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Dear Mr. Size and Mr. Weinstein:

On behalf of the County of Santa Barbara, I would like to request technical assistance from The Trust for Public Land in connection with our efforts to finance our parks, trails, fire buffer, and groundwater recharge areas. As part of your advice and assistance, I understand you may undertake feasibility research, conduct a public opinion survey, and develop strategies for our consideration.

I am interested not only in the factual information you can provide, but also your organization's opinions and recommendations on potential public financing measures and funding mechanisms beyond traditional tax allocations available to the County of Santa Barbara. This could include the public's priorities and attitudes concerning outdoor recreation, parks, trails, fire buffers, and agricultural easements, along with aspects of land and water conservation.

Information provided to the County of Santa Barbara will be public record. This request does not in any way commit public funds to the efforts of The Trust for Public Land related to this request, nor does it require public disclosure of any confidential information of the organization.

This request will continue in effect for any advice you offer or presentations you submit for the use of this body related to such matters. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to request that you continue to be available to provide technical advice and assistance in this area and on related matters in the future.

Sincerely,

George Chapjian
Director