail opening and to continued progress on this important regional trail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Callahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Deb Callahan
Executive Director
Bay Area Open Space Council