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AGENDA: 4/13/99

March 30, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: ASSEMBLY BILL 18 - THE VILLARAIGOSA-KEELEY URBAN PARKS,
CLEAN WATER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is a letter from Assembly Member Fred Keeley, Speaker pro Tern, requesting that our Board endorse the passage of Assembly Bill 18, the Villaraigosa-Keeley Urban Parks, Clean Water and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000. Also attached is a copy of Assembly Bill 18 and a summary fact sheet.

Assembly Bill 18 would add Chapter 1.692 to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to financing a program for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and protection of park, recreational, cultural, historical, fish and wildlife, lake, riparian, reservoir and coastal resources. The financing for this program would result from the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of \$1.5 billion.

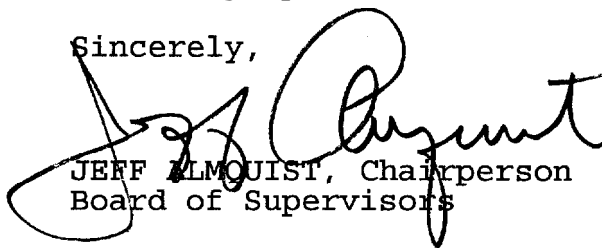
The enactment of Assembly Bill 18 would provide major capital funding to address the backlog in maintenance and acquisition of park facilities, parklands and critical wildlife areas. Of significant importance to local government, AB 18 would allocate two-thirds of the proposed bond funding for local, regional and state parks, and one-third for wildlife and land conservation.

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I believe that Assembly Bill 18 would be of great benefit in improving parks and protecting wildlife areas. Accordingly, I recommend that the Board take the following actions:

1. Adopt the attached resolution supporting Assembly Bill 18.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to distribute the resolution as indicated.
3. Direct the County Administrative Officer to place the Bill in our legislative tracking system.

Sincerely,



JEFF ELMQUIST, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

JA:ted
Attachments

cc: Assembly Member Keeley
Assembly Member Villaraigosa
Assembly Member Frusetta
Senator McPherson

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY BILL 18, THE
URBAN PARKS, CLEAN WATER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 18 has been introduced into the
California State Assembly by Assembly Members Villaraigosa and
Keeley; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 18 would enact the Villaraigosa-
Keeley Urban Parks, Clean Water and Coastal Protection Bond Act
of 2000 by adding Chapter 1.692 to Division 5 of the Public
Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, Assembly Bill 18 would provide the
financing mechanism for the acquisition, development,
improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and
protection of park, recreational, cultural, historical, fish and
wildlife, lake, riparian, reservoir and coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, financing for this program would result from the
issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of
bonds in the amount of \$1.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of Assembly Bill 18 would provide
major capital funding to address the backlog in maintenance and
acquisition of park facilities, parklands and critical wildlife
areas; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 18 would allocate two-thirds of the
proposed bond funding for local, regional and state parks, and
one-third for wildlife and land conservation; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 18 would be of great benefit in
improving parks and protecting wildlife areas both locally and
throughout the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, the members of the Santa Cruz County Board
of Supervisors do hereby urge the passage of Assembly Bill 18.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY BILL 18, THE
URBAN PARKS, CLEAN WATER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000

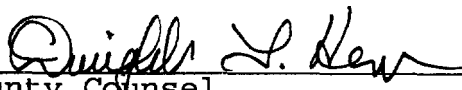
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County
of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of
_____, 1999, by the following vote: _____

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

JEFF ALMQUIST, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:



County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: Assembly Member Villaraigosa
Assembly Member Keeley
Assembly Member Frusetta
Senator McPherson
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FRED KEELEY
Speaker pro Tem



March 22, 1999

Chair of the Board
Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors
County Government Center
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Request for Endorsement of Assembly Bill 18

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Dear Chairperson Almquist:

This letter is intended to serve as a request for you to consider a formal resolution to endorse AB 18, the Villaraigosa-Keeley Urban Parks, Clean Water and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000. I am hopeful that one of the legacies of this legislative session will be a revival of a wise state tradition of investing in local and state parks and in natural resources.

Much of the economic vitality of Central Coast communities is derived from the wealth and magnificence of their natural resources and scenic parks. Local and regional parks contribute enormously to the quality of life in the region. Unfortunately, since Proposition 218, it has been tough for local governments to raise funds for parks and open space. Local parks statewide report urgent park infrastructure needs totaling \$2-2.5 billion.

For over a decade now the state's commitment to wild areas, scenic viewsheds and parks has dwindled. Our failure to invest in natural resources has created an enormous backlog in maintenance and acquisition of park facilities, parklands and critical wildlands. The backlog in resources funding needs as published by the Finance Department's 1999 *Capitol Outlay Infrastructure Report*, are as follows:

Department of Parks and Recreation	\$1,952 Million
State Coastal Conservancy	\$579 Million
Wildlife Conservation Board	\$573.8 Million
California Tahoe Conservancy	\$450 Million
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	\$300 Million
Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	\$55 Million
San Joaquin River Conservancy	\$47.9 Million
Department of Fish and Game	\$26.8 Million
California Conservation Corps	\$47.5 Million

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The enactment of AB 18 will provide major capital funding to address this backlog of need. As introduced, AB 18 allocates two-thirds of the proposed bond funding for local, regional and state parks, and one-third for wildlife and land conservation.

Attached is a summary of the funding elements of the bill. If you have questions or would like additional information please contact David Bunn in my office at 916-319-2451.

Your support in this effort is important.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'FK' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

FRED KEELEY
Assembly Speaker pro Tern

Attachment: Summary of AB 18 Funding Categories