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**Re: Meeting Request – Funding Strategy for the Albany Waterfront Neck & Bulb Areas of
McLaughlin Eastshore State Park - State Park Bond & Measure CC Renewal Opportunities**

Dear Mr. Doyle and Ms. Mangat,

The City of Albany is excited about working with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) and the California State Parks (CSP) to incorporate the Albany Neck and Bulb into the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park (MESP), as has long been planned by CSP, EBRPD, and local governments including the City of Albany.

These areas, along with the Albany Beach, are the most popular recreational sites within the planned boundaries of the MESP, drawing visitors from across our urbanized region - and beyond - to enjoy the trails and the remarkable views. The people of this state, especially those residing in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, will benefit from the inclusion of these resources of statewide significance into the regionally-managed state park.

We are writing today to request a meeting between representatives of our city and you or your representatives. Our goal would be to develop a collaborative funding strategy that can be used to educate park users and the general public about the benefits of park funding efforts, including but not limited to the contemplated renewal of EBRPD’s Measure CC and the park bond that will appear on the fall 2018 ballot. It appears to us there may be a number of opportunities for capital improvements for this area in the state park bond; in conversations held to date at the staff level it has been confirmed that funding from Measure CC (as well as many other funding sources) will be essential to realizing the transition of the parkland into the larger regional park. We want to be able to clarify for Albany and for all park users the anticipated benefits to this park from these important efforts.

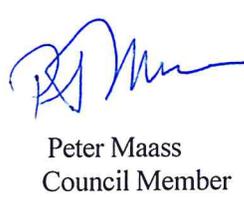
Thank you for the work you are doing for the people of the state of California and our region. We look forward to continuing this partnership towards creating a top-quality park that is certain to serve growing numbers of Californians in the years ahead.

Sincerely,


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Council Member


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