

April 13, 2015

The Honorable Kevin de Leon California State Senate 10<sup>th</sup> & L Streets Sacramento, CA 95814

Kristin Gaspar

RE: SB 317 (de León) The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act Notice of SUPPORT

Dear Senator de Leon:

Catherine S. Blakespear Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas is in support of Senate Bill 317 (de Leon) The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016. It has been thirteen years since the passage of a "true park bond." There is an urgent need to repair and maintain our existing infrastructure, much of which has been deferred in recent years due to the state of the economy. In order to reconcile infrastructure needs, create greater public access, address the demand for new park space and acquisitions of shrinking open-space resources, local agencies need the discretionary funds to address those park-related priorities unique to their particular community.

Tony Kranz Council Member

This funding could provide the City of Encinitas with the resources to repair the Beacons Beach access, infrastructure that is in an eroded condition. Encinitas contracts with the state to operate this stretch of state beach but does not have the funding to repair the access point.

Mark Muir Council Member The City of Encinitas has legislative priorities to support legislation to expand infrastructure investment and to enhance coastal protection. For these and the reasons stated above, the City of Encinitas supports SB 317.

Sincerely,

Lisa Shaffer Council Member

Larry Watt

Interim City Manager

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Mayor

cc:

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