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Subject: Possible Letter of Support re: Benefit of Financial Assistance for Hardening County

Historic Structures in Unincorporated Areas

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Hi, Patty,

Thank you for taking time to talk with me this morning about various wildfire risk reduction issues in the County. I am very grateful for your work to write a \$20 million grant that could help give financial assistance to property owners to do fire defensible space clearing and home hardening projects to reduce the risk of wildfire devastation.

As we discussed, there are likely a number of historic structures in the Wildland Urban Interface areas of the County that would benefit by defensible space vegetation management and home hardening that could be done in a manner to preserve the historic context of the structures.

I understand that you feel a letter of support from the Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Commission would help strengthen your grant application, so have copied Staff member Ms. Annie Murphy and Commission Chair Mr. Barry Pearlman on this message to you so that you can contact them directly. I have also copied Ms. Carolyn Swift, the Commissioner for my District 2 area.

I hope that you will reach out to them directly regarding a possible letter of support for your work on the \$20 million grant application to fund projects for wildfire resilience and risk reduction in Santa Cruz County that could provide much-needed financial help for preserving the County's historic resources in the unincorporated areas.

Thank you for your good work. Sincerely, Becky 831-685-2915