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Re: SUPPORT: TIGER grant application from the San Mateo County Harbor District

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the application by the San Mateo County Harbor District for funding from the TIGER grants to support infrastructure improvements. Pillar Point Harbor is in my Supervisorial District and I recognize the value it provides to the community.


Pillar Point Harbor is second only to San Francisco in importance as a commercial fishing port in the Bay Area and the sixth in the state. It has had a long history of commercial fishing and seafood processing. In 2013, total landings at Pillar Point Harbor accounted for over 15 million pounds, with a value in excess of \$17 million, with Dungeness Crab as the top seller. In addition to commercial distribution, many fishermen sell directly to consumers off their boats. The Harbor also supports recreational boating, including charter fishing boats, whale watching, sailing, and kayaking. Many of the approximately 3.8 million visitors to the coast visit the harbor, taking advantage of its recreational boating, access to fresh seafood, the scenic beauty, restaurants and unique shopping.

I commend the San Mateo County Harbor District for pursuing funds to expand and improve the safety and maneuverability of Johnson Pier and the roads leading up to it. These improvements are particularly important for large boats towing trailers and large fish trucks, both on the roads and on Johnson Pier. They will also improve public safety access to the Pier. We expect the proposed changes to not only increase safety, but that they will provide a boost to the local economy with new opportunities and an improved outlook for current businesses.

Again I want to express my support of the San Mateo County Harbor District's application for TIGER Grant funds which, if granted, will bring positive change, improved safety and increased economic vitality to the Harbor and its surrounding environs.

Please give this grant request every consideration.

Sincerely,


Supervisor Don Horsley
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cc: Steve McGrath, General Manager, San Mateo County Harbor District

