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Doug Bosco, Chair of the Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

RE: City of Berkeley – State funds 2021 – Five projects at the Berkeley Marina

Dear Chair Bosco,

I am writing in support of the City of Berkeley's five improvement projects at the Berkeley Marina to be funded by the 2021 state surplus fund allocation.

In 2021, the State Legislature allocated \$15 million in state surplus funds to be used for infrastructure improvement projects at the Berkeley Marina. On December 13, 2022, the Berkeley City Council unanimously approved a list of five projects and directed staff to submit the application materials to the State Coastal Conservancy.

The Berkeley Waterfront is a regional public treasure that receives over 200,000 visitors a year from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The five projects to be implemented are:

1. Dredging of the Berkeley Marina Main Channel
2. Replacement of D and E Dock system
3. Improvements to Cesar Chavez Park Pathways
4. Improvements to the South Cove West Parking Lot
5. Environmental Review and Design of the Pier-Ferry Project.

These projects have been identified by the city as critical infrastructure projects over many years through numerous public discussions and stakeholder meetings. In addition, the city has already begun working on these projects using local funds. In the past 20 years, the City of Berkeley has invested over \$20 million in infrastructure improvements at the Berkeley Marina.

While the Berkeley Marina has over \$100 million in needed infrastructure improvements, this \$15 million in improvements will go a long way towards revitalizing the Berkeley Marina for the public enjoyment of the entire bay region for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Nancy Skinner
State Senator, District 9