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RE: City of Albany – Recommendations for Eastshore State Park and Bay Trail Measure WW Non-Local Grant Funds

Dear Mr. Siden and Board Members,

The City of Albany applauds the passage of Measure WW and congratulates the Park District Board on the work you did to promote this action. All the East Bay communities will greatly benefit. For Albany, we are particularly encouraged by the \$27 million allocation for Eastshore State Park expansion, restoration and development projects, and \$12.3 million for Bay Trail expansion and improvements. We recognize that decisions regarding expenditures from these will rest solely with the East Bay Regional Park District Board. To assist in your deliberations, the Albany City Council recommends the following projects which are important to the future of the Albany Waterfront (see attached descriptions). We also wish to thank the Albany Waterfront Committee for their thoughtful input, as well as the residents of Albany who participated in the comprehensive *Voices to Vision* waterfront planning process.

Bay Trail

Acquire land or easement for, and construct a Bay Trail extension through Golden Gate Fields property. Construct an interim Bay Trail if a permanent trail is not possible at this time.

Eastshore State Park – Current areas

- Prepare a project area plan and implement plan for Albany Plateau
- Prepare a project area plan and implement plan for Albany Neck and Bulb

Eastshore State Park – Expansion

- Expand Albany Salt Marsh

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambience, responding to the needs of the community, and providing a safe, healthy environment now and in the future.

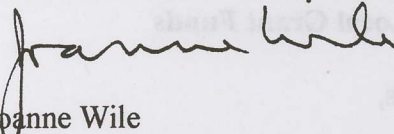


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- Expand the park area consistent with Albany's recently concluded *Voices to Vision* waterfront planning process. The result is 'A Community Vision for Albany's Waterfront' which includes Recommended Guidelines (attached). Of note is that the Community Vision states that a minimum amount of new dedicated public open space shall be 75 acres (74% of the total land area of the 102 acre portion of Golden Gate Fields property located in Albany).

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of the residents of Alameda and Contra Costa counties in developing and managing one of the nation's premiere urban park systems.

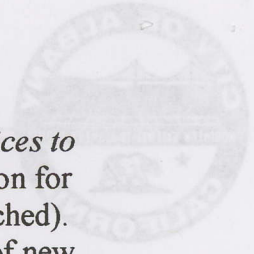
Sincerely,



Joanne Wile
Mayor

Attachments:

- Recommendations for Eastshore State Park
- Recommendation for Bay Trail extension
- Recommended Guidelines from *A Community Vision for Albany's Waterfront*



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