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June 3, 2024

Doug Bosco, Chairman
Chair State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street,
10th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman:

I am writing to support the Town of Fairfax's application for California State Coastal Conservancy grant funding to acquire the undeveloped 100-acre Wall Property in Marin County, CA. This acquisition aligns with the state's 30x30 initiative to conserve 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030. The Wall Property holds significant value for expanded public access to open space and recreational opportunities for Bay Area residents, biodiversity conservation, cultural resource stewardship.

Situated above downtown Fairfax, the Wall Property hosts three prominent ridgelines and trails enjoyed by Californians visiting and residing in the North Bay. This property falls within the Northern Fairfax/Sleepy Hollow/Oak Manor/Wall Priority Conservation Area, which is contiguous with the Central Marin Ridgeline Priority Conservation Area. The property plays a vital role in connecting Ross Valley communities to an extensive network of open spaces managed by Marin County Open Space District, California State Parks, and the National Park Service. The property also provides additional access to a vast regional trail network, including the Bay Ridge Trail, allowing users to travel to the Mount Tamalpais Watershed or as far as the Pacific Ocean, all on public trails and easements.

This property's diverse habitats, including native coast live oak woodlands, grasslands, and chaparral, provide refuge for wildlife, critical wildlife corridors, and contribute to regional biodiversity. The land may also harbor important cultural resources worthy of stewardship.

Preserving the Wall Property will safeguard vital wildlife corridors, cultural sites, and publicly accessible open space treasured by regional communities. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this valuable request for funding acquisition. Please contact my District Director Jenny Callaway at 415-258-9657 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFMAN
Member of Congress

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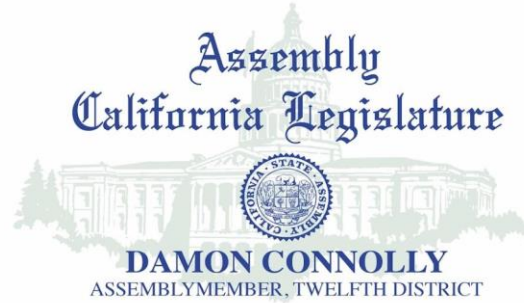
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May 31, 2024

Doug Bosco,
Chair State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street,
10th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for the Town of Fairfax's Acquisition of the Wall Property

Dear California State Coastal Conservancy Grant Review Team:

I write in strong support of the Town of Fairfax's application for California State Coastal Conservancy grant funding to acquire the undeveloped 100-acre Wall Property. This acquisition aligns with the state's 30x30 initiative to conserve 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030. The Wall Property holds significant value for expanded public access to open space and recreational opportunities for Bay Area residents, biodiversity conservation, cultural resource stewardship.

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Preserving the Wall Property will safeguard vital wildlife corridors, cultural sites, and publicly accessible open space treasured by regional communities. I urge you to support this acquisition, which supports California's 30x30 goals and the region's conservation priorities.

Thank you for your consideration of their application. Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (415) 479-4920.

Sincerely,

DAMON CONNOLLY

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