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San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
Room D-430 County Government Center
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Subject: Support for Property Purchase for Future Trail

Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County

Dear Sirs:

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Pismo Beach Parks recently learned of a purchase opportunity for over a mile of land 60 feet wide located in the Edna Valley and down into Price Canyon. If purchased, these parcels will provide a link that can be developed as a trail in the future connecting the cities of Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo by way of the Edna Valley and Price Canyon. Leading from Downtown Pismo Beach and into Price Canyon, the City is committed to the Pismo Beach trail and its linkage to the entire trail system envisioned by San Luis Obispo County.

The subject parcels of land will provide land needed to complete the trail system and opportunities for alternative transportation connectivity between cities and communities in the region and the promotion of healthy lifestyles for county residents and visitors.

The Pismo Beach General Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan recognizes the value of the area outside the city limits and assures the development of trails on lands currently within the City's Sphere of Influence. Paramount is the creation of a Class I walking and biking trail following Pismo Creek and leading from the Downtown into Price Canyon. The County has also committed to trails in this area with the 2010 San Luis Obispo County Bikeways Plan. Further, the National Parks "Juan Batista de Anza trail" is noted in the SLO County Parks Element traversing between Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo through Price Canyon and Edna Valley.

The purchase of the subject property is a win/win for all county residents and visitors. We urge the Board of Supervisors to support the designation of funds to purchase the currently available property and supporting Eric Meyer in his efforts to make this multi-purpose trail a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelly Higginbotham".

Shelly Higginbotham
Mayor

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