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October 22, 2004

HUTZEL
Mr. Paul Morabito
Chairman, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94129

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation's project application for Sanborn Park trail planning. This planning project will develop a Trail Master Plan to identify the route and design parameters for a new 6.0-mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. This new trail segment will connect to existing segments of the Bay Area Ridge Trail at Castle Rock State Park to the north and to Lexington Reservoir County Park to the south. The plan will identify improvements to existing trails as well as designate park trail uses. Currently the park does not allow for multi-use on its trails. This plan will allow for the development of a multi-use Ridge Trail segment and adoption of that use in the Master Plan.

Sanborn County Park is one of Santa Clara County's most popular parks. Trail use is a growing recreational pursuit amongst the many diverse communities in the Bay Area and was identified as a top priority in the Santa Clara County Parks' strategic plan. By assisting in the future planning for the trail system in this park, this project will serve both a local and a region-wide audience.

I strongly support this planning effort and urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve this funding application to complete the critical planning needed for the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Santa Clara County.

Most sincerely,

Bruce McPherson

Bruce McPherson
Senator, 15th District

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October 27, 2004

HUTZEL

Mr. Paul Morabito
Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
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RE: Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation's project application

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation's project application for Sanborn Trail planning.

This grant would be used to develop a Trail Master Plan to identify the route and design parameters for a new 6.0-mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The grant request of \$75,000 will be matched by the Santa Clara County Parks, for a total \$150,000 for this project. This plan will allow for the development of a multi-use Ridge Trail segment, connecting existing segments of the Bay Area Ridge Trail at Castle Rock State Park to the north and to Lexington Reservoir County Park to the south.

Sanborn County Park is one of Santa Clara's most popular parks. Trail use is a growing recreation pursuit in our community. As such, this project aligns with Santa Clara County Park's strategic plan and will provide a direct benefit to our local and regional community.

I encourage you to give the Santa Clara County's Department of Parks and Recreation grant proposal every consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S. Joseph Simitian
Assemblymember, Twenty-First District

cc: Bob Power, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

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March 11, 2004
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Attn: Holly Van Houten, Executive Director
Re: Santa Clara County Parks and Rec Grant Application

Sanborn Trail Master Plan

I am writing as the President and representative of ROMP, Responsible Organized Mountain Pedalers, in support of the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department's Sanborn Park Trail Master Plan grant application to the Bay Area Ridge Trail. ROMP believes the project will provide needed planning to implement a key missing link in part of the Ridge Trail already dedicated on either side of the park. It will allow for a nearly 6-mile continuous trail connection between Castle Rock Park to the north and St. Joseph Hill OSP and Lexington Reservoir County Park to the south. ROMP also supports the introduction of a multi-use trails into this unit.

As you are probably well aware, trail use is a growing recreational pursuit amongst the many diverse communities in the Bay Area. Santa Clara County is no exception. ROMP participated in the County Strategic Trails planning process advocating for more multi-use trails like the Ridge Trail.

ROMP believes that environmentally sustainable trails are important recreational resources that simultaneously help ensure the continued protection and appreciation of priceless habitat.

In addition to providing a missing link for the Bay Trail and meeting user demand, the proposed project will allow individuals to connect with their communities and the outdoor environment. It will like parks, people, and communities. We urge you to approve grant funds for the Sanborn Trail Master Plan project.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Nam". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Nam, President ROMP

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Dangkhwa T. Vo
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March 11, 2004

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council
Attn: Mr. Bob Power
1007 General Kennedy Ave. Suite #3
San Francisco, Ca. 94129

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT - GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Dear Bob,

I am writing in support of the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department's grant applications to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for the following projects: 1) Sanborn County Park Trail Master Plan; 2) the Coyote Creek Parkway – Hellyer Gap; and 3) the Penitencia Creek County Park – I-680 Undercrossing Improvements.

- 1) Sanborn County Park Trail Master Plan – The project will provide needed planning to implement a key missing link in part of the Ridge Trail already dedicated on either side of the park. It will allow for a nearly 6-mile continuous trail connection between Castle Rock Park to the north and St. Joseph Hill OSP and Lexington Reservoir County Park to the south. As a park user, I can definitely see how users can benefit from a continuous trail linking these areas to provide a wholesome family experience.
- 2) Coyote Creek Parkway – Hellyer Gap – The project will provide much needed improvements where a marginal/makeshift or no trail currently exists. It will allow safe and easy connection from the existing County Trail (which is designated part of the Ridge Trail Corridor) to City of San Jose trails to the North. It will also provide designated crossings for trail users where none existed. Currently, the City is also involved in planning and improvements to their trail system; therefore, this project will have a compound benefit of advancing the Ridge Trail system further along this uncompleted trail corridor.
- 3) Penitencia Creek County Park – I-680 Undercrossing Improvements – The project will provide much needed improvements to address the recurring floodings of the trail at the Interstate 680 undercrossing. The trail, which is designated part of the Ridge Trail Corridor, is flooded due to winter storms or water release by the Santa Clara Valley Water District during other months. In addition to the flooding, silt deposits create safety problems for all trail users as well. The trail is closed to the public when there is flooding and silt, thus limiting access to the Ridge Trail corridor by a heavily populated area of County and City residents. The VTA has also recently completed its Capitol light-rail extension project and has a station at the easterly end of the trail on Capitol Avenue. Once the light rail station opens, commuters on the westerly side of 680 will be able to access light rail via this trail and usage will be increased significantly.

Throughout the Strategic Planning process, a consistent theme emerged from all communities and various user groups - trail recreation. These projects will address the trail recreation theme, bridging the gaps in the Ridge Trail Corridor, and will link parks, people, and communities together.

Your approval of these grant applications would bring tremendous benefits to the residents of Santa Clara County, in particular, and to the entire Bay Area residents, in general.

Sincerely,



Dangkhwa T. Vo