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San Luis Obispo County  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
1087 Santa Rosa Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Attn: Deanne Gonzales, District 1  
Pandora Nash-Karner, District 2  
Bruce Hilton, District 3  
Connie O'Henley, District 4  
Kenny Dahlen, District 5

**RE: Letter of Support for Octagon Barn and Pismo Preserve**

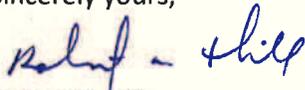
Dear Madame Chair O'Henley and Honorable Members of the Commission:

I am writing to express my full support of items no. 7 and 8 listed on the agenda for your meeting tomorrow night. I won't be able to attend the evening meeting since I will be busy helping put our young children to sleep, and so offer this letter in lieu of public comment testimony. I mention our kids, ages 4 and 18 months, because it is our dream that by the time they are old enough to ride their bikes from SLO to Avila or hike into deep into our majestic coastal hills, that the Octagon Barn Center and the Pismo Preserve will be reality.

With both of these items, your commission has the opportunity significantly contribute to a pair of projects that truly represent the best of the best in San Luis Obispo County. Each promises outstanding recreational opportunities, incredible "teaching moments" about the outside world and our natural environment, while also providing amenities that will protect and enhance our important tourism economy. Further, these projects are of regional interest and beyond, and will undoubtedly serve residents of all five supervisorial districts. It is also important to note that both projects rely on significant matching funding from other sources, and therefore represent an opportunity for County of San Luis Obispo funds to be greatly leveraged to maximum effect. Further, in my professional work, it has been my experience that the provision of local funds for projects like these can make a real difference in the consideration by the decision makers that administer state, federal, and private foundation grant funds.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the Octagon Barn Center and Pismo Preserve. Please help make our County the best that it can be with your affirmative vote for these two world class projects.

Sincerely yours,



Robert A. Hill

Cc: Curtis Black, Deputy Director – Parks, County of San Luis Obispo  
Kaila Dettman, Executive Director, The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County