

## Santa Barbara County Education Office

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Supervisor Salud Carbajal First District Supervisor 105 E. Anapamu St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Salud:

The Coastal Resources Enhancement Fund (CREF) is being asked to support **WEST OF THE WEST: TALES FROM CALIFORNIA'S CHANNEL ISLANDS**, a film being produced by The Santa Cruz Island Foundation and The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. The grant request is for \$30,000. The producers, Peter Seaman and Sam Tyler, are working pro bono, but funds are required for normal production costs, ranging from filming to editing to music and adaptation for classroom use. The entire project is non-profit, public service in nature. The film will be seen throughout Santa Barbara County, California, and the nation (via PBS).

My office is working closely with the film team to create classroom materials for schools throughout Santa Barbara County and beyond.

Many segments of our community (businesses, foundations, museums, schools, UCSB) are already involved in the project. I hope the County will join with needed financial support via CREF.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William J. Cirone

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