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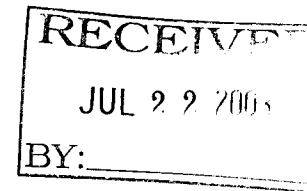
Subject: Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center

I live in Seacliff and am definitely in FAVOR of the site for the Visitor Center on the State Park property. It would be sad to see it shouted down when it could be such a great learning center for our area.

Sincerely,

Helen Schomberg

July 17, 2003



Bill Douros, Director
Monterey Bay Sanctuary
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California 93940

RE: Monterey Bay Native Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS)

The Aptos Chamber of Commerce continues to support the choice of Seacliff State Beach as the best location of the MBNMS Visitors Center. The momentum of support for the Seacliff choice is very compelling. *The 100-foot cliffs of Seacliff State Park offer an unobstructed and breathtaking view of the Monterey Bay. Environmentally, there is clearly no better choice to celebrate the beauty and magnificence of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary.*

The Aptos Chamber brings business, government and resident interests together to address community interests. The Chamber's Community Enhancement Committee will address the goal of winning the MBNMS Visitor Center for Seacliff State Beach. The following is a list of Enhancements/ Strengths, Issues/Challenges and Opportunities that we identified for the Visitor Center project:

Enhancements/Strengths

- Natural setting that celebrates the Sanctuary
- Commerce and revenue support for businesses and the State Park
- Access to grants and other sources of revenue to build on the environmental theme
- Easy access to and from Highway 1
- Adequate space for parking school and tour buses
- Interconnect with Nisene Marks Park, Aptos Creek Watershed, Aptos Village, and Watsonville slough system to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary through Seacliff State Park.

Issues/Challenges

- Mitigate the traffic impact to and from Highway 1
- Improve/mitigate parking in the Seacliff village
- Mitigate view obstructions and noise to the surrounding residents
- Empower and fund the Seacliff State Park master plan that has existed for many years, which when implemented would reduce community impacts

Opportunities

- Parking – tie the Seacliff Visitors Center development into other potential local area development plans such as the McGregor property currently being discussed.
- Support tourism travel on a rail-trolley system (recently approved by the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission)
- Develop structures, land contours and other development strategies to protect the view and personal comforts of surrounding residents

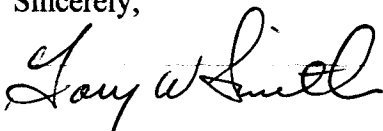
- Encourage the design of the entire uplands of Seacliff Park to be a celebration of the Aptos and Watsonville area environment, from the Aptos Watershed and Nisene-Marks redwoods to the six miles of trails being built around the Watsonville slough system...all leading to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary.
- Coordinate with Aptos Village and Rio Del Mar to support pedestrian and bicycle trail access to park areas.
- Opportunity to partner for support of other environmental issues, such as Nisene Marks Visitors Center and celebration of the Aptos watershed and redwood forests
- Education and research synergies with facilities such as UCSC and Cabrillo College

The Aptos Chamber encourages you to make the best choice for the millions of eager visitors of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary, by choosing Seacliff State Beach as the Visitor Center site. *Can you imagine the benefits of actually being able to view whales, dolphins, seals, otters, birds of the sea, the fresh smells of the ocean and an outstanding view of the entire sanctuary? The many visitors and schoolchildren can learn and experience the sanctuary in a natural setting that inspires respect and appreciation. The other sites being considered are busier, traffic impacted and commercially developed – hardly as environmentally inviting as Seacliff Beach offers to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary.*

The Aptos Chamber pledges to remain actively involved with the Visitor Center development process. We will actively participate in the amendment process for the Seacliff State Beach General Plan. We will also work with the local Homeowners Associations and business community to implement the mitigations that reduce traffic and parking impacts and preserve the views and environmental opportunities that currently exist for local residents.

The Aptos Chamber Community Enhancement Committee would like to meet with you personally to discuss our high level of interest in the Visitor Center designation. We are already working on evaluating the existing conditions and the potential for improvements. Please contact me at (831) 724-7665 to discuss the possibility of your attendance at a future meeting.

Sincerely,



Gary W. Smith, CEC Chairperson and President of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce

cc: Supervisor Ellen Pirie
 Congressman Sam Farr
 Senator Bruce McPherson
 Assemblyman John Laird
 Bill Blake, AMS feasibility study
 Dave Vincent, California State Parks
 Seacliff Homeowners Associations (2)

**Henry
Mello**

State Senator, Retired

Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
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July 12, 2003

Dear Mr. Douros,

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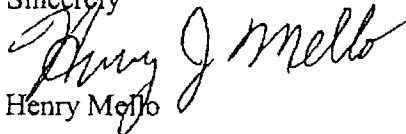
The Visitor Center will provide enrichment to existing visitors as well as educational opportunities for area schools. According to the Feasibility Study, a sensitively designed Visitor Center project can alleviate traffic congestion, improve parking, and beautify the bluff top while preserving ocean views.

This site is easily accessible, with adequate parking, just 2 blocks from Highway One. It is also accessible by foot and bicycle. Visitors and schools wishing to visit will not have to compete with the traffic generated at the other proposed sites.

California Department of Parks and Recreation is offering a spectacular and priceless piece of property for the Visitor Center. Locating the Center here will be a spectacular gift to the State Park system and the people of California.

Seacliff State Beach belongs to all of the people of California. This is a great opportunity to provide training to current and future generations about the value and fragile nature of the ocean environment. I urge your vote for Seacliff as the Visitor Center location.

Sincerely


Henry Mello

cc:



SURFRIDER FOUNDATION

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Dan Holdren and Pepper Golesh, Co-Chairs
Seacliff Village Plan Committee
289 Bonefish Court
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March 20, 2001

Dear Dan and Pepper,

Your community enhancement plans for the Seacliff area and Aptos are very reassuring. Thank you Pepper for your information, Dan for coming to our Executive meeting and presenting your goals for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Visitors Center.

The site aspired to at State Beach's (current) maintenance yard appears to be a well-situated place. It is geographically near the center of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary coastline and would provide a value-added interest to our local community and visitors to the area.

Surfrider Foundation, Santa Cruz Chapter supports you and your plans for this project. The plan itself is beneficial to our community for many reasons. Most importantly, it opens positive dialogue between residents and local officials that constructively addresses something unique to our coastal area. It is reassuring to see local residents take an interest in a plan that enhances protecting our coastal area with a Visitors Center educating all who visit to the "Marine Sanctuary" concept. The Chapter has approved your request to use our name on your brochure as supporting this effort.

The best of luck in pursuing this endeavor. Please keep us updated on your progress.

Sincerely,

Nathan Pierce, Chairperson

SEA BREEZE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Santa Cruz, CA 95062

June 12, 2003

Mr. Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
299 Foam Street
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Mr. Douros,

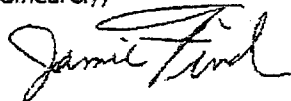
I am writing this letter to express the support of the Sea Breeze Homeowners Association for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Visitor Center at Seacliff State Beach. The Board of Directors of Sea Breeze, which represents 128 homes, unanimously voted to express their support at their May Board of Directors meeting.

The Board and residents of Sea Breeze feel Seacliff State Beach is the perfect site for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. It is in a beautiful location that attracts an extraordinarily large number of visitors each year. It has easy access by foot and bicycle and has convenient and direct access off Highway 1. There is adequate space for a visitor center at this location.

The Association members are well aware of the Seacliff Village Plan that was adopted by the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors that said, "State Parks should consider the feasibility of locating a one-story interpretive museum or a museum featuring the Monterey Bay Sanctuary on the coastal plateau. Such a museum would enhance visitors' enjoyment of the State Park and Seacliff Village areas."

We strongly support the Marine Sanctuary Visitor Center site at Seacliff State Beach.

Sincerely,



Jamie Finch
President, Board of Directors
Sea Breeze Homeowners Association

cc: Congressman Sam Farr
Senator Bruce McPherson
Assemblyman John Laird
Ellen Pirie, 2nd District Supervisor
Bill Douros
Bill Blake

July 16, 2003

Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
299 Foam Street
Monterey, Ca, 93940

Dear Mr. Douros,

The Seacliff Village Plan Committee was a community based, 25-member organization, established as a broad-based forum of local stakeholders. Committee members include Seacliff merchants, professionals, property owners, residents and representatives of local associations. Together we have been working on this plan for seven years. We are proud to be joining in partnership with the State Park and NOAA.

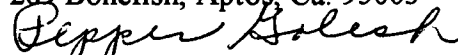
We strongly support the Monterey Marine Sanctuary Visitors Center to be built at Seacliff State Beach. This is a critical part of our plan. We are dedicated to the preservation of this national sanctuary and the surrounding parks; Nicene Marks, New Brighton and Seacliff State Beach. These three parks are integral to the village plan. We feel that this plan is a well-balanced plan for the community. It has "smart growth" taken into consideration and offers a balance between ocean and land, taking into account the watershed and the natural scenery of the area.

We are proud to offer this plan as a way to support the State Park and to help build a relationship between the village community and the State Park.

Sincerely,



Seacliff Village Plan Committee
Dan Holdren and Pepper Golesh
289 Bonefish, Aptos, Ca. 95003



cc: Congressman Sam Farr

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July 16, 2003

Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
299 Foam Street
Monterey, Ca. 93940

Dear Mr. Douros,

This letter is from the Seacliff Merchants Association and we would like to let you know that our association is for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Visitor Center to be built at Seacliff State Beach. We represent the merchants of Seacliff Village.

We feel that this site is ideal for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Center. It offers inspiring views and a beautiful location that the other sites cannot offer. Seacliff State Beach attracts a large number of visitors each year. It has easy access by foot and bicycle and has convenient and direct access off Highway 1. There is an excellent space for the visitor's center at this location.

The Association of Merchants is aware of the Seacliff Village Plan that was adopted by the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors. The Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center was the center of this plan. Such a museum-visitor's center would enhance visitor's enjoyment of the State Park and Seacliff Village areas.

We strongly support the Marine Sanctuary Visitor Center site at Seacliff State Beach.

Sincerely,



Dan Holdren
President, Seacliff Merchants Association
218 State Park Dr.
Aptos, Ca. 95003

Cc Congressman Sam Farr
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May 12, 2003

Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California 93940

The Aptos Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, composed of thirty-two local community leaders, support Seacliff State Beach as the best possible site for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Visitor Center. Seacliff State Beach was identified as a location for the Visitor Center in the community planning process which resulted in the Seacliff Village Plan, a specific plan to guide the future development and reuse of the commercial area. Seacliff was also identified as a potential site in the *Discovery Center / Visitor Center Analysis Project for the County of Santa Cruz on behalf of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Inter-Agency Task Force*.

An important part of the mission of California State Parks is to provide for the "health, inspiration and education" of the visiting public and surrounding communities. A Sanctuary Visitor Center certainly is compatible with this and may be the highest and best use of this incredibly valuable land. This site will provide the purest experience with sweeping ocean views and no competition from other attractions.

The Visitor Center will provide enrichment to existing visitors as well as educational opportunities for area schools. According to the Feasibility Study, a sensitively designed Visitor Center project can alleviate traffic congestion, improve parking, beautify the bluff top while preserving ocean views, and serve as a catalyst to improve the interface with the surrounding community. The Visitor Center will serve to attract public and private investment in the residential and commercial areas of Seacliff.

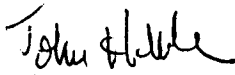
Seacliff currently attracts nearly two million visitors a year. This site is easily accessible, with adequate parking, just 2 blocks from Highway One without passing through residential neighborhoods. It is also accessible by foot and bicycle. As the "Coastal Trail" or Sanctuary Trail" develops around the Monterey Bay, Seacliff will be a main attraction along the way. The 10,000 acre Forest of Nisene Marks State Park is within walking distance and connects the Aptos Creek watershed to the Bay at the eastern edge of Seacliff State Beach. A rail line is also in walking distance of the State Beach and a tourist trolley is being financed to run between Aptos and Capitola. This will bring visitors without vehicles. Seacliff will be a destination point along the way. As Seacliff is located outside of more heavily trafficked areas, access should remain a favorable consideration for this site. Visitors and schools wishing to visit will not have to compete with the traffic generated at the other proposed sites.

Seacliff State Beach is neither Santa Cruz nor Monterey. It is located in-between and belongs to all of the people of California. This site is a blank slate and provides the

opportunity to design a state-of-the-art building from the ground up without any competing interests on the site. It will be a legacy and a model to the Sanctuary program. It will be a shining example to show we are active stewards and educators, working for the benefit of our coastlands and our fellow citizens.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to partner with federal, state, and local governments, business and the community. This will provide visitors and locals the opportunity to experience and learn about the marine environment, and to develop an environmental ethic. Both the enjoyment and preservation of the sanctuary are essential to the long-term health and stewardship of this magnificent resource. The Aptos Chamber Board will work to bring additional partnerships to the success of this project.

Sincerely



John Hibble
Executive Director

cc:

Congressman Sam Farr
Senator Bruce McPherson
Assemblyman John Laird
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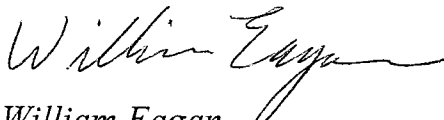
RE: Proposed Sanctuary Center at Seacliff

Dear Mr. Douros:

I visit the Seacliff State Beach often and I would like to see the State Park land used for a Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center.

Please support this idea, it is a good one. This is a magnificent setting that should be protected for future generations.

Sincerely,


William Eagan

cc. Congressman Sam Farr
Senator Bruce McPherson
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5 July 2003

Mr. Bill Douros
Director, Monterey Bay Sanctuary
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California 93940

Dear Mr. Douros:

I wish to go on record as supporting the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Visitors Center at Seacliff State Brach in Aptos, California. We live in a most beautiful location that attracts an enormous number of visitors each year. Seacliff Beach offers easy access by foot, bicycle and automobile and is conveniently located just off of California Highway 1. The surrounding area also has adequate space to house a Visitors Center.

I believe that the California Parks Department should seriously consider constructing a single storey Visitors Center housing a museum with exhibits focusing on the Monterey Bay Sanctuary and the coastal plateau. Such a museum would certainly enhance visitors' enjoyment of our beautiful state park while, at the same time, educating them about the fragility of our marine environment, the various flora and fauna that live in our oceans and the importance of preserving our marine ecosystems.

I believe that State Parks, working in conjunction with the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, the Planning Department and the Seacliff Village Association will be able to develop a world class facility that will be a credit to the area and that will be appreciated by local residents and visitors alike. Please do whatever you can to assist this effort.

Sincerely,



Dan Golesh

cc: Congressman Sam Farr
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Supervisor Ellen Pirie
Bill Blake

July 16, 2003

Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California, 93940

Dear Mr. Douros,

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I feel this site would offer an inspiring experience and help people fall in love with their bay. It is vital that future generations learn how to care for this magnificent bay and this facility could be an on-going study center to further this knowledge. This center could be a place for all visitors to enjoy for years to come.

Please support this site.

Thank you,

Teri Selera
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Aptos CA 95001-0685

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July 14, 2003

**Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California 93940**

Dear Mr. Douros,

I wish to lend my support to having the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center located at Seacliff State Beach.

This beautiful site is an ideal place for such a facility and would benefit the community as a whole.

I am a long time resident of the Seacliff community and I feel that only good could come from having this wonderful center located here.

I hope that you will support this area as your choice.

Sincerely,

*Samuel Farr
276 Bonafish Ct
Aptos, CA 95003*

cc: **Congressman Sam Farr
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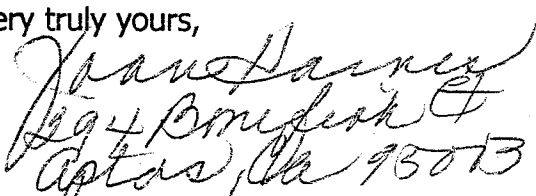
Dear Mr. Douros,

Seacliff State Beach is by far the best choice for the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center. I would like to lend my support to having this location chosen for this center.

I have lived in the Seacliff community for many years and have always wondered why such a beautiful piece of land was not used to benefit everyone. It is State Park property and belongs to everyone in the state. It is a rare and beautiful location and would inspire generations to come to help care for this national treasure, Monterey Bay.

Please lend your support to the Seacliff State Beach location.

Very truly yours,



Joan Harney
1294 Broadway
Aptos, CA 95013

cc. Sam Farr

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Marian Naas
299 Bonafish Ct.
Aptos, CA 95003

cc. Sam Farr

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Please support this site.

Thank you,


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July 14, 2003

**Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California 93940**

Dear Mr. Douros,

I live in the Seacliff community. I would like to see the beautiful land overlooking Monterey Bay, that belongs to the State Park, used for a Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center.

I feel this site would offer an inspiring experience and help people fall in love with their bay and therefore help to preserve this national treasure.

*Randy Bye
333 Coates Dr.
Aptos CA 95003*

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Sincerely,

AD'Adamo
Annette D'Adamo
333 Coates Dr.
Aptos CA 95003

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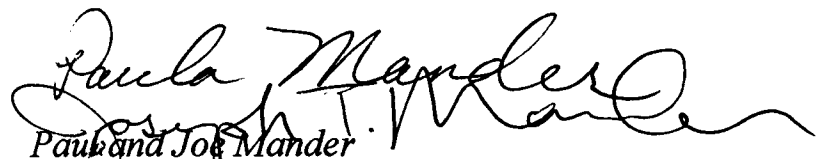
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I am for it! Please support this idea.

Thank you,


Paula and Joe Mander
328 Coates Dr.
Aptos, Ca. 95003

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Thank you,

Victor Davis
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APTOS CA 95023

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July 20, 2003

Mr. Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
299 Foam Street
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Mr. Douros:

As a 20 year resident of Seacliff in Aptos, California, I would like to see Seacliff State Beach chosen as the site for the National Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center.

I feel that this site would offer an inspiring experience to all that visit or live by Monterey Bay. It is vital that future generations learn how to care for this magnificent bay, and this facility could be an ongoing study center to further this knowledge as well as a place for visitors to enjoy for years to come. Please support this site!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, *Helen Callahan*

Ms. Helen Callahan
287 Bonefish Ct.
Aptos, CA 95003

cc:

Senator Bruce McPherson
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I am for it! Please support this idea.

Thank you,

Ramona Singh
205 Beneficial Court
Aptos CA 95003
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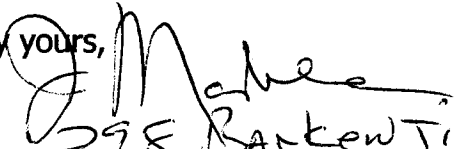
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Please lend your support to the Seacliff State Beach location.

Very truly yours,


298 BARKWINE CT.
APTOS, CA 95023

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LaSolla Beach, CA 95076
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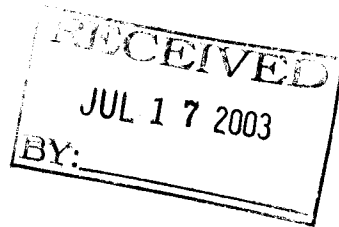
Thank you,

*Nancy Calderon
308 Coyuga St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95062*

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July 10, 2003

Bill Douros
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
299 Foam Street,
Monterey, Ca. 93940



Dear Mr. Douros,

We are very much in favor of having the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitors Center located at The Seacliff State Beach.

There are many of us old time and recent Seacliff residents, who would welcome this center and think it would be an excellent use of the land. It is certainly in keeping with the spirit of Seacliff State Beach. This is a beautiful area would be a perfect place for future generations to come to study the bay and learn how to protect it.. Seacliff Beach is a treasure to the country of Santa Cruz and this tribute to our beautiful Monterey Bay Sanctuary in the form of a visitors center, would only enhance the park and the surrounding area.

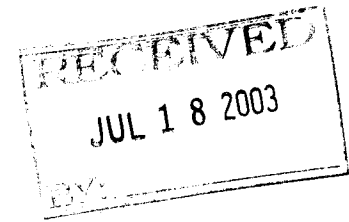
We offer our support for the Center to be located at Seacliff. It would not be right to place this important educational center at the Boardwalk with all the distractions there. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William & Shirley Randolph
William and Shirley Randolph (12 year Seacliff residents)
331 Coates Drive
Aptos, Ca. 95003

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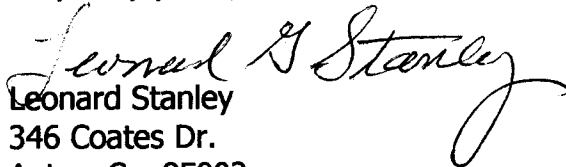
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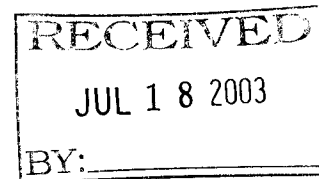
Very truly yours,


Leonard Stanley
346 Coates Dr.
Aptos, Ca. 95003

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Bill Douros
Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Director
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California 93940



Dear Mr. Douros,

I wholeheartedly support the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center to be located at Seacliff State Beach, Aptos. I feel it is by far the most appropriate of the four sites being considered and it is certainly the most beautiful.

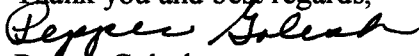
The partnership between the State of California and NOAA is a wonderful idea. I have lived in the Seacliff community for twenty years and I have worked tirelessly for the improvement of our community. I served as co-chair of the Seacliff Village Plan Committee for many years.

The Marine Sanctuary Visitors Center will serve as an educational facility and will help to educate adults and children about the necessity of keeping our oceans viable.

I feel as a member of this community, that it is incumbent on all of us to leave a legacy for future generations, and this would be an admirable and magnanimous one.

Please help us support Seacliff State Beach as the site for the future Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center.

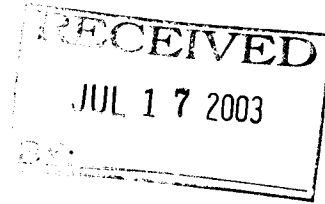
Thank you and best regards,


Pepper Golesh
289 Bonefish
Aptos, Ca. 95003

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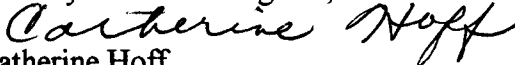
I have resided in the Seacliff area, near the entrance to the State Park, since 1947. That is 55 years. I have seen many changes in our little community and I would welcome the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center. I hope that this site will be chosen as it would benefit us all.

All of us, who have lived here, have benefitted by living near this beautiful bay. We have also enjoyed having the State Park Beach so close by, with patrols and maintenance to keep it safe and clean. I want to protect the bay and this learning center would be an excellent way to do this.

It is time we celebrated the bay and build this fitting tribute to it.

Thank you for all you have done and please help us support Seacliff State Beach as the site for the future Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Visitor's Center.

Thank you and best regards,


Catherine Hoff
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Aptos, Calif. 95003

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