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AGENDA: 11/9/99

November 3, 1999

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

Dear Members of the Board:

Enclosed is a request from the Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary School for the County to pay half of the cost of a track at the school. We have many of these cooperative agreements in place whereby in return for the County's investment the track would be open for community use during non-school hours. It is my understanding that adequate funds (\$10,000-\$15,000) exist within the Soquel Parks Dedication fee account to cover this expense. I believe this is a good use for these funds.

Therefore, I recommend that the Board direct the Parks Director to further discuss the issue of a track and a joint use agreement with the Soquel Elementary School District and to report back to the Board on December 7, 1999.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

JANET K. BEAUTZ, Supervisor

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Attachment

cc: Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Director

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SANTA CRUZ GARDENS SCHOOL





Alicia Escobar, Principal

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September 21, 1999

Ms. Jan Beautz, Supervisor, 1st District 701 Ocean Street, Suite 500 Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4069

Dear Ms. Beautz:

Greetings! I would like to introduce myself as the new principal of Santa Cruz Gardens School. With this letter, I would also like to inform you that I strongly support the proposal to build a track at Santa Cruz Gardens, and it is my hope that the Wharf-to-Wharf committee will support us in this effort. Recently, our SIP Coordinator, Chantal Thomson, sent you a letter stating our interest in pursuing this project.

The school has the space to accommodate the track, and I believe our children and our community would use this track daily. Please advise Chantal or myself on the next steps we need to take in order to secure the county's commitment. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Alicia Escobar

Principal

Santa Cruz Gardens School

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Sept. 7, 1999

Dear Ms. Beautz,

Thank you for your interest in supporting a track at Santa Cruz Gardens School that would benefit our children as well as our community members. Last year our former principal Alejandro Hogan approached me with the idea of building a track at our school site. I contacted Kirby Nickols who is a member of the Wharf to Wharf committee, and he was kind enough to visit our school site and recommend a location and some local contacts, as well as offering our school the opportunity to apply for a grant funding half of the costs of a 200 meter track. That left me with the task of finding funding for the other half of the costs, hence my contact with your office.

I recieved your letter dated June 29, 1999
r e questing what our need was regarding funding for the track. As school was out during the summer and we were in the process of hiring a new principal for Santa Cruz Gardens School I waited to reply until our new principal Ms. Alicia Escobar indicated that she supported the project and that I should continue to pursue the matter.

Our Assistant Superintendent of Business services at Soquel Elementary School District Office, Lee White has

been informed of our progress so far and is aware that the school District and the County would have to enter into a joint use agreement, if the County would be willing to fund half the cost of a 200 meter track similar to the track at New Brighton Middle School. Rough estimates for the total cost of a track at this time are \$25,000~\$30,000.

This project would not only benefit our school children in providing them with an excellent opportunity to expand their track and field abilities, promote physical fitness, and improve our school site, but it gives our community members a recreational site that is close to their homes and a part of their community.

I look forward to hearing from you in regards to delineating the next steps that will be taken in order to secure funding from the Parks and Rec. Dept. as well as the Redevelopment Agency to make this track become a reality for our school and community.

Sincerely,

Chantal Thomson

SIP Coordinator SCGS

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