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10/13/2008 12:31 PM

Subject Colorado Lagoon /No open Chanel

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10-14-08

Dear Mr. DeLong,

As Tuesday, Oct 14th is Open House for the Long Beach Unified School district with all middle schools, it is unfortunate that such an important meeting was scheduled to be held on a this day without consideration of the many residents that would have otherwise been attending this meeting in denouncement of the open chanel through Marina Vista Park.

As a long-time resident of Long Beach and Belmont Heights, I am writing to voice my support for the effort to restore the Colorado Lagoon. We have visited the Lagoon countless times over the years with our family and friends, and pass it on a daily basis. It will be a benefit for all residents if the Lagoon can be restored and if the flow to the Marine Stadium can be improved to allow regular flushing of the Lagoon.

However, it should **not** be done at the expense of the community who lives near, plays at, and uses Marina Vista Park every day ,year round. We have lived in Belmont Heights for over 18 years and have 3 children that attend the local schools and have played organized sports for many years. The park is used constantly by most all of the children in our community and serves as a place to bring the community together year round .

I DO NOT SUPPORT the plan that calls for **an open channel** through Marina Vista Park. There must be a more effective way to achieve what is wanted for the Lagoon while continuing to allow the community to have their park unadulterated .

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Raquel Landworth-Kleinhenz



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To mayor@longbeach.gov
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10/14/2008 02:10 AM
Please respond to
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Subject Please Restore the Lagoon

Hello,

My name is Olivia Trevino and I am a senior at CSULB where I am earning my B.A. in theatre arts. I am writing to express my overwhelming support for the approval of the restoration of The Colorado Lagoon. I've had a long day at school and it's already 1:30 in the morning but I would never forgive myself if I didn't send this email tonight, as I know you will be voting tomorrow.

When I moved to Long Beach 3 years ago and learned about the Colorado Lagoon, I felt privileged to live in city which is home to one of the few remaining salt marshes in southern california. However, after recently learning about the poor water quality and waning plant/animal life, I am deeply concerned and saddened. I see the Colorado Lagoon as a precious jewel that we, as a city, are disrespecting and taking for granted. We are feeding our storm drains into water with very little circulation and as a result, are left with an unhealthy environment for plants, animals and people. It doesn't seem right. I would love to see the Lagoon restored so that the animals and plant life could regenerate. Then we could all enjoy the swimming, fishing or simply admiring a beautiful ecosystem, which we are lucky to have in the first place.

Please do everything you can to move this project along. It would be such as huge step forward in terms of environmental protection and awareness. I love living in Long Beach but the possibility of the restoration being delayed

really worries me. I hope I can be proud of the decision the council makes to represent our city and it's priorities.

Thank You,
Olivia Trevino



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10/14/2008 07:37 AM

Subject Support for Marina Vista Park Project

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Dear Councilman DeLong,

We are writing to state our support for the Marina Vista Park Project to restore the natural tidal flow access to the Colorado Lagoon as recently outlined in your communication to district constituents. We are **fully in support** of this project.

The recent actions and the arguments against the project put forth by a group calling themselves "Friends of Marina Vista Park" are troubling to us. The project as we understand it fully met the scrutiny of environmental impact reports. The reports indicated beneficial outcomes for the water quality in the Lagoon as well as for the migratory waterfowl and marine wildlife in the area. Significant funding has also been secured that otherwise would not have been possible. This funding stands a chance to be lost if the project is delayed by the actions of those who do not want the Park to be affected.

What is most troubling to us is that many of those who are complaining about perceived negative changes to the park are not even local neighborhood, or in many cases district residents. Those who do not live in the vicinity of the lagoon, the park, or our district are now trying to tell those of us who do that they do not like the plan. They are trying to stop something that many in our district and the local neighborhood have been working on and supporting for a number of years.

The analysis of the plan clearly shows that there will be very little impact to the park itself. The soccer groups that we believe are mostly behind the challenge to the plan will still have plenty of park area to continue their practices and matches. The recent (just this past week) raw sewage spill that seeped into

the Lagoon and forced closure because of resultant unsafe high coliform counts is just more evidence that restoring the natural tidal flow into the Lagoon will minimize long enforced closures of this type in the future.

We would like to respectfully urge your continued support of the Colorado Lagoon restoration project... both today and in the future. We are fully behind you and the City of Long Beach in this matter!

Sincerely,

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Subject Letter of Support Colorado Lagoon-Bolsa Chica Land Trust

Dear Mayor & City Council

Please find attached our letter of support for Colorado Lagoon restoration.

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust www.bolsachicalandtrust.org is a 5,000 member non-profit 501(c)(3) with members throughout California. The organization was formed in 1992 by a small group of Californians who believed that one of the last standing wetlands ecosystems in Southern California was worth preserving for future generations.

We believe the Colorado Lagoon is a very important part of the overall coastal ecosystem. Therefore, regarding the Final Environmental Impact Report for the restoration of Colorado Lagoon, we at the Bolsa Chica Land Trust (BCLT), strongly support this project and urge approval of the EIR without delay.

Restoration of the Colorado Lagoon is long overdue. This once healthy urban wetland has been neglected for decades and has deteriorated to the point where most families will not allow their children to swim or play in the water. There are good reasons for their hesitance, as regular beach closures hint at the problems that lie below the surface.

The importance of full tidal flushing in restoring wetlands and cleaning water cannot be understated. Here in Huntington Beach, the Bolsa Chica wetlands to the Pacific Ocean has restored the wetlands lost decades ago, by recreating an open channel. This is exactly what Colorado Lagoon needs.

We also understand that there are timing constraints with some of the funding already secured for the lagoon restoration. We urge your prompt approval of the EIR so that progress can begin and those hard won funds are not lost.

Please feel free to reach out to the Bolsa Chica Land Trust with any further questions.

Warm Regards,

Paul Arms
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