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Steve Lavanigno, Chair
Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: appeals (Case No. 13APL-00000-00037 and 13APL-00000-00038) of the County Planning Commission's Approval of the Paradiso del Mare Ocean and Inland Estates Project

Dear Chairman Lavanigno:

I am writing to confirm the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County's potential role as grantee of the conservation easement proposed as part of the above application. The Land Trust takes no position either for or against the Paradiso del Mare project or the appeals.

Our organization has been approached by the project applicant to consider accepting a conservation easement that would be granted to permanently protect approximately 117 acre of the site as natural wildlife habit. The Land Trust is able and willing to accept, monitor and ensure compliance with the proposed easement.

The Land Trust presently holds conservation easements on 31 properties, protecting 15,535 acres of important scenic, agricultural, habitat and community open space land throughout Santa Barbara County. We have begun drafting a conservation easement that will incorporate those county permit conditions that apply to the easement area and that complies with the permit conditions applicable to that area.

We have worked with the Paradiso del Mare project team on a preliminary draft conservation easement, which the applicant will submit for county review at a future date.

If your Board has any questions regarding the terms and administration of the proposed conservation easement, I am available by phone and will also attend the February 4 hearing.

Sincerely,


Michael Feeney
Executive Director