

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
**FROM:** JOEL ROJAS, AICP, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING,  
BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT  
**DATE:** MAY 6, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** RPV COAST VISION PLAN – ISSUES MATRIX  
**REVIEWED:** CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER   
Project Manager: Ara Michael Mihranian, AICP, Principal Planner 

**RECOMMENDATION**

Review the Issues Matrix derived from concerns raised at the November 10, 2007 workshop and provide Staff with final input and direction on the unresolved issues so that the consultants can prepare the final Vision Plan document.

**BACKGROUND**

In March 2006, the Annenberg Foundation awarded a grant to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) to work with the City of RPV and create an “RPV Coast Vision Plan”. The goal of the Vision Plan being to create a conceptual master plan that cohesively connects certain key open space properties along the coast, including the NCCP properties, through the use of trails, architecture, signs, and interpretative materials. The idea of the Vision Plan is to provide the City with a conceptual planning document that will assist the City in planning future improvements to these key open space properties, such as enhanced public access and recreational amenities, and other facilities to improve the public’s experience of the City’s coastline.

Once the planning grant was awarded by the Annenberg Foundation, Melendrez, a renowned landscape architecture and urban planning firm based in Los Angeles, was hired to integrate the existing planning documents, solicit public input and work with the City/PVPLC staff to create the RPV Coast Vision Plan. The planning process has involved the following steps:

- Data Gathering Phase (March to June 2006)
- Vision Plan Public Workshop No. 1 (June 2006)
- Creation of Vision Plan Alternatives (June to Oct. 2006)
- Vision Plan Public Workshop No. 2 (Oct. 2006)
- Final Concept Development (Nov. 2006 to Oct. 2007)
- Vision Plan Public Workshop No. 3 (November 2007)

The purpose of the November 10<sup>th</sup> workshop was to present the product of the extensive Vision Plan planning effort to the City Council and the public for feedback. It was originally envisioned that based on the feedback received at the November 10<sup>th</sup> workshop, Melendrez would then work with Staff to prepare the final Vision Plan document for presentation to the City Council for approval at a subsequent City Council meeting. However, at the November 10<sup>th</sup> workshop, questions and/or concerns raised by members of the public regarding specific components of the Vision Plan design schemes, including the Annenberg Companion Animal Facility, prompted the City Council to direct Staff to prepare a matrix identifying the outstanding issues for consideration before the adoption of the final Vision Plan document. Furthermore, the Council directed Melendrez to meet with additional community groups, such as the Council of Homeowners Associations, for additional input on the Vision Plan proposal. Because this additional step in the Vision Plan planning process was not a part of the original budget, the City and the PVPLC had to seek additional grant funds from the Annenberg Foundation before Melendrez could proceed.

On March 3, 2008, the PVPLC received notice from the Managing Director of the Annenberg Foundation, Leonard Aube, that an additional \$62,840 was awarded to complete the Vision Plan document (see attachment). Soon after, work on the next step in the Vision Plan, the preparation of an Issues Matrix, commenced by Melendrez. At this time, the Issues Matrix, prepared by the Melendrez, is being presented to the City Council for review (see attachment). The issues identified in the matrix are based on public testimony at the November 10<sup>th</sup> workshop and comment letters submitted to the City up through December 14, 2007.

## **DISCUSSION**

Attached is the Vision Plan Issues Matrix requested by the City Council which has been prepared by Melendrez based on a compilation and analysis of public testimony received at the November 10, 2007 Vision Plan Workshop. In addition to the comments collected and recorded at the meeting, public comments submitted to the City between November 10, 2007 and December 14, 2007 have also been included in the analysis and summary of the Issues Matrix.

As summarized on the cover page of the attached Matrix, at the November 10 meeting and during the comment period, the City captured a total of 103 comment statements. Because individuals commenting addressed multiple key sites or vision plan issues, their comments were further broken down, pulled apart and analyzed by each key issue being raised. 118 issues were considered in this process. Of these 43 were in support of Vision Plan proposals, 21 expressed opposition to Vision Plan proposals, 10 expressed conditional support for Vision Plan proposals, and 44 made specific suggestions about changes to Vision Plan proposals or indicated concerns about specific elements of the Plan. For purposes of focusing on the issues to be resolved, the Matrix only addresses comments/issues expressing opposition to Vision Plan proposals, those conditionally opposed to the proposals, or those making suggestions or adding new ideas to consider in the Plan. Public comments received in favor of

Vision Plan proposals, including the Annenberg Companion Animal Facility, are not listed in the matrix.

The attached Matrix lists the concerns followed by responses prepared by Melendrez together with recommendations (highlighted in yellow) for suggested changes or refinements to the design schemes for the 5 key sites within the Vision Plan. The comments listed in the Matrix have been abbreviated to capture the essence of the concerns in order to maintain a streamlined table. All of the public comments, including the comments in support of the Vision Plan, received during the comment period are attached to this Staff Report.

The attached matrix summarizes the public comments received in the order of the following individual key sites:

- Upper Point Vicente
- Lower Point Vicente
- Abalone Cove
- Gateway Park
- Del Cerro Park

The Matrix also contains general comments on the Vision Plan including the design guidance and new ideas or concepts raised at or after the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In order to complete the Vision Plan document for review and approval by the City Council at a future meeting, Staff is seeking Council direction on the outstanding issues identified in the attached Matrix.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Next Steps in the Vision Plan Process**

Depending on the direction given to Staff on the outstanding issues identified in the matrix, it is anticipated that the final Vision Plan document would be presented to the City Council for adoption sometime in late June or early July 2008. Adoption of the Plan at that time does not necessarily mean that any of the projects are approved. Adoption of the Plan would only signal to Staff and the various groups that have a stake in any of the proposals that they can take the proposals to their respective next step. The next step being to demonstrate to the City Council that a project is financially feasible, including a project's financial implications on City resources. If deemed acceptable, a project would then be required to go through the City's planning entitlement process (condition use permit, grading permit, etc.), including environmental review to determine a project's potential impacts to the surrounding environment.

#### **Public Comments**

Attached are the public comments received between the November 10<sup>th</sup> workshop and the close of the comment period on December 14, 2007. The attached public

comments include those in support and in opposition of the Vision Plan. Also attached are the public comments on the Annenberg Companion Animal Facility.

#### Public Requests for a Dog Park

The City recently received an inquiry from a resident of Palos Verdes Estates inquiring whether the Vision Plan proposal, specifically the Companion Animal Facility, includes a dog park. After learning that a dog park has not been included in the Vision Plan proposal, over the last few weeks emails, predominantly from residents of Palos Verdes Estates, have been sent to the City Council and City Staff requesting that the Council consider including a dog park in the Vision Plan proposal (see attachment). Some of the more recent emails are in opposition to a dog park, especially at Lower Point Vicente.

The design schemes for the five key sites of the Vision Plan were developed based on public input at the three public workshops that were conducted since June 2006. A dog park was not included in the design schemes because it was not a desire expressed by the public during any of these workshops. Furthermore, given the programs envisioned for each of the five key sites (educational programs at Lower Point Vicente, cultural/community programs at Upper Point Vicente, etc.), as well as property constraints, Staff does not believe a dog park is conducive in any of the five Vision Plan sites. However, that does not preclude the Council from exploring alternative sites throughout the City if development of a dog park is something the Council wishes to pursue. Since the request for a dog park surfaced after the completion of the Issues Matrix, it is not an outstanding issue listed in the Matrix.

#### PUMP Relationship to the Vision Plan

When the Vision Plan planning process was first initiated, Staff proposed that it also encompass the preparation of the Public Use Master Plan (PUMP), which is a requirement of the City's NCCP. This is because the purpose of the PUMP is to establish the level of allowable public use in the Preserve, including trail use, and part of the Vision Plan goal is to integrate the public use of the Preserve with other nearby non-preserve open space properties. While Staff will continue to ensure that the Vision Plan is compatible and integrated with the PUMP, Staff has now separated the preparation and approval of the PUMP and Vision Plan into two separate approval processes. This is because the PUMP is a requirement of the NCCP and has to be completed by the City as an obligation of the NCCP whether or not the City Council elects to move forward with the Vision Plan. In addition, the timing for preparation of the Vision Plan and preparation of the PUMP has progressed, and will likely continue to progress, on two very different schedules.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

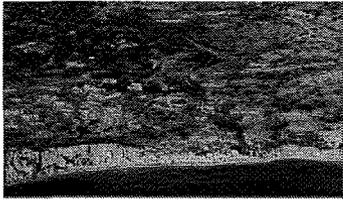
The eventual approval of the Vision Plan document will not result in fiscal impacts on the City's general fund since the document solely establishes a vision for public improvements but does not actual approve any projects. Actual implementation of the

various components identified in the Vision Plan will require funding that currently does not exist. In the future, if the City and/or stake holder groups wish to move forward with a component of the Plan, then an economic feasibility study will need to be prepared to determine the anticipated costs associated with the construction of such improvements, the on-going maintenance of the improvements (building and site maintenance, utility costs, etc) and the additional City services (police, rangers, fire, City Staff, etc) to support the improvements.

Approval of the Vision Plan would likely increase the chances of receiving public and private grants for implementing projects identified in the Plan. It has been Staff's past experience with grant funding that projects that are a part of a City approved plan, such as the Vision Plan, have a much better chance of being funded. Receipt of such grant funds would help offset any future costs borne by the City with project implementation, including the construction and maintenance of such improvements.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Issues Matrix
- June 2006 Vision Plan Goals Table
- Public Comments
- Public Comments on Dog Park Request



# Vision Plan

Rancho Palos Verdes Coast

# Issues Summary from Public Comment

This Vision Plan Issues Summary has been generated based on a compilation and analysis of the public comments captured at the November 10, 2007 RPV Coast Vision Plan workshop/City Council meeting. In addition to the comments collected and recorded at the meeting itself, other letters and email correspondence were received by the City Council and City staff between November 10 and December 14, 2007, and have been included in this analysis and summary as well.

In summary, 103 comment statements were captured by people speaking at the November 10, 2007 workshop on the Vision Plan or providing written comments during the comment period following it. (Note that some people spoke multiple times or spoke as well as provided written comments.) Because individuals addressed multiple key sites or vision plan issues, their comments were further broken down, pulled apart and analyzed by each key issue being raised. The following table provides a summary of the number of issues expressed relating to each key site, as well as the number of issues expressed that were general, or about the Vision Plan design guidance material, or expressing new ideas relating to the Vision Plan. The table also breaks down the number of issues that were expressed in support of, or opposed to, the Vision Plan proposals, those that were conditional, indicating support if changes were made, and those that expressed specific concerns or incorporated suggestions.

## Comment Categories

- KEY SITES**
- Upper Point Vicente
- Lower Point Vicente
- Abalone Cove
- Gateway Park
- Del Cerro Park
- DESIGN GUIDANCE**
- NEW IDEAS**
- GENERAL/MISC.**

Topic Area	Position and Number of Issues				
	Support	Oppose	Conditional	Specific Concern/ Suggestion	TOTAL
Upper Pt. Vicente Concept Plan	--	2	--	5	7
Lower Pt. Vicente Concept Plan	35	16	5	4	60
Abalone Cove Concept Plan	--	1	--	3	4
Gateway Park Concept Plan	2	1	3	2	8
Del Cerro Park Concept Plan	1	--	1	7	9
General Comment	5	1	--	7	13
Design Guidance	--	--	1	3	4
New Ideas	--	--	--	13	13
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>118</b>

As the table above indicates, 118 issues were studied in this process. Of these, 43 were in support of proposals in the plan, 21 expressed opposition to proposals in the plan, 10 expressed conditional support for proposals, and the majority of the comments, 44 in all, made specific suggestions about changes to proposals or indicated concerns about specific elements within the Plan proposals. The matrix on the following pages includes only the issues expressing opposition to Vision Plan proposals, those conditionally opposed to proposals, or those making suggestions or adding new ideas to consider in the Plan. Responses to the comments, together with recommendations (highlighted in yellow) for Vision Plan changes or refinements are included in the matrix as well.

Note that those entries included in this matrix that are considerably shortened from the text provided by the commenter are indicated with a \*. A full public comment record is available for those interested in reviewing all of the comments submitted, including those in support of Vision Plan concepts and proposals. Also note that responses to issues on this matrix may refer to "VS" or "G" statements, followed by numbers. These references are to specific Vision Statements or Goals developed for the Vision Plan, and are compiled in a separate document also part of this response to comments package.

Issue

Response/Recommendation

**KEY SITES**

Upper Point Vicente

<p>1 In opposition to the conceptual plan for the Upper Pt. Vicente site; concerns with buildings and parking lots on prime open space area, lack of an astronomical observatory, band shell and size of the Village Green.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Specifically, the goals for the Upper Pt. Vicente site direct that a range of uses will be accommodated, including the Palos Verdes Art Center, a City Hall, a pool/gymnasium complex, a village green (shown in the conceptual plan at 200' x 400' in size) centralized parking, and an amphitheater. These uses were selected based on public input at three public workshops conducted during the development phase of the Vision Plan. While specific uses, such as an astronomical observatory or others were not understood to be part of the program of uses for the site, and therefore are not called out on the concept plan, these could be incorporated in a community/recreation facility developed on the site. Further, though this site is one of three within the Vision Plan identified to accommodate new public uses, the vision statement and goals developed for this Plan, as well as the design guidance material, clearly recommend open space and view preservation within the RPV Coast, as well as context sensitive building and site design. Part One of the Design Guidance prepared as part of the Vision Plan addresses sensitive site and building design as well. Also, see specifically VS1, VS3, VS7, VS11; G7- G11; G17; G24. Construction of all or part of the Plan will require Planning Department review and approval of entitlements such as conditional use permits.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: The concept design for the Upper Pt. Vicente site shall be further refined to depict both a short term and a long term scenario for the use of the site. While in the short term financial limitations may dictate surface parking continue on the site in order to serve an interim reconfiguration of uses, a long term scenario will describe consolidated and covered/structured parking as a solution, together with the relocation of the City maintenance yard off this site. Further, the City should initiate a formal master plan of the site, which would include creating a space program to serve a range of possible uses, and parking needs analysis, and utilize the study of utility constraints that is presently being undertaken for the site.</p>	<p>Sunshine</p>
<p>2 Overall design too crowded and did not leave enough open space. How is City going to implement? Would like to see a decent City Hall before any of these items are added; how about using the Coast Guard site as new City Hall site? What will happen to the Studio or the PVNet trailer? Is there an area for Emergency Preparedness Team? How smart is it to put a swimming pool on the down slope of a slippage area; why put gym and pool on one of the best view areas? - tuck them back towards the road. There needs to be more open space available; do not think grassy amphitheater area is a good idea - who will maintain? Where will Walk on the Wild Side and 4th of July celebrations take place? What about parking? What's going on large dirt lot used for event overflow parking? Why not move all or part of City's maintenance yard to Eastview Park?</p>	<p>RESPONSE: See response above. Also note that outdoor community festivals could be accommodated on the Village Green envisioned on the site. Certainly a community facility/pool complex developed on the site would be sited an appropriate distance away from the bluff edge, but should also take advantage of the views the site features. Furthermore, the proposed improvements will require review and approval by the Planning Department, Building and Safety, the City Geologist, and the City decision makers. Multiple community users, from arts, cultural and recreation groups, to cable TV services, to non-profits and the like could be accommodated in a facility such as this. At present, the Coast Guard site at the Pt. Vicente Lighthouse is not in City jurisdiction, so cannot be considered for a City Hall complex. The Plan will be implemented over many years and will likely require funding via public/private partnerships to accomplish.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: See recommendation above.</p>	<p>Betty Riedman</p>
<p>3 I advocate an unobtrusive approach to building on the Upper Pt. Vicente site.</p>	<p>See response to comment #1 above.</p>	<p>Barbara Sattler</p>
<p>4 Please restore the astronomical observatory to the UPV vision plan as it was in the preliminary vision plan. If not at UPV site, at some other favorable site. RPV is in a unique position to further study/appreciation of the night sky and science of astronomy due to its location and geographic assets. The So. Bay Astronomical Society envisions an observatory as furthering the educational outreach programs it has undertook for the past 10 years with school children and the public at large.</p>	<p>See response to comment #1 above.</p>	<p>Joseph Fierstein</p>
<p>5 At the Villa Capri Complex we can hear all noise around City Hall. Please take into consideration how development of UPV will affect nearby residents in terms of noise. Look at how architectural design and hours of operation can help mitigate noise.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Specifically refer to the guidance in the Vision Statement associated with the Plan, as well as G24. Proposed improvements will require planning review, at which time, impacts to surrounding properties, such as, but not limited to, noise and hours of operation, will be addressed.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: A section addressing noise control in the Vision Plan area can be added to the Design Guidance. Any project approved on this site in the future would be guided by appropriate conditions of approval relating to limiting noise impacts.</p>	<p>Rowland Driskell</p>
<p>6 Build pool big enough for swim meets.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: The pool facility shown as part of the Upper Pt. Vicente concept plan is envisioned and sized to accommodate competitive athletic events, though this would not preclude community recreational use.</p>	<p>[no name given]</p>

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<p>7 In the developed areas of Upper Point Vicente, construction should be limited to the City Offices, the Nike Site Art Center and an amphitheater nestled into the slopes. Surfaces of parking areas for celebrations and events should be permeable. Hard surfaces should be kept to a minimum. The developable area may provide picnic grounds, a kiddies playground, ball fields, view points and other recreational features. A dog field, gym and pool, are not appropriate here. Palos Verdes High School is in need of a pool. Perhaps with financial help from RPV, something could be done in cooperation with the School System, to provide a pool for school use and public use after school hours and on weekends. The non-developable areas must remain untouched as wild-life habitat and rugged trails for nature study and hiking.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: See response to items 1 and 2 above. Also note that in an interim condition in which additional surface parking was constructed on this site, it is recommended that permeable surfaces would be used to the extent feasible and that other stormwater best management practices would be employed in parking areas as well. No dog park, nor ball fields are included in the concept design for this site. The non-developed area of the site, as called out in the NCCP Preserve, is to remain in its natural condition, with trail connections linking it to this site, and the rest of the RPV Coast.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: See recommendation relating to item 1 above.</p>	<p>William Tolliffe</p>
<p>Lower Point Vicente</p>		
<p>8 In favor of Animal Care facility in our neighborhood. There aren't enough animal hospitals on the Peninsula and a local facility would enhance adoption and pet ownership. An adoption center would attract residents to adopt companion animals; people adopt if it is convenient and easy for them. We can set an example for other facilities and take the burden off Carson Shelter and LA Animal Services in San Pedro. Perhaps accommodate all of the Peninsula animals, including wildlife such as raccoons, at proposed Animal Care facility?</p>	<p>RESPONSE: <u>Native wildlife and native planting</u> – The Annenberg facility will focus both on companion animals and indigenous animals of the Peninsula. Educational exhibit space both inside and outside the building will provide information about both groups, and the relationships between them and human populations. Any landscaping done as part of the site design will be native and coastal in character, not comprised of manicured turf or exotic plants.</p>	<p>Laureen Kocsis</p>
<p>9 Asked that a wildlife rehabilitation center or at least a receiving center be included in the Vision Plan, and that public education be included regarding the coexistence of domestic animals and wildlife.</p>	<p><u>Connection with local wildlife rehabilitation and rescue groups</u> – Facility will accommodate the drop off of indigenous wildlife in emergency situations, though it will not accommodate wildlife rehabilitation on site.</p>	<p>Lynn Petak</p>
<p>10 Like the idea of the Animal Care Center - will compliment the mission of PVIC - but should not usurp that of PVIC. The educational components should enhance those of PVIC not compete with them. Use only native plants, not sod or large trees. Where will Whale of a Day be held? Concerned that the proposed parking will focus on Animal Care Center and not PVIC. Will incessant barking of dogs disrupt peace and tranquility? Will animals be housed inside at night? Would like to see a drop-off or holding area for injured wildlife and work with various organizations that care for and rehabilitate these animals. Animal Care Center is a very large building - there appears to be a large greenbelt between proposed center and PV Drive West. Could it be moved further towards road so not in such close proximity to PVIC? In present configuration, it overshadows PVIC.</p>	<p><u>Size of facility and relationship to PVIC, program for outdoor areas</u> – In order to accommodate the following uses, the program for the Annenberg facility is presently envisioned as requiring a structure of roughly 30,000 sf, on two levels, with a footprint of roughly 15,000 sf. If the existing 10,000 sf of PVIC is included together with the proposed 15,000 sf footprint of the Annenberg facility, this results in a roughly 2.6% lot coverage. Indoor uses to be included are: museum quality educational exhibit areas drawing community and school visitors, multipurpose classroom spaces for community, professional, and school groups, space for limited companion animal care and socialization, as well as a multipurpose theatre space which could be used for learning both on site and long distance, via video conferencing and weblinking, and community and civic events and meetings. Outdoor program areas to be included are: companion animal socialization/demonstration area for supervised activities, outdoor gathering and seating in a promenade and plaza spaces, outdoor history museum exhibit areas (as envisioned by the PVIC documents) including Tongva village, geology display, interactive archaeology exhibit, dry farming/water wise landscaping demonstration, as well as an exhibit focusing on the ecology of the Peninsula and the continuum of marine, coastal, blufftop and terrestrial life within it. Whale of a Day and other events can easily be accommodated in the spacious promenade and plaza areas connecting PVIC and the Annenberg facility.</p>	<p>Betty Riedman</p>
<p>11 I support an animal care center and its educational value, but do not agree with the proposed location for the facility.</p>		<p>Jim Knight</p>
<p>12 The Companion Animal Center could be located at Upper Pt. Vicente</p>		<p>Joan Kelly</p>
<p>13 Support shift towards wild life and education because that links much better with nearby sites. Reduce square footage of Animal Care to 10,000 sf. Why does it need to be 25,000 sf?</p>		<p>[no name given]</p>
<p>14 Reported that in the recent past the Open Space Task Force and the City Council rejected a proposal to place a Girl's Softball Field in Lower Point Vicente because it was not a passive use of the property. Opined that the current proposal for the Companion Animal Center was not a passive use and requested that the Council carefully consider the retention of raw nature and open space.</p>	<p><u>Right facility/Wrong site</u> – The vision and goals developed for the RPV Coast Vision Plan identify the Lower Pt. Vicente site as an interpretive, educational, learning and community hub linking significant open space areas within the City. This is consistent with the City's Coastal Specific Plan, which identifies this area of the coast as an attractor/generator, given that the uses in this area and have been predominantly public-serving or publicly accessible (see Page S2-1 of the City's Coastal Specific Plan.) The program and mission of the Annenberg facility are entirely consistent with this, and the concept plan suggests weaving the new facility together with the existing Interpretive Center, so that the site design for PVIC is completed, and the infrastructure and amenities for both are consistent, high quality, and context sensitive. The Upper Pt. Vicente site, which has been suggested as an alternative location for the facility, is identified in the Vision Plan as the civic and cultural heart of the community, emphasizing arts and community uses and activities.</p> <p>[continued on next page]</p>	<p>Lynn Swank</p>

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<p>15 In opposition to the Companion Animal Center.</p> <p>16 The community has not asked for the Companion Animal Center; it belongs at another site, not Lower Pt. Vicente, which should be preserved as open space.</p>	<p><u>Nature, loss of open space</u> – The Annenberg facility will add 30,000 sf of developed, indoor space at this over 20 acre (or 950,000 sf) site. The facility is intended to be a green building; LEED gold rating will be sought, and sited in such a way that it is visually unobtrusive and integrated into the site. It is even conceived as featuring a green roof planted with appropriate native materials. The outdoor spaces envisioned will complete the PVIC phase III design, as well as complement the Annenberg facility, and will be constructed in a sustainable fashion using local and recycled materials, permeable surfaces, and native plant materials. Any site lighting will be dark skies compliant. Further, the site design envisions employing best management practices for stormwater management which may even improve the condition and function of the existing drainage channel on the northern edge of the site, reduce flow through to the ocean, and at the same time improve the habitat value of the site.</p>	<p>Ruth Hattersley</p>
<p>17 The coastal area is not the right place for the Companion Animal Center.</p> <p>18 Keep the land around the PVIC in a natural state with walking trails; an Indian gathering place would be more in keeping with the Peninsula-oriented educational aspect of the area. The PVIC area is not the place for an adoption center. Preserve our most valuable ocean front park and museum property and locate proposed Annenberg facility at a place other than Lower Point Vicente. Preserve the little open space we do have. People love our small museum because of its beautiful, peaceful setting and because it does not overwhelm the senses with too much information. Homeless pets do not appreciate ocean views, whale watching and tranquil setting, but people do. Be patient and wait for other donors who do not want to use land for their own pet projects and make Lower Point Vicente into a concrete jungle. Annenberg proposals are well done but use them in a place other than Lower Point Vicente.</p>	<p><u>The Concept Plan conflicts with NCCCP and precludes a wildlife corridor which was "left out" of the Preserve</u> - The open space preserve now in existence in the City of RPV is the result of a collaborative effort between the City and the PVPLC, as well as the generosity of private donors. A Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCCP) was developed as the foundation for the preserve design, which is scientifically based, and has been developed and approved in order to preserve an identified list of endangered plants and animals. Most of Lower Point Vicente (except for the coastal bluffs) was purposely left out of the Preserve. The Resource Agencies have approved the City's Preserve design as a sufficient wildlife corridor as provided with the current design for Lower Point Vicente. No wildlife corridors required to meet the preserve design requirements were therefore left out of the plan design. Development at the Lower Pt. Vicente site is not in conflict with the NCCCP as the site is outside the preserve, and site design will be rooted in sustainable principles. The Lower Pt. Vicente conceptual site design, as presented, including the Annenberg facility, provides the desirable trail connections across the bluff from Ocean Front Estates to the north, through the Lighthouse site to the south, and across PV Drive to the preserve areas landward on the slopes below the Upper Pt Vicente site.</p>	<p>Alfred Sattler</p> <p>Stephanie Brito</p> <p>Helen Gorey</p>
<p>20 At Lower Point Vicente, the Interpretive Center and surrounding picnic area provide an informative and enjoyable way to learn of the history and natural elements of the Peninsula. Plants and wildlife must be the emphasis in the non-developable area. The idea of a Companion Animal Center is contrary to habitat preservation.</p> <p>21 Companion Animal Facility appears to be a world-class facility and tremendous asset, but disappointed that designers did not consider any other location for the facility other than Lower Point Vicente. The land proposed for the building site is some of our last undeveloped, precious coastal land. Visitors to the PVIC remark on spacious, peaceful setting beside the ocean. Animal Care facility would use most of the remaining open land and greatly increase noise and activity level of the area. Other Los Serenos docents agree. Another site for the Companion Animal Facility would be more desirable, perhaps at Upper Point Vicente if designs are modified. UPV provides spectacular views for visitors and would be a fitting location for the Annenberg Companion Animal Facility. There are many of us in RPV that would very much like to have the facility available to the community.</p>	<p><u>Active vs. Passive Open Space</u> – The Lower Pt. Vicente site is zoned Open Space – Recreational. According to the City's zoning code (chapter 17.34), various recreational uses, which can be considered "active" or "passive" are allowed with approval of the appropriate discretionary permits. The City's zoning code defines "Active Recreation" as "outdoor recreation activities that are structured in nature and/or organized such as team sports, golf, tennis, etc." and defines "Passive Recreation" as "outdoor recreation activities that are nonstructured in nature such as picnicking, sightseeing, nature study area, etc." In January of 2004, the City Council decided that Lower Point Vicente should not be used for an active recreational use such as softball and instead should be used for passive park uses. The City's General Plan land use map identifies the land use for Lower Point Vicente as "Passive Recreational". The General Plan defines "Passive Recreation" as "outdoor recreation activities that are non-structured in nature (picnicking, sightseeing, nature study areas, etc.)". Clearly, the existing and recently expanded Pt Vicente Interpretive Center has been judged consistent with this land use designation, though it is comprised of a sizable structure that attracts and educates visitors daily. The Annenberg facility, sharing many of the same attributes as the PVIC, should fall into the same category.</p>	<p>William Tolliffe</p> <p>"Juned," Los Serenos docent</p>
<p>22 * The proposed Companion Animal Center is inappropriate for this location, LPV. Vital that we preserve what little undeveloped coastline remains. The Annenberg facility would be inconsistent with the Los Serenos docents' plans for minimal improvements to the site, such as outdoor historical exhibits, would be nearly twice the size of the current museum, and with attendant parking lot, impact the natural environment of this location. Although the generosity of Annenberg Foundation for undeveloped land acquisition and vision planning is commendable, as are the goals of the Companion Animal Center, I'm sure there are other more appropriate locations for the Center to be built. We should be patient; there are other foundations willing to promote the PVIC mission of natural history education without inappropriate conditions, i.e. the recent donation of \$180,000 to PVIC from the El-Hefni Foundation. Urge City Council to preserve this most valuable ocean front site and not permit any further major building construction at LPV.</p>	<p><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> The Annenberg Foundation should forge strong connections and relationships with local wildlife rescue and rehabilitation groups which already have recognition and support in the community, such as the South Bay Wildlife Rehab group. These groups should participate in the further refinement and advancement of the Annenberg facility and Lower Pt. Vicente site design, as must City staff and the PVIC docents. The name of the Annenberg facility should reflect its community educational mission. [see text above]</p>	<p>George Neuner</p>
<p>23 LPV is the jewel that everyone calls it because of its location and the open land where people can enjoy the scenery, take walks, even over the bridge (thanks to RPV) picnic, and enjoy the outdoors. More buildings are not needed and would make LPV a trashed jewel. Agree with George Neuner in his comments. Annenbergs should purchase commercial land for the dog place.</p>		<p>Emily Reeves</p>
<p>24 Although admirable in design, the proposed pet rescue center is not an appropriate addition to the LPV site. The site was designated for open space by the City with the exception of the PVIC. Note the proposal for girls' softball a year ago was turned down because it was not a passive activity. Feedback from the public indicates they like it that way...any additional buildings would detract from PVIC.</p>		<p>Beryl Tilley</p>
<p>25 Not in support of the Annenberg proposal, however well intentioned it may be, as it overwhelms existing efforts and PVIC. Let's wait for a more generous donor or proposal that's truly in line with what we're about: open space to see whales; green flashes; sunsets; stars; natural plants, all with the necessary but hopefully minimized impact of explanatory exhibits. We are not about developing Point Vicente.</p>		<p>Derek Wallentinsen</p>

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<p>26 Against putting Companion Animal Center at LPV. PVIC is a quiet area and whale watching center. Proposed facility is more than twice as large as PVIC and will dwarf and overshadow PVIC as well as dominate the area making museum and whale watching secondary. Would be able to see manicured planting, paved parking lots, buildings, and non native trees and things that don't belong. We need wild areas that are not built up - wild animals and birds need habitat for hunting and a place to live. Would be much better located near Angel's Gate near the Marine Mammal Center or somewhere else. People from other areas would see this animal companion center in all its luxury and would think that the rich people on the hill, the City, and the City Council care more about the dogs and cats than they do the visitors, children and habitat. Once open space by the cliffs is gone it can not be replaced.</p>	<p>[see text above]</p> <p>Yvetta Williams</p>
<p>27 The Annenberg proposal for Lower Point Vicente does not fit for two reasons: the size and the lack of strong educational components. It would consume much of the free, open and natural space. Education is PVIC's primary mission focusing on history, geology, marine and land animals and plant life on the Peninsula. Suggest that Companion Animal Center be only a small part of a much stronger educational offering that would enrich and complement the original intent of the property and existing PVIC. Strength could be gained in the inclusion of issues that affect all the diverse creatures that live on the Peninsula. Inclusion of live species would be immensely popular, as well as a connection with the local Wildlife Rehabilitation Group.</p>	<p>Jo Woods</p>
<p>28 Voiced concern with modification of indigenous animal behavior, over-development on the Peninsula, loss of open space, and liability issues if the animals in the Companion Animal Center cause injury.</p>	<p>Beverly Ackerson</p>
<p>29 Needs balance; not clear if the pet center speaks to the uniqueness of the peninsula; it would dwarf the truly unique interpretive center; focus of pet center is not on people or serving the broadest possible population; a campground here would serve a much larger RPV population than an equestrian center; an astronomical observatory would take advantage of our unique site.</p>	<p>Diane Hayden</p>
<p>30 * <u>Coastal Experience</u> Companion Animal Center is a wonderful idea but not appropriate for the Lower Point Vicente area and does not fit into the coastal experience for one visiting this site. Lower Point Vicente should be a unified coastal experience; vision should include: marine, geological, indigenous flora/fauna, and historical elements. Should also include wildlife corridor. <u>NCCCP</u> Even though LPV is not included in NCCCP it is important as a wildlife corridor. CAC could permanently rule out such a connection. <u>City Guidelines</u> General Plan and Coastal Specific Plan support natural coast experience. [<i>Sites several policy guidelines from Coastal Specific Plan Natural Environment and Agriculture Elements</i>] <u>Coastal Commission</u> Coastal Commission also has regulations that take sensitive species/habitat into account [<i>Sites sections from Article 5 - Land Resources</i>] <u>Vision Plan</u> Regarding Meléndrez conceptual plan drawing for Lower Point Vicente, it shows the Companion Animal Center as taking up most of the Lower Point Vicente acreage and dwarfs the PVIC which really should be the focal point of the site. It does not include or leave room for many components such as the Docents' Plan or habitat corridor. The Animal Care Center at LPV went from a possibility, to an alternative, to being the plan throughout the workshop process; it's not clear from staff report where a majority of public input drove the plan in this direction. The Animal Care Center could be incorporated into the new Civic Center Vision Plan. Illustration 5-47 of the Vision Plan shows area such as section E that could accommodate the Center and this location should be presented as one alternative to the Plan. <u>Full Evaluation</u> A full evaluation of the coastal experience and wildlife corridor enhancement on LPV and inclusion of NCCCP, City and Coastal Commission guidelines needs to be a part of this Coastal Vision Plan. Important to address these issues now before moving on with approval of the vision plan; even though conceptual, it nonetheless begins to create a life of its own as it moves along the approval process &amp; people get attached to it.</p>	<p>Jim Knight</p>
<p>31 * A California Fish and Game or qualified biologist should be consulted for a science-based decision as to habitat/wildlife corridor value at LPV. The LPV area was left out of prior analysis (NCCCP) and now is the time, since the City now owns the land, to explore with the experts the habitat/corridor value of LPV. Restoration of Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS) for a strip of land along the northern section of LPV would restore a vital and previously determined wildlife corridor. If all of the proposed structures are built at LPV, it might preclude a continuous wildlife corridor. However, hiking trails/educational opportunities, habitat and wildlife corridors can coexist. This approach is also consistent with our General and Coastal Specific Plans. Also, habitat restoration adds to coastal experience by preserving natural open space, one of the treasures of our City.</p>	<p>Jim Knight</p>
<p>32 Expressed concern with the Companion Animal Center proposal and the obligation implied by accepting a grant from the Annenberg Foundation. Opined that the project belongs at another site, not Lower Pt Vicente which should be preserved as open space.</p>	<p>Barbara Sattler</p>

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Abalone Cove	
33 Abalone Cove should not be changed. Keep the existing trail natural. The rugged trail provides a sense of adventure and is more of a nature experience. To make the trail wheelchair accessible would defeat its appeal. The tide pools are not wheelchair accessible but if feasible, a permit system could be arranged for shuttle access to transport the handicapped to the shore.	RESPONSE: The concept design presented for Abalone Cove describes minimal change to the site, including only adding an ADA accessible trail looping the top of the bluff area, adding an overlook, selectively replanting the site with native vegetation, and adding shade for the picnic area at the site. Signage marking trail connections and/or beach access is also a part of this concept. Further, interpretive signage could also be added at this location, though given that the roadway pull out/parking area and signage are already located here, this is not a likely high priority. No change is contemplated relating to the trail from the bluff to the ocean. William Tolliffe
34 Abalone Cove and open space areas in the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve need time to heal from bike use.	RESPONSE: Access to and use of the trail system in the Preserve is a matter for the PUMP Committee and ultimately the City Council to decide. Joan Kelly
35 Supports the use of native plants in the Abalone Cove area and suggests signage for the tide pool areas.	See response to Item 33 and Vision Plan goals for Abalone Cove Key Site. Betty Riedman
36 Would like to see mostly native plants, large PV stone boulders and paths. Can not have sod because it has to be watered and cliffs will eventually slump off. How about gazebo or structure for picnics? Use rubber mulch made from old tires as it is much heavier and will not blow off or change color. Do not wish to see a public road to the shoreline as it will endanger the Abalone Cove tide pools.	See response to Item 33 and Vision Plan goals for Abalone Cove Key Site. Betty Riedman
Gateway Park	
37 Could be a parking problem as people will utilize the lots for activities other than to use the Park. Who will pay for maintenance and upkeep? Terrific that there will be equestrian uses; perhaps other cities with horses could contribute to the maintenance.	RESPONSE: Parking to serve both the identified equestrian park and the gateway park uses as been considered in the concept design for this site. Parking is envisioned as integrated both into the site itself and located in flat areas which are within the site's boundaries but located adjacent to PV drive outside the entrance to the site. Maintenance and upkeep for the equestrian park will be provided by the equestrians themselves. Since the outdoor education and interpretive uses are not yet designed or funded, the maintenance entity for those elements is not yet identified. Any development that would occur on this site in the future would require detailed site design plans and design review and permitting by the City. During this process critical design and operational details would be resolved. RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Equestrian Committee, or other City Council approved sub-committees, to proceed into detailed design of the equestrian park portion of the site once the Vision Plan concept is approved, so that design and operational details can be resolved. City Planning and Parks and Recreation staff should be part of this design process to ensure that the gateway park uses envisioned at the site as well are not compromised by the equestrian users, and that adequate parking and support facilities can be accommodated for all future uses. Betty Riedman
38 Councilman Wolowicz asked about parking and circulation of traffic at the Gateway Park site and inquired if there would be too much at the site with the portal and Equestrian Center.	See response and recommendation above. Councilman Wolowicz
39 Councilman Clark spoke in support of the proposal and asked about the geological instability of the land; whether the educational center on the site was to be a portable structure; if the educational component would include information about the history of the Peninsula; and, the potential need for enforcement and rangers in the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve and surrounding areas.	RESPONSE: Given that the site is located within the City's landslide moratorium area, its geological instability is a design constraint for any use considered here. Any facilities located on the site would be temporary and portable and would comply with City regulations for building in this area. The design guidance portion of the Plan identifies educational or interpretive themes for each of the key sites, as well as the amenity areas identified within the Rancho Palos Verdes Coast areas considered within the Vision Plan. Since this site is identified as the gateway to the preserve, the preserve itself, the ecosystems of the preserve and the natural environment of the Peninsula are the identified themes at this site. RECOMMENDATION: As the detailed design of the Gateway Park elements of this key site concept design proceeds, ensure that future additional impacts on the Preserve itself, due to the enhanced access to it provided at this site, is considered and plans for mitigation (including ranger patrol or the like) are included. Councilman Clark

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<p>40 A portal is important; equestrian facility good idea; keeps area focused on our rural heritage; is consistent with appropriate use of surrounding trails; Youth Camp a good idea if low-impact; bicycle park is a bad idea because it's such a high-impact use that will put surrounding hills, habitat and other users in a marginalized position.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: The outdoor education area envisioned at the Gateway Park may be an area where indoor and outdoor education facilities, such as classroom space in a movable building, or a shade structure with tables outdoors, on the upper shelf at the southern end of the site, could be used by scouts or other youth groups.. Overnight camping is currently permitted in the City (through an approvals issued by Parks and Recreation) at Upper Point Vicente and Ladera Linda. RECOMMENDATION: The City should continue to consider and approve requests for overnight camping at existing, approved locations within the City.</p>	<p>[no name given]</p>
<p>41 Gateway Park, proposed as an equestrian center, would intrude into the Preserve and is not needed since there are established equestrian facilities on the Peninsula. The Gateway site could be more suitably named "Preserve Gateway" and would be ideal for a scout facility which could feature camping, hiking, and orienteering with the Klondike, Portuguese Bend and Forrestal Preserves. There is parking alongside PVDS, while a small primitive campground could be formed with little disturbance of habitat. The site, being natural and primitive, would provide a camping adventure and opportunity for youth to have an outdoor experience while not too far from home. Scouts would learn consideration for habitat and wildlife, leaving only foot-prints and packing out their gear, litter and waste.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: The equestrian uses proposed at the Gateway Park key site are located within the boundaries of this site, which are outside the boundaries of the Preserve. The gateway park area is purposely excluded from the Preserve to allow uses and activities described in the Vision Plan. The Resource Agencies approved the design that excludes the Gateway Park. These proposed uses would therefore not intrude into the Preserve. R.e. the proposed scout uses, see the response and recommendation above.</p>	<p>William Tolliffe</p>
<p>42 Voiced concern with extreme bikers' use of the Gateway Park site.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Extreme biking uses are not incorporated into the concept design for the Gateway Park key site.</p>	<p>Al Edgerton</p>
<p>Del Cerro Park</p>		
<p>43 Del Cerro Park as a donor recognition site should be kept simple with a permeable parking area, a bluff top fence and an adequate pathway to the view overlook. PV stone should be used for a recognition wall (see Wayfarer's Chapel and its roadside wall on PVDS for examples of PV stonework).</p>	<p>RESPONSE: This PVPLC donor recognition site at Del Cerro Park was conceptually approved by the City Council in concert with the approval of the Preserve itself. The existing parking lot at the Park (which is not permeable) is intended to remain, but be upgraded to accommodate ADA access. The pathway from the parking area up to the Donor Recognition overlook will begin at the "coastal" end of the parking area, and end at the overlook at the top of the bluff. Neither the pathway, nor the entry signage introducing the Conservancy and the overlook at the start of the path will intrude on the open play area of the park. The pathway location has been dictated by the constraints of the site's grades, and the need to ensure ADA accessibility. Instead of providing a loop trail, in an initial phase of construction, a single 5' wide path up to and back from the overlook will be provided. One overlook will be constructed, in the vicinity of the bench already existing at the overlook. Overlook walls will be 36" high or less, with integrated signage, and the two walls themselves have been shortened to roughly 20' in length. Bench seating clad with PV stone, and PV stone banding will be used in the overlook as well. The design does not incorporate lighting or planting. The initial overlook, and any second overlook and trail extension which may be added in the future, will be sited in order to avoid conflicting with the landing zone required by the silent flyers as is feasible. RECOMMENDATION: Include a revised concept plan for the Del Cerro site, incorporating the changes described, in the Vision Plan. City and PVPLC staff should continue to keep open channels of communication with residents and other stakeholders as the final design for this overlook is developed.</p>	<p>William Tolliffe</p>
<p>44 Reported that the site was currently used by the Peninsula Silent Flyers Club and outlined the Club's efforts with the Land Conservancy in order to accommodate the utilization of the park site for their continued activities.</p>	<p>See response above.</p>	<p>John Spielman</p>
<p>45 Voiced concern with the increasing uses of Del Cerro Park, the size and location of the proposed donor recognition site and the related safety and privacy issues.</p>	<p>See response above.</p>	<p>Iva Hackwell</p>
<p>46 Reported on the history of the park and its intended use as a passive park, with no benches, tables, etc. His concerns included night use of the park; parking related issues; lack of traffic and landscaping studies related to the proposed donor recognition site; the vast scope of the proposed donor recognition site; aircraft safety problems; and the lack of timely response by the Sheriff's Department to reported security issues.</p>	<p>See response above.</p>	<p>Thomas Olson</p>

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<p>47 * Please protect nearby homeowners from safety issues posed by remote control aircraft flown at Del Cerro park. Ironic that the Conservancy is proposing constructing a 1000' long/6' wide pathway with 30' and 24' walls and benches on open space land the Conservancy is ostensibly charged with protecting. Also, our Park Place Homeowners Association was not notified of the two visioning workshops. Two recommendations regarding the donor recognition site: scale back the current proposed concept to alleviate concerns over preservation of open space and safety issues raised by the remote control aircraft; identify alternative construction sites in or near Del Cerro Park, or elsewhere, in order to preserve the passive use integrity of the Park. Alternative sites could be in Del Cerro near the entry on Park Place at Crenshaw Blvd. where the "Park Recognition Site" plaque is located; further down the trail, just past Burrell Lane at the end of Crenshaw Blvd. where the first overlook could offer the same views; at the entrance to acquired land where people could enter; City Hall where there are other recognitions; other sites to be determined and scoped.</p>	<p>See response above.</p> <p>Tomas Olson</p>
<p>48 1. Maintain integrity of planted grassy area by not cutting through access trails; it is an uninterrupted playing surface used extensively and particularly on the weekends as well as a safer environment for weekend athletes or young soccer players. A change from grass to dedicated trail might pose a safety issue for soccer players and other users of the planted grass area. 2. Consult with the County of LA Department of Fire Services to make sure proposed plan would not have an impact on emergency services, such as use as staging area for brush fires and rescues. 3. Perhaps make donor recognition wall transparent so that it doesn't provide cover for those who want to avoid being noticed.</p>	<p>See response above.</p> <p>John Girardi</p>
<p>49 Asserted that Del Cerro Park was an outstanding site to view astronomy events and asked for an allowance from the City and neighbors for the site to be used occasionally for nighttime astronomy observations.</p> <p>50 Council and staff discussed issues related to security problems, the Sheriff Department's response, and potential problems for vandalism at Del Cerro Park. Councilman Clark noted that the proposed donor recognition site at Del Cerro Park was wonderful in concept, but the application would prove to be a challenge.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION: The City could consider modifying the municipal code to allow controlled nighttime access to public park facilities for a specific use, such as astronomical observation, with City approval.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Existing security problems associated with the Park should continue to be addressed by the cooperative efforts of the Sheriff Department, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, and the neighborhood residents.</p> <p>Al Sattler City Council Meeting Minutes</p>
<p><b>DESIGN GUIDANCE</b></p>	
<p>51 Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist, California Coastal National Monument, Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Department of the Interior, presented informational materials regarding signage design to inform the public about the rocks and reefs off of the coast of Rancho Palos Verdes which are a part of California's national monuments and the goals of the organization.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Interpretive materials relating to this National Monument are intended to be incorporated to the Fishing Access site, which affords views of monument areas. Educational materials about the Monument are already available at PVIC.</p> <p>Tracy Albrecht</p>
<p>52 Coordinate the plans for all Peninsula Parks and Preserves maintaining the emphasis on Open Space. PARKS are for Public recreation with playing fields, picnic grounds and other amenities. PRESERVES are for wildlife and habitat with limited access for nature study and adventure hikes. In all cases retain the natural topography, avoid cut and fill and construct buildings only in areas designated developable. For signs and markers, use natural materials such as PV stone, boulders, wood and logs. Use permeable surfacing. Avoid asphalt and concrete. In Preserves keep signs to a minimum in size and quantity, with simple, legible lettering.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Comments seem to echo values articulated in the Vision Statements, Goals, and Design Guidance for the Plan. Specifically reference VS1-10; G17-24, and Part 1 of the Design Guidance document.</p> <p>William Tolliffe</p>
<p>53 Vertical road signs are not safe - it's hard to read a sign with vertical printing, especially for visitors. Important to put City's logo on signs. Signage we have now for our parks (particularly Abalone Cove and PVIC) is woefully inadequate. Even if you Google PVIC, you will shoot past it unless you know exactly how to get there.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: The signage concepts included in the Design Guidance materials to be included in the Vision Plan are conceptual at this stage, and will continue to be refined, should a signage program be funded for the Rancho Palos Verdes Coast. Vertical signage is only intended in potential gateway installations, but is not intended for wayfinding signage in which legibility is an issue of paramount importance.</p> <p>Betty Riedman</p>
<p>54 Palos Verdes stone, stucco and European classic architectural and mission styles preserve the unique quality of Coastal California.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Comment seems to echo the values and goals articulated in the Plan to date. See the Design Guidance materials in the Plan. Specifically note the suggestions about materials and styles.</p> <p>[no name given]</p>

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<b>NEW IDEAS</b>		
55 Spoke about her efforts towards building an outdoor scout education center and campground and asked the Council to provisionally reserve a space in the Rancho Palos Verdes Coastal Vision Plan for the project.	RESPONSE: Multipurpose rooms which may be developed as part of a community facility at the Upper Pt. Vicente site could be made available for scouts to reserve for meetings. The outdoor education area envisioned at the Gateway Park may be another area where indoor and outdoor education facilities, such as classroom space in a movable building, or a shade structure with tables outdoors, on the upper shelf at the southern end of the site, could be used by scouts. Overnight camping is currently permitted in the City (through an approvals issued by Parks and Recreation) at Upper Point Vicente and Ladera Linda. RECOMMENDATION: The City should continue to consider and approve requests for overnight camping at existing, approved locations within the City.	Diane Hayden
56 Asked that the Rancho Palos Verdes Coastal Vision Plan include an outdoor campground.	See recommendation above.	Shera Domatz-Finkle
57 Mentioned that California Coastwalk has camped at the Ladera Linda Community Center's lower field for several years and suggested that the Girl Scouts consider this location.	RECOMMENDATION: The City should continue to consider and approve requests for overnight camping at existing, approved locations within the City, one of which is Ladera Linda.	Sunshine
58 Asked for the Council's support in the creation of a scout house at Upper Pt. Vicente and camping facilities at Gateway Park.	See recommendations in response to comments 55 and 57 above.	Kathy Johnston
59 Spoke in support of including a scout house at the Upper Pt. Vicente site.	See recommendations in response to comments 55 and 57 above.	Laura Raab
60 Emergency Preparedness: Provide direction to include restricted use scout camping area as these groups have a large impact on community emergency preparedness.	See recommendations in response to comments 55 and 57 above.	Richard K. Smith
61 Youth group/scouts meeting facility is a great idea at UPV; youth could benefit from being this close to nature, govt., gym and pool.	See recommendations in response to comments 55 and 57 above.	[no name given]
62 Please consider Scouting Community Proposal for a multipurpose Environmental Education Center and campground. And provide direction on how our groups can best address the city at the upcoming Vision Plan meeting and Vision Plan process in general, as City planning department has not returned phone calls or emails.	See recommendations in response to comments 55 and 57 above.	Diane Hayden
63 * Peninsula Girl Scouts, Palos Verdes Hills Girl Scouts, and the Los Angeles Area Council and Pacifica District of the Boy Scouts of America propose the development of an environmental education and multipurpose Scout center. Facilities would include: Scout house, group campsite and outdoor recreation activities.	See recommendations in response to comments 55 and 57 above.	Scouts
64 Include scouting facilities in plan. The ability to have permanent facilities and overnight camping opportunities would be a great asset to the youth of the greater South Bay. Scouts will give back to your city by performing many community projects, conservation projects, and other activities.	See recommendations in response to comments 55 and 57 above.	Tom Shortridge
65 Unfortunately late input for Scout Camp does not consider Fire Season on a nature conservatory related area. Local winds easily carry fire embers beyond 1/2 mile on coast. Winds and canyons and natural plan growth make firestorms on PVP likely if campers are allowed.	See recommendations in response to comments 55 and 57 above.	[no name given]
66 Spoke in favor of an astronomical observatory being provided on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.	RESPONSE: Specifically the goals for the Upper Pt. Vicente site direct that a range of uses will be accommodated on the Upper Pt. Vicente site, including the Palos Verdes Art Center, City Hall, a pool/gymnasium complex, a village green (shown in the conceptual plan at 200' x 400' in size) centralized parking and an amphitheater. While specific uses, such as an astronomical observatory were not understood to be part of the program of uses for the site, and therefore are not called out on the concept plan, a use such as this could be incorporated in a a community/recreation facility developed on the site.	Joe Fierstein
67 Coastal Clean Up Project Opportunity Ideas: Remove structure at the end of Pointe Vicente [near Lighthouse and Coast Guard site]; Seek County, State or other funds for coastal beautification to remove rocks and debris dumped by County workers over Hawthorne Boulevard cliff	RESPONSE: The City sponsors annual clean-up days. Grant opportunities could be utilized to conduct more clean-up projects.	Sharon and Jeane Burke

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<b>GENERAL/MISC.</b>		
68 Well presented, professionally developed plan that is totally disconnected from the history and buildings of the PV Peninsula. Great, but wrong vision.	RESPONSE: Vision, goals and design guidance developed for the Plan call for context sensitive design respectful of both the natural environment and built environment and architectural history of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.	[no name given]
69 A complete alignment of the California Coastal Trail is not included in the current draft of the Vision Plan. The RPV Coastal Vision Plan should include the whole RPV Coast and show how the three braids of the California Coastal Trail could best get from one end of the City to the other.	RESPONSE: The trails component of the Vision Plan depicts the trail alignments developed by the PUMP Committee for areas within the Preserve, as well as conceptually indicates other trail connections needed to complete the California Coastal Trail, including connection through the Lower Pt. Vicente site, the Lighthouse property, Terra-nea, and the trail connections already constructed through Trump National.	Sunshine
70 Spoke about the Vision Plan in general, voiced concern with preserving the City's open space, and suggested Council's careful consideration of future growth and providing adequate parking for future uses.	RESPONSE: The Vision and Goals developed for this Plan express commitment to open space preservation, limited, context sensitive and sustainable development. Parking is addressed in the concept plans that have been developed for each key site. Specifically, reference: VS1; VS2; VS3; VS4; VS5; G4; G11; G14; G17	Ken Dyda
71 Are we extending our vision to connect to San Pedro, Torrance, Redondo Beach?	RESPONSE: The scope of the Vision Plan is limited to the coastal area of Rancho Palos Verdes.	Diane Hayden
72 Needs a lot of work; move slowly; many good ideas; consider what is most precious about the community - feeling of serenity looking out over natural vegetation, please keep as much of natural vegetation as you can for as long as possible.	RESPONSE: Specifically reference VS1-7	[no name given]
73 The plan does not emphasize the preservation of habitat and open space. Instead, plans for buildings, facilities and amenities intrude into the Preserves. Preserves must remain natural, undisturbed habitat for wildlife and trails.	RESPONSE: With the exception of some directional signage and trail head or overlook improvements, the Vision Plan focuses on lands outside the Preserve.	William Tolliffe
74 Please manage Portuguese Bend Preserve so that all private residents maintain their privacy and private property rights. Many hikers and mountain bikers trespass on our property even though we have signs posted.	RESPONSE: Comment is related to PUMP, not the Vision Plan	Dan and Vicki Pinkham
75 Trojan Water Polo Club is very interested in seeing a pool as part of the RPV Vision Plan. It is extremely important to us that a pool be built that could accommodate both a sports team such as water polo while still providing space for community use. There is currently no pool for local high schools to play CIF games in, and building a pool minimally of CIF regulation size would be a tremendous benefit to the families of RPV.	RESPONSE: The pool facility shown as part of the Upper Pt. Vicente concept plan is envisioned and sized to accommodate competitive athletic events, though this would not preclude community recreational use as well.	Lisa Vavic

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### Vision

This Vision statement is developed to guide the Rancho Palos Verdes Plan for the linked system of City open space which includes its Preserve and associated civic and open spaces. This Vision is rooted in four key elements, expressed as clear values by the RPV community in a June 3, 2006 Visioning Workshop, and summarized subsequently by the Plan design team. These four elements relating to the areas of the City this Plan will address, are:

- Open Space and Retreat
- Native Habitats
- Fun and Adventure
- Community Gathering and Learning

Following is a summary overview of each of these key dimensions of Vision for these precious coastal, civic and open space areas of the City, followed by a series of vision statements associated with them. This vision, together with Plan goals articulated to guide the concept design for specific physical elements within the Plan, is intended to serve as a touchstone or benchmark for the concepts to be included in the Plan. The Vision is also intended to reflect common ground among community stakeholders in relation to these resources, and the basis for action in the future.

#### **A Place Set Apart: With Opportunities to Enjoy Open Space and Retreat**

The Palos Verdes Peninsula has been referred to as a “place set apart” in reference to its geographic, geologic and climactic separation from the urbanized Los Angeles basin. Further, its intact and even isolated coastal setting sets it apart from much of coastal southern California, both at the points and coves along the rocky edge and intertidal zone at the ocean’s edge, and on the bluff tops rising steeply above, with their dramatic views across the Pacific Ocean to Catalina Island. Further, connected to the coastline and threading through the Rancho Palos Verdes community, a network of canyons and hillsides of uniquely California native environment take the visitor out of urban life and into a quieter, slower pace that evokes a rural feeling.

Vision Statements:

**VS1** Dramatic views from the vast network of trails and public spaces along the coastline and out to sea across the channel are preserved and enjoyed

**VS2** The sense of separation, remove, and quiet is retained for residents and visitors alike

**VS3** Spaces are recognized or enhanced in which users can enjoy and appreciate the qualities of the natural setting, and feel a part of it, and experience a feeling of renewal

**A Natural Place: In Which Native Habitats Are Preserved and Enhanced**

In addition to its coastal views, the City boasts a 1200 acre Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve area that will be preserved forever as open space. Preserve areas are connected into the coastal zone and provide views of the coastline as well as protected areas for sensitive species. A web of living ecosystems is preserved encompassing both upland and wetland habitats. Further, marine species and habitats are recognized and interpreted at the City's Pt Vicente Interpretive Center, a renowned whale watching destination in California.

Vision Statements:

**VS4** Sensitive habitats and species are preserved, per the direction in the City's Natural Community Conservation Plan

**VS5** Sensitive habitats are restored, expanded and enhanced and connections made from habitat areas into other public lands in the City

**VS6** Interaction with, and access into, the natural areas is allowed for permitted activities including recreation, interpretation and education

**VS7** Sustainability, as a value in the community, is expressed in the design of community infrastructure and facilities within the City's open and public space system

**A Place for Fun and Adventure: In Which the Community Enjoys Recreation and Activities**

Residents of, and visitors to, the City enjoy a wide range of activities in its natural areas, both on land and sea. The City's outdoor public lands accommodate a diverse array of users, from hikers and walkers, to bicyclists, those who fish, ride horses, and enjoy a range of other activities. These uses are accommodated in both Preserve and non-Preserve areas within the City. Access to recreation in a natural setting, at the community's

doorstep, is a unique benefit that will continue to be enjoyed by generations to come.

**Vision Statements:**

**VS8** A wide range of recreational users continue to be accommodated on RPV public lands and trails, without degrading visually or physically from their character or quality

**VS9** Safe access is provided to RPV Preserve and public lands areas, in which conflicts between different user groups are minimized

**VS10** Preserve and public lands are identified, and recognizable as part of a system of open spaces and community spaces within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes

**A Community Gathering Place: For Community Life and Learning**

The natural setting of the City in part defines it, and is woven into its fabric, in and around significant public lands and facilities that serve residents and visitors. It is significant that the City’s natural resources have been recognized and identified, and are valued, designated and preserved. Bringing the community together to enjoy, access, and learn about these resources is the key to ensuring ongoing stewardship of them. Seamlessly weaving significant public spaces in and around the open space system in the City encourages the crucial synergy between education, learning, action and care.

**Vision Statements:**

**VS11** The Upper Pt Vicente complex is an active, vibrant focal point and cherished center of community and civic life, culture, arts and recreational activities, and is linked into other significant public and open space areas in the City

**VS12** The Lower Pt Vicente area is recognized as an interpretive/ educational/ learning/ community coordination hub for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes that also links significant public open space areas in the City

**VS13** Major resort destinations along the City’s coastline feature both high quality amenities and interface seamlessly with the natural habitats intertwined within and between their properties

**VS14** Points of entry, portals or passages, into education and recreation areas along the coast, into the canyons, and overlooking the entire system, exist at multiple locations, are clearly recognizable, and provide opportunities for interpretation and learning

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**VS15** Dry farming on the peninsula remains active and continues to educate community members about an important dimension of community life and history

## **Rancho Palos Verdes Vision Plan Site Specific Goals**

### **Active Recreation Area / 'Gateway Park' / Education Center**

**G1** Create a 'Gateway Park' that acts as a staging area for users and visitors from Palos Verdes Drive into the Preserve beyond.

Incorporate RPV natural areas "system" information into the Park, in trail head and picnic facilities

**G2** Establish a managed area, outside the Preserve, with a focus on specific active recreational pursuits, including horse-back riding and other activities as approved by the City Council through the PUMP process

**G3** Develop an outdoor education/nature appreciation center suitable for school and community groups

**G4** Implement an integrated approach to access and parking for all users

### **Del Cerro Park**

**G5** Establish Del Cerro Park as a donor recognition site educating the public about the origins of the Preserve, and include an area in which to view the Preserve and its facilities

**G6** Augment and improve existing visitor facilities and provide an ADA accessible path to a Preserve overlook.

**G7** Improve signage at the access to the Preserve from Del Cerro Park

### **Upper Point Vicente**

**G8** Advance the conceptual design of the Upper Point Vicente site based on the modified 'Civic Center Conceptual Site Plan' (as presented to the City Council April 18, 2006). The site shall be able to accommodate the Palos Verdes Art Center, City Council Chamber and City Hall, a pool/gymnasium complex, a village green, centralized parking and an amphitheater.

**G9** Ensure that the Civic Center is connected by a network of high quality, vibrant public landscapes and is visually integrated into the surrounding Preserve land

**G10** Link Upper Pt Vicente into the City's trail system and to other major destinations in the City

**G11** Implement an integrated, context sensitive approach to access and parking for all users

### **Lower Point Vicente**

**G12** Develop the conceptual design of the entire Lower Point Vicente area that integrates, in terms of design and amenities, existing and proposed facilities. These include the Point Vicente Interpretive Center and its outdoor education components (relating to cultural, social, physical and natural history and environments), surrounding public parkland, and other potential, complimentary uses

**G13** Determine broad site design and program possibilities for publicly accessible space at the Lighthouse property, should the City acquire this land

**G14** Implement an integrated approach to access and parking for all users

### **Abalone Cove Shoreline Park**

**G15** Improve public access and beach amenities, including;

- Construction of restrooms/storage area

- Construction of a new gatehouse

- Rehabilitation of existing parking lot

- Rehabilitation of existing public access that leads from the parking lot to the beach

- Addition of new park amenities- picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles

**G16** Implement an invasive species removal and shade tree planting program within the park

**Rancho Palos Verdes Vision Plan Area Wide Goals**

**G17** Implement a low-impact approach to the development of facilities and amenities within the Plan area, including context-sensitive architecture and materials, dark skies compliant lighting, and native and appropriate planting

**G18** Implement sustainable techniques e.g. storm-water management Best Management Practices, and reduction of urban runoff, in developed (parking and hardscape) areas

**G19** Consider access for the disabled in site design

**G20** Define and suggest principles for implementing a Rancho Palos Verdes ‘look’ and ‘feel’ in terms of design

**G21** Create a network of strategically placed passive overlook/rest areas and staging areas for trailheads near the boundaries of the Preserve where no existing habitat will be lost. Overlook/rest areas and staging areas for trailheads could include benches, picnic tables, tie rails, portable toilets and trash receptacles

**G22** Comply with Section 6 of the Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for proposals relating to fencing, signage and lighting in or near the Preserve

**G23** Implement an integrated concept for system-wide identification and wayfinding, including signage and monumentation

**G24** Ensure that design of Preserve amenities, open space and public areas is sensitive to the adjacent residential neighborhoods

**Rancho Palos Verdes Public Use Master Plan (PUMP)**

**Goals**

- Site compatible land uses (such as trails) within the Preserve and Neutral Lands, to the extent practicable, to avoid or minimize impacts to sensitive resources
- Create a recreational trail system within the Preserve that is consistent with the City’s Conceptual Trails Plan (dated 1993, and as amended by the City Council thereafter)
- Close existing trails within the Preserve, that are not included in the Preserve Trail Plan approved by the City Council
- Identify and locate passive overlook areas with benches, picnic tables, tie rails, portable toilets, and trash cans, near Preserve boundaries where minimal existing habitat will be lost, and to avoid or minimize impacts to habitat and Covered Species. Site overlooks and staging areas for trailheads adjacent to existing roads and away from sensitive resource areas
- Consider allowing existing recreational uses, such as the archery range, technical mountain biking or paragliding activities, in areas where impacts to habitat can be avoided or minimized
- Allow selected drainage improvements, linear utility easements, and existing access roads within the Preserve and Neutral Lands to be maintained and upgraded as required
- Allow existing agricultural uses on the City Hall property to continue as long as all agricultural practices and improvements remain consistent with the PUMP
- Ensure that the PUMP is approved by the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council, the PVPLC Board of Directors and the State and Federal Wildlife Agencies

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PROPORTION PLEASE

The CVP needs balance. It isn't clear that it reflects the relative importance of the uniqueness of our peninsula. For example, the pet facility, as currently designed, would dwarf the truly unique Interpretive center. Also, I believe that the focus should be on people and on serving the broadest possible population <sup>on site</sup>. A campground, for example, would reach a much larger RPV population than an equestrian center. An astronomical observatory takes advantage of our unique site.

Are we extending our vision to connect As San Pedro and Torrance, Redondo Beach?

Name and phone number or email address (optional)

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Diane Hayden (310) 544-1051 diane.hayden@cox.net

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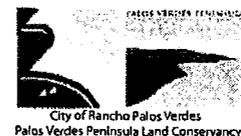
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The preliminary vision plan included a provision for the establishment of an Astronomical Observatory on the Upper Pt. Vicente site. It does not appear on the present plan. The So. Bay Astronomical Society would like to see this item restored in the plan. If not at the P.V. then at some other favorable site. S.B.A.S. has been conducting public outreach program in astronomy for more than 10 years at local P.V. schools. P.V. is in a unique position to further the study and appreciation of the night sky and the science of astronomy. We envision an observatory connected to P.V. classrooms via the internet and conducting observing sessions for the general public.

Joseph Fierstein 377-9834  
joefier5@aol.com

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regarding development at Upper Point Vicente, I live @ the Villa Capri Complex adjacent to U.P. Vicente and we can hear almost All noise around City Hall.

I am asking that whatever is developed around City Hall have taken into consideration how noise will affect your neighbors. Hopefully the architectural design & hours of operation can limit any disruption of the peace & quiet we now enjoy. There are 17 homes (out of 49 total) that abutt U.P. Vicente & we all would appreciate if our concerns are thought of when decisions regarding the City Hall area are made.

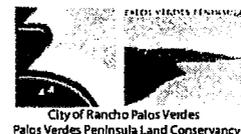
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Thank you!

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City Council provide direction to include scout camping AREA (restricted to use by only organized & incorporated groups) TODAY, please. These groups have a large impact on community emergency preparedness.

Name and phone number or email address (optional)

Richard K. Smith, Emergency Preparedness

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① Needs a lot of work. I urge you to move slowly. There are many good ideas. Consider what is most precious about our community. One thing is the feeling of serenity just looking over the natural vegetation. Keep as much of that as possible as long as possible.

~~Lower Pt Vicente - I support a shift toward wildlife and education, because that links much better with the nearby sites. Animal care facility -- why does that have to be 25,000 sq. ft.!~~  
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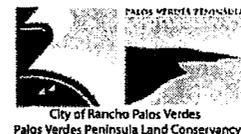
Gateway Park - A portal is important. An equestrian facility sounds like a good idea. It keeps this area focused on our rural heritage, is consistent with the appropriate use of surrounding trails. A Youth camp is a good idea if it can be done low-impact. A bicycle park is a bad idea. This attracts such a high impact use in great numbers it will put the surrounding hills, habitat and other users in a marginalized position.

Del Cerro Park -- Keep it simple

Upper Pt. Vicente -- A youth group meeting facility is a great idea. Call it a scout house -- whatever -- our youth here could benefit being this close to nature, gym & pool. Build pool big enough for swim meets!

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**Rebecca Finn**

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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 9:53 AM  
**To:** 'Melani Smith'; 'Rebecca Finn'  
**Cc:** 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Accessible government

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [mailto:carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 8:59 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** 'Joel Rojas'  
**Subject:** FW: Accessible government

Hi Ara --

It doesn't look like this email was included in later correspondence for Saturday.

Carolynn

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**From:** Diane L. Hayden [mailto:dianeLhayden@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2007 9:00 PM  
**To:** tom.long@rpv.com  
**Cc:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Accessible government

Dear Councilman Long,

I met you at a recent political gathering organized by the Barbara and George Gleghorn and, at the time, I never dreamed I would be writing you now to ask for your help.

I have been working with my Senior Girl Scout troop and a number of other citizens to bring a proposal to the city for the RPV Coastal Vision Plan. It involves creating a multipurpose Environmental Education Center and campground which would enhance our current Interpretive Center and other natural places by linking them in an overall plan for promoting environmental awareness and opportunities for involvement. The text of the proposal is below.

As you can see it is a very rough proposal with broad appeal to many groups on the Peninsula. In fact, we have collected over 500 signatures in the last three days from citizens who support the idea.

I understand that this Saturday, November 10 is the final public meeting where ideas for the RPV Vision Plan are to be discussed. My frustration stems from the inability to get any concrete help in learning how to address the city.

Originally, I had thought that this project would teach my Senior Girl Scouts a civics lesson about how concerned citizens can get involved in their governance. Unfortunately, the lesson they are likely to learn is that no one wants to listen or worse that no one really cares.

I intended for the girls to look at the agenda for the meeting and plan to participate in whatever way they could. Unfortunately, they were unable to make sense of the agenda for the upcoming Vision Plan meeting and neither could I. My fellow Girl Scout Leader, Shera Dolmatz-Finkel, has repeatedly contacted the city planning department by telephone and email this week, leaving messages each time and no one has returned her calls or

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emails. Hence my appeal to you for help.

My girls would like to attend this city council meeting to introduce their idea but we have been given no direction in how to go about this. Please help me so that I can share a more positive lesson about our city government with my Girl Scouts.

Your kind and timely attention to this would be most appreciated.

Respectfully,  
Diane L. Hayden  
(310) 544-1051

**\*\* PETITION \*\***

**For a Scout Education Center and Campground  
to be included in the  
Rancho Palos Verdes Coastal Vision Plan**

Representatives of the Peninsula Girl Scouts, Palos Verdes Hills Girl Scouts and the Los Angeles Area Council and Pacifica District of the Boy Scouts of America respectfully submit this proposal to the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council for inclusion in the Coastal Vision Plan.

**Vision**

We have a unique opportunity to maximize the benefit to our children and adults through the recently acquired Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve and the neighboring parkland in Rancho Palos Verdes by developing an environmental education center where Scouts and other youth groups can experience the wild and learn about the native habitat that only the Peninsula has to offer. This outdoor facility – with its access to everything from oceans and tide pools to hiking and astronomy in a non-urban setting – would be a truly unique treasure in the Los Angeles area.

**Proposal**

Representatives from the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America would like to propose that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes include a multipurpose Scout Center in its Coastal Vision Plan. This facility would include a:

- Scout house for meetings, training sessions, kitchen, craft rooms and a learning center
- Group campsite for 150 people with bathroom facilities, outdoor amphitheater and fire ring
- Outdoor recreation activities such as an archery range

We envision this multipurpose center as a place where Scout troops can gather to explore the spaces and places on the Peninsula away from the city lights and suburban development. It would ideally be situated near or on the nature preserve so that youth could extend their experience onto the trails and hikes in the area. A camp where Scouts and family members can stay in tents would provide facilities for enjoying nature with the lowest possible impact on the environment.

The facility would also provide the hands-on experience that Scouts need to develop their

character and community service. Groups staying at the camp would be encouraged to do service projects during their stay, such as maintaining trails and installing native plants, working in a reciprocal relationship with the Land Conservancy and the City. As well, those working on their Boy Scout Eagle projects and Girl Scout Gold Award projects in the area would be encouraged to hold their community service projects at the center, helping to enhance the facilities and surrounding parks.

Scouts would also be able to earn merit badges at the facility, from the Cub Scout Outdoorsman Activity Award to the Boy Scout merit badges for astronomy, archery, camping, emergency preparedness, geology, hiking, nature, and oceanography. Girl Scouts could participate in Try Its for Camping, Earth is our Home, Earth and Sky, Eco-Explorer, Outdoor Adventurer, Camping, and Water Everywhere.

The camp would be compatible with other places and proposals, such as Point Vicente Interpretive Center and Abalone Cove. The multipurpose center could also serve as an invaluable science resource for our schools during school hours and also provide day camps during the summer months for students living in the area.

**Background**

The Palos Verdes Peninsula is home to an estimated 10,000 registered Boy and Girl Scouts and family members. These Scouts are very active, participating in weekly meetings, weekend community service projects, camping trips, summer camps, and other outdoor activities. The challenge living in Palos Verdes though, is finding facilities, campsites or summer camps that offer outdoor activities that are truly outdoors, rather than being near a freeway or in the middle of the Los Angeles urban environment. This usually requires driving several hours to a non-urban campground. Even rarer is the ability to have a campground where our children can learn about the ocean environment and tide pools in a natural setting.

As well, our Scouts have the challenge of finding reasonably-priced space for their meetings, which occur on a weekly basis and can include anywhere from 30-120 people. As well the ideal meeting site would include space to store Scout-related equipment, such as flags and other items, breakout rooms for those working on merit badges, and outdoor facilities for the boys and girls working on outdoor activities.

**Conclusion**

The city of Rancho Palos Verdes has shown its commitment to create a habitat preserve to preserve the beauty of the city's coastal area. A multipurpose Scout Education Center and Campground would support our preserve by providing prudent access, building awareness and encouraging service opportunities. A local camp would mean our children could develop a relationship over time with our natural habitat and give back to the community at the same time.

We respectfully request that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes include this proposal in the Coastal Vision Plan. In return we commit that we will help make this vision a reality while also helping promote the preservation and enhancement of this open preserve.

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To view current signatures for this proposal please go to:  
<http://www.petitiononline.com/ScoutRPV/petition.html>.

**Rebecca Finn**

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**From:** Ara M [aram@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 9:43 AM  
**To:** 'Rebecca Finn'  
**Subject:** FW: Please Include Scout Camp in your Open Space Plan

Hi Rebecca –  
I hope you had some time to recover from Saturday's workshop!  
By the way, excellent job!

The following is a comment letter in regards to the Vision Plan and the Scouts.

Ara

Ara Michael Mihranian  
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Another one for you files.

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**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2007 2:35 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Please Include Scout Camp in your Open Space Plan

RPV City Leaders

I am writing to encourage you to include scouting facilities in your open space and parkland plan you are currently reviewing.

As I was mentioning to Councilman Wolowicz today, the Pacifica District (running from San Pedro to El Segundo) has one of the highest concentrations of Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops anywhere. While we have taken full advantage of the Peninsula open space for day hikes and other nature outings, the ability to have some permanent facilities and overnight camping opportunities would be a great asset to the youth of the greater South Bay.

In addition to supporting our scouting projects, the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts will give BACK to your city by

performing many community projects, conservation projects and other activities that we be a great benefit to everyone in your city.

Thank you for your support.

Tom Shortridge

PS If you would like to see what is happening in the Boy Scout world in your area, please visit [www.pacificbsa.org](http://www.pacificbsa.org)

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**To:** 'Rebecca Finn'  
**Subject:** Scout Camp and Center

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We envision this multipurpose center as a place where Scout troops can gather to explore the spaces and places on the Peninsula away from the city lights and suburban development. It would ideally be situated near or on the nature preserve so that youth could extend their experience onto the trails and hikes in the area. A camp where Scouts and family members can stay in tents would provide facilities for enjoying nature with the lowest possible impact on the environment.

The facility would also provide the hands-on experience that Scouts need to develop their character and community service. Groups staying at the camp would be encouraged to do service projects during their stay, such as maintaining trails and installing native plants, working in a reciprocal relationship with the Land Conservancy and the City. As well, those working on their Boy Scout Eagle projects and Girl Scout Gold Award projects in the area would be encouraged to hold their community service projects at the center, helping to enhance the facilities and surrounding parks.

Scouts would also be able to earn merit badges at the facility, from the Cub Scout Outdoorsman Activity Award to the Boy Scout merit badges for astronomy, archery, camping, emergency preparedness, geology, hiking, nature, and oceanography. Girl Scouts could participate in Try Its for Camping, Earth is our Home, Earth and Sky, Eco-Explorer, Outdoor Adventurer, Camping, and Water Everywhere.

The camp would be compatible with other places and proposals, such as Point Vicente Interpretive Center and Abalone Cove. The multipurpose center could also serve as an invaluable science resource for our schools during school hours and also provide day camps during the summer months for students living in the area.

### **Background**

The Palos Verdes Peninsula is home to an estimated 10,000 registered Boy and Girl Scouts and family members. These Scouts are very active, participating in weekly meetings, weekend community service projects, camping trips, summer camps, and other outdoor activities. The challenge living in Palos Verdes though, is finding facilities, campsites or summer camps that offer outdoor activities that are truly outdoors, rather than being near a freeway or in the middle of the Los Angeles urban environment. This usually requires driving several hours to a non-urban campground. Even rarer is the ability to have a campground where our children can learn about the ocean environment and tide pools in a natural setting.

As well, our Scouts have the challenge of finding reasonably-priced space for their meetings, which occur on a weekly basis and can include anywhere from 30-120 people. As well the

ideal meeting site would include space to store Scout-related equipment, such as flags and other items, breakout rooms for those working on merit badges, and outdoor facilities for the boys and girls working on outdoor activities.

#### **Conclusion**

The city of Rancho Palos Verdes has shown its commitment to create a habitat preserve to preserve the beauty of the city's coastal area. A multipurpose Scout Education Center and Campground would support our preserve by providing prudent access, building awareness and encouraging service opportunities. A local camp would mean our children could develop a relationship over time with our natural habitat and give back to the community at the same time.

We respectfully request that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes include this proposal in the Coastal Vision Plan. In return we commit that we will help make this vision a reality while also helping promote the preservation and enhancement of this open preserve.

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To view current signatures for this proposal please go to:  
<http://www.petitiononline.com/ScoutRPV/petition.html>.

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November 30, 2007

Ara Mihranian, AICP  
Principal Planner  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca. 90275-5391

Dear Mr. Mihranian,

I'm aware of the proposed companion animal center in Rancho Palos Verdes. It is an exciting project and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes should be honored to have such a quality organization like the Annenberg Foundation behind it.

I viewed some drawings and saw many comments offered by individuals who strongly support the project. You can add my voice to that group. It is my sincere hope that you and other city officials will support the Foundation's efforts. Once completed, the companion animal center will be a significant piece of architecture as well as providing an invaluable service to the City and its homeowners.

Sincerely,



Bill Oberholzer  
Senior Vice-President

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Attention: Ara Mihranian, AICP,  
Principal Planner

Re: Proposed Companion Animal Center

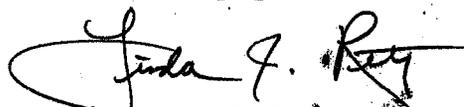
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write this letter to voice my support of the Companion Animal Center being proposed by The Annenberg Foundation. Although my husband and I are no longer residents of Rancho Palos Verdes (we now live in Rolling Hills Estates), we contributed significant amounts to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's efforts to set aside land for conservation purposes in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

My husband and I have seen The Annenberg Foundation's presentation and had the chance to ask questions about the proposed Center. In our opinion, the Foundation has spared no expense in ensuring that the facility will be unobtrusive and will serve the community well. Palos Verdes Peninsula is known for its love of nature and animals. Yet there are no opportunities for students to devote their community service hours to the care and rehabilitation of animals in need. The proposed Companion Animal Center would fill this void, as well as offer opportunities to seniors and other adults who wish to donate their time to this wonderful cause.

In short, I hope that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes will give serious consideration to accepting The Annenberg Foundation's generous offer to build this state-of-the-art facility.

Sincerely yours,

  
Linda J. Retz

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Overall impression of the RPV Coast Vision Plan:  
• Well presented professionally developed plan totally disconnected from the history and buildings of the PV Peninsula. Great history & view.

Proposals for Key Sites:  
• Unfortunate late input for Scout Camp does not consider fire season on a nature conservatory related area. Local winds easily carry fire embers beyond 1/2 mile on coast. Winds, canyons & natural plant growth make fire storms on PVP likely if campers are allowed.

Design Guidance:

Palos Verdes stone, stucco & the European classic architectural & mission styles preserve the unique quality of Coastal California.

Name and phone number or email address (optional) *leave San Diego animal care there!*

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*Oops, sorry!  
I posted down, but was looking for better than my handwriting.*

2.) **Lack of Strong Educational Components** Education is PVIC's primary mission focusing on history, geology, marine and land animals, and plant life on the Peninsula. I suggest that a Companion Animal Center is only a small part of what could be a much stronger educational offering that would enrich and complement the original intent of the property and existing PVIC. Strength could be gained in the inclusion of history, science (biology, medicine...), preservation, and environmental and conservation issues that effect *all* the diverse creatures that live on the Peninsula. The inclusion of live species would be immensely popular, as well as a connection with the local Wildlife Rehabilitation group.

The Vision Plan for the Annenberg proposal at Lower Pt. Vicente does not fit, I believe, for two reasons:

1.) **The Size** The area involved is an incredible, scenic, historic, quiet, educational, passive park for the public. The Annenberg proposal, which is two times the existing Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center, may consume much of that free, open and natural space losing a desirable ambience.

Name and phone number or email address (optional)

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**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 7:25 AM  
**To:** 'Ara M'; 'Joel Rojas'  
**Subject:** FW: Animal companion center and PVIC

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From the proposed Tongva village if it were built, you would be able to see manicured planting, paved parking lots, buildings, non native trees and things that don't belong. It is nice to have just dirt. The Tongva didn't have paved areas. They had dirt. We need wild areas that are not built up. The wild animals and birds need habitat. They need to hunt and have a place to live. PVIC should be a coastal experience. It is not the place for another building. People come to PVIC to enjoy the quiet and the beauty of the ocean and to whale watch. For a year there would be unbearable noise of construction.

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Thank you for considering these points,

Yvetta Williams and Richard Williams

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Mr. Joe Rojas, AICP  
Director of Planning, Building  
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CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Re: The Plan for the Donor Recognition Site at Del Cerro Park

Dear Mr. Rojas:

With respect to the proposed plan for the modification of Del Cerro Park, there are three items for which I would recommend consideration:

1. As I understand the plan, there is to be no modification or interruption of the planted grass area of the park and that the access trail from the parking spaces on Park Place would be on the perimeter but not cut through the planted grass area. The grassy area is used extensively particularly on the weekend and I believe it is important to maintain the integrity of that area. Also the grass represents an uninterrupted playing surface. This is a safer environment for the weekend athletes or young soccer players than a change from grass to dedicated trail. This is not an issue of liability so much as it is just a safer environment for users of the park.

2. It would be my guess that the plan has been forwarded to the Department of Fire Services for the County of Los Angeles. I know that the park is used as a staging area for brush fires or rescues and I would hope that the County would approve the plan so as to make sure it would not have an impact on any of the emergency services which they provide.

3. Some of the neighbors have raised the issue that a solid wall of the donor site would provide a cover for those who wanted to avoid being noticed. Perhaps the wall itself can be transparent or translucent so as not to obscure someone who may be behind it.

With kind regards,

  
John A. Girardi

**Ara M**

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**From:** Ron Faoro [stfrancisp@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2007 4:03 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com; aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Companion Animal Center at Point Vicente

The Annenberg Foundation  
2000 Avenue of the Stars  
Los Angeles, California 90067

November 27, 2007

Dear Foundation Board:

As former president of the California Veterinary Medical Association, I would like to express my gratitude and enthusiastic support for the proposal to build a Companion Animal Center at Point Vicente. The strength of the human-animal bond has grown dramatically in the last decade and has become an important part of most families' lives. The Companion Animal Center would be a tribute to that bond and a service to area youth learning to appreciate and value the role animals play in our society today.

Animal behavior issues were the focus of my presidency, so I am especially pleased to see that you have planned to offer behavior modification programs at the facility. All people can benefit by learning about the behavior of companion animals. More animals are euthanized due to behavioral problems than due to any other disease process.

Your website's drawings exhibit a beautiful and well-thought-out community center. Wallis Annenberg's vision is a grand one - one that I hope may be realized soon.

Sincerely,

Ron Faoro, D.V.M.  
President, 2006-2007  
California Veterinary Medical Association

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**OVERALL IMPRESSION OF THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES COAST VISION PLAN:**

I think it's a very ambitious plan and will take years to implement all of the items. It was well presented but there were no costs given - either as to the implementation of the various projects or the maintenance. It's a wish list and with a bit of luck, perhaps some of the wishes will come true.

**Proposals for the Key Sites (Upper Point Vicente, Lower Point Vicente, Gateway Park, Del Cerro Park and Abalone Cove).**

**Upper Point Vicente:** I think the overall design was way too crowded and did not leave enough open space. It's nice to have ambitious plans but how is our city going to implement these plans? I would like to see a decent city hall before any of the other items are added.

*(An aside comment ~ How about using the Coast Guard site as the City Hall site when the Coast Guard leaves? That is truly my wish.)*

Back to Upper Point Vicente. I did not see what was going to happen to the Studio. Or the PVAN trailer. Is there an area for the Emergency Preparedness team?

How smart is it to put a swimming pool on the down slope of a slippage area? If there has to be a pool, I would put it further back so that if there is a leakage problem, the results wouldn't be so horrific. Plus why would you put a gym and pool on one of the best view areas - tuck them back towards the road. There needs to be more open space available. And I do not think the village green as a grassy amphitheater is a good idea - who's going to maintain grassy steps? And where will Walk on the Wild Side or the City's July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration take place? And what about parking? We do have the large dirt lot used for event overflow parking; what's going there?

Why not move the City's maintenance yard to the Eastview Park? Or at least part of it.

**Lower Point Vicente:** I very much like the idea of an Animal Care Center – I think it will compliment the mission of the Interpretive Center BUT it should not usurp that of PVIC; i.e., the educational components should enhance those of PVIC not compete with them. Upon reflection of the presentation, I also think it very important to use only native plants – not sod or large trees. Also, where will Whale of a Day be held? And I am concerned that the proposed parking configuration will focus on the Animal Care Center and not PVIC.

No one raised the issue of noise but I've heard from others that that is their concern. Will the incessant barking of dogs disrupt the peace and tranquility that now exists at PVIC? Will the animals be housed inside at night?

This area is semi-rural and we have all sorts of wildlife. I would like to see, at the very least, a drop off or holding area for injured wildlife. It would be nice if the Center would work with the various organizations that help care for and rehabilitate these animals. It would also be nice if the area residents knew that such a place existed.

The Animal Care Center is a very large building – almost three times the size PVIC. Looking at the plans, there appears to be a large expanse of greenbelt between the Animal Care Center and PV Drive West. Is there any way to move it further towards the road so there isn't such a close proximity to PVIC? In its present configuration, it greatly overshadows PVIC.

**Gateway Park:** To be honest, I'd never paid any attention to a Gateway Park and still am not exactly sure where it will be. I can, however, see a parking problem as people will utilize the lots for activities other than to use the Park. Also, who will pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the area? I think it is terrific that there will be an area dedicated for equestrian uses. I do not know how many horses we have in Rancho Palos Verdes but it seems to me that perhaps the other cities with horses can contribute to the maintenance kitty (*and pigs will fly*).

**Del Cerro Park:** I do not know why there was such a big flap about the PVPLC donor recognition wall. It's low and will not impede views at all. The complaint about people looking into homes is not valid; that problem exists now. The concern about people falling over the edge is also not valid; if one so stupid to climb on the existing fence, one can fall. You cannot protect people from their own stupidity.

And I do not feel that there will be any more crime in the park if there is a recognition wall/walkway. Call the Sheriff if there's a problem. Also, I was surprised to learn of the ability of people to fly small aircraft in the park. Because it's such a dry area and those little planes do crash and burn (literally), I was under the impression that they were banned. Be that as it may, this is a public park (key word being "public") and does not belong to any particular organization.

**Abalone Cove:** The Vision Plan presentation for Abalone Cove was basically landscaping what is now a fennel field into a more user friendly park. I would like to see mostly native plants, large PV stone boulders and paths. You cannot have sod because it has to be watered and the cliffs will eventually slump off. How about some gazebo-type structures for picnics, etc? There is a rubber mulch available which is made from old tires. This mulch is heavier than regular mulch and will not

blow off or change color; consider using this in the other areas. It's more expensive but will last longer (also, please consider using it between the path and cliff at PVIC too).

As far as the paths down to the tidepools and beach are concerned – it would be nice to make them a bit easier to navigate but I truly do not want to see a public road to the shore line. The tidepools are teeming with life because it takes a great deal of effort to get there and, hence, they have not yet been decimated. If you make this an easy access, you will be ringing the death knell of our Abalone Cove tidepools. There are just some places that not everyone can get to. If you insist on allowing the world to the Abalone Cove tidepools, you must have some sort of enforcement of the rules. Signage is not enough – sadly, people do not care.

**Design Guidance:** I do not know what you want and, therefore, cannot comment. However, if this is about the signage, I think vertical road signs are not safe; it's hard enough to read a sign with horizontal printing and if you are a visitor and unfamiliar with the area, a vertical road sign will be a traffic hazard. I think it's important to put the City's logo on the signs. The signage we have now for our parks (particularly Abalone Cove and PVIC) is woefully inadequate. Even if you Google PVIC, you will shoot past it unless you know exactly how to get there.

**Ara M**

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**From:** Lisa Vavic [jovanvavic@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2007 1:44 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** City Vision Plan

Dear Ara,

I represent Trojan Water Polo Club. We are very interested in seeing a pool as part of the Ranch Palos Verdes City Vision Plan. It is extremely important to us that a pool be built that could accomodate both a sports team such as water polo while still providing space for community use.

Currently, there is no pool of regulation size for the two local high schools to play CIF games in. Building a pool minimally of CIF regulation size would be a tremendous benefit for all families in the Rancho Palos Verdes area.

Sincerely,

Lisa Vavic

Sent from my iPhone

**Ara M**

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**From:** David Finkel [thefinkels@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2007 10:08 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** RPV Coast Vision Plan

Mr. Mihranian,  
Good Morning-

On Friday, I am stopping by your office to hand deliver a hard copy of the electronic signatures that we have gathered from the Peninsula scouting and youth community petition regarding the Rancho Palos Verdes Coast Vision Plan. We appreciate your consideration as late correspondence to Saturday's meeting.

For your reference, below is the website that members of the scouting and youth community have logged into during this past week.

**<http://www.petitiononline.com/ScoutRPV/petition.html>**.

The youth and scouting community would like to get onto Saturday's agenda. Many of us have young families and need a time frame that we will be placed on the agenda. Would it be possible to get a more definite time that we can have the floor. We do not have any concrete plans. We simply want a forum to discuss our vision for the RPV Coast Vision Plan.

Could you let us know exactly who we will be addressing at the meeting and at what time we should plan to arrive and for how long we should anticipate staying.

Again, thank you for this opportunity for public comment.

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**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** RPV Coast Vision Plan

Mr. Mihranian,  
Hello.

I am part of the Scouting community. We are currently gathering signatures regarding a proposal for the RPV Coast Vision Plan.

We plan to drop off a copy of the petition later today or on Friday to be considered as late correspondence for Saturday's meeting. Should the proposal be directed to you or another staff member?

If we do not have a particular parcel in mind, is there a set time in the schedule that we could expect to have access to the floor for our comments?

Thank you for the opportunity for public comment.

Shera Dolmatz-Finkel  
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## **Coastal Vision Plan**

Comments by Jim Knight for the City Council Meeting Nov. 10, 2007

I agree with the overarching model of the Coastal Vision Plan. A conceptual plan that takes a coordinated, unified approach for future improvements to key open spaces will help fully protect our treasured natural resources while at the same time enhance the public's ability to enjoy those resources.

### **COASTAL EXPERIENCE**

The Companion Animal Center is a wonderful idea and I like the description of what such a center can accomplish not only for the abandoned pets but for a greater understanding as to their care. However, I feel the Companion Animal Center proposed for the Lower Point Vicente area does not fit into the coastal experience for one visiting this site.

Lower Point Vicente should be a unified coastal experience. That vision should include: marine; geological; indigenous flora/fauna; and historical elements.

- The Interpretive Center provides an excellent experience for marine life

- The Los Serenos de Point Vicente (the Docents) have a wonderful plan that encompasses a native garden; geological display and an historic Indian Village

- Aside from the historic aspect of the current coastal farming activities, the farming area could provide an educational element for children

- Trails can lead over the bridge and into the neighboring Ocean Front Estate trails then providing a connection to the planned trails of the Alta Vicente habitat section of Upper Point Vicente (crossing at the Hawthorne light) and integrate with the Civic Center conceptual plan.

- A terrestrial wildlife rescue station could be planned which would not only help local fauna, but provide an educational opportunity for children to learn about local coastal wildlife. South Bay Wildlife Rehab run by Ann Lynch, a Federal and State licensed rehabilitator with over 30 years of experience, would probably love to

have a home for many of her native wildlife and educational programs.

- A wildlife corridor can enhance the connectivity between the proposed habitat restoration on the slopes of Upper Point Vicente and the Ocean Front Estates habitat restoration. (See attached map) This will further the stated goals of our NCCP as well as provide carefully planned trails to enhance the coastal sage experience for visitors.

## **NCCP**

At the time the RPV NCCP was formed, Lower Pt. Vicente was not owned by RPV, and although the coastal bluff scrub habitat along the cliff face was identified for the Federally endangered El Segundo blue butterfly, the rest of the site was excluded from a habitat/linkage value analysis and mapping between Upper and Lower Pt. Vicente, including sensitive species such as the gnatcatcher or coastal cactus wren which were located on the Upper Point Vicente slopes. As a result, this wildlife corridor as between Upper Point Vicente, through Lower Point Vicente and onto the Ocean Front Estates has been left out of the NCCP. It is time to reconsider this wildlife linkage as the Companion Animal Center on Lower Point Vicente could permanently rule out such a connection.

The RPV NCCP states the importance of these wildlife corridors in Section 5.1.2.3. Key NCCP planning criteria in the NCCP Planning Guidelines (CDFG, 1993) are: Keep Reserve areas close together; Keep habitat contiguous; Link Reserve areas with corridors.

The NCCP breaks down Lower Point Vicente area into 5.0 acres active and 21.4 acres passive. The Interpretive Center is predominately the active area. It would appear that the Animal Center would tip the scales of active use beyond the NCCP designation.

## **City Guidelines**

Our General Plan and Coastal Specific Plan's (CSP) Natural Environment Element support the natural coastal experience vision as well. The CSP has policy statements such as:

**Goal A** It is the goal of the City' of Rancho Palos Verdes to conserve, protect, and enhance its natural

resources, beauty, and open space for the benefit and enjoyment of its residents and the residents of the entire region.

**Policy 3.20** Support the protection of vital resources... containing unique and endangered plants and animals

**Overall Policy 7** Encourage study of and funding to preserve unusual flora and fauna.

**Goal 9.08** Develop well-managed viable ecosystems or known habitats of rare, threatened and endangered species.

**Policy 11** Control the alteration of natural terrain.

**Policy 17** Ensure the protection of compatible levels of wild animal populations.

**CSP quotes:**

N-1 Large amounts of undeveloped land in a contiguous relationship rather than in sporadic units; a natural habitat which is not only critical to local animal life, but is also key to the migratory species.

S1-2,3 Subregion 1, Lower Point Vicente, "This habitat potentially could provide the necessary elements for maintenance and enhancement of the roosting and feeding activities of resident and migratory bird species".

**With reference to the agricultural element, the CSP states:**

**Goal E** Agricultural uses within the City shall be encouraged, since they are desirable for resource management and open space.

**Policy 1** Encourage implementation techniques for preservation of agricultural activities.

**Policy 2** Assist in the protection or conservation of

agricultural sites.

The NCCP makes reference to the City's GP and CSP and states "With these goals and resource maps, the following basic Reserve design considerations were made:

- Minimize edge effects to conserved habitat adjacent to existing and future development where practicable.
- Provide for adequate habitat linkages between conserved habitats where possible."

### **Coastal Commission**

The Coastal Commission also has regulations that take sensitive species/habitat into account:

#### **ARTICLE 5 LAND RESOURCES**

#### **Section 30240 Environmentally sensitive habitat areas; adjacent developments**

(b) Development in areas adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas and parks and recreation areas shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade those areas, and shall be compatible with the continuance of those habitat and recreation areas.

The Coastal Act also addresses agricultural lands:

#### **Section 30242 Lands suitable for agricultural use; conversion**

All other lands suitable for agricultural use shall not be converted to nonagricultural uses unless (1) continued or renewed agricultural use is not feasible, or (2) such conversion would preserve prime agricultural land or concentrate development consistent with Section 30250. Any such permitted conversion shall be compatible with continued agricultural use on surrounding lands.

## **VISION PLAN CONCEPTUAL DRAWING Pg. 5-99**

The staff report does include some of the coastal experience components I mentioned above. But the conceptual drawing showing the Companion Animal Center in the Melendrez attachment (pg. 5-99) seems to take up most of the Lower Point Vicente acreage and in fact dwarfs the Interpretive Center (which really should be the main focal point of this site). It also does not include, nor leave room for, many of these components including the Docents' plan or habitat corridor.

The preceding workshops all were for public input into the Plan. As the workshops progressed the Animal Care Center at the Lower Point Vicente site went from a possibility, to an alternative, to being the plan. It is not clear in the staff report where this majority of the public input drove the plan in this direction to create the conceptual drawing on p. 5-99.

The Animal Care Center could be incorporated into the new Civic Center vision plan. Illustration 5-47 of the Vision Plan shows areas such as section "e" that could accommodate the Center. This location should be presented as one alternative to the Plan which would address the concerns mentioned above.

## **FULL EVALUATION**

As a part of the scoping comments for the NCCP, a letter from USFW and CDFG dated July 30, 2003 stated the "Impacts on, and maintenance of, wildlife corridor/movement areas, including access to undisturbed habitats in adjacent areas, should be fully evaluated and provided."

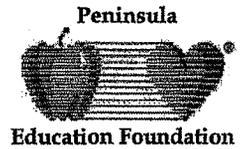
As stated in the NCCP, I think a full evaluation of the above mentioned coastal experience and wildlife corridor enhancement on Lower Point Vicente and inclusion of NCCP, City and Coastal Commission guidelines needs to be a part of this Coastal Vision Plan.

This is not the first time I have commented on providing alternatives for the Companion Animal Center in the Lower Point Vicente location. I think it is important to address the issues raised above before moving on with approval of this particular vision plan. Even though this is just a "conceptual" plan, it nonetheless begins to create a life of its own as it moves along in the approval process and people get attached to it.

Thank you for your consideration in these important matters,

Jim Knight

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To the City Council  
 City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California  
 Mayor Tom Long  
 Doug Stern  
 Larry Clark  
 Peter Gardiner  
 Steve Wolowicz

November 30, 2007

Dear Sirs:

The Peninsula Education Foundation is a non-profit organization founded 27 years ago with the principal mission of raising money to provide our children with the best education possible in the face of state education funding shortfalls. Over the years, we have funded both basic programs and enrichment programs, and have developed a heightened understanding of the things which differentiate an acceptable school program from a truly excellent one, such as we have here in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

As we have come to understand the nature of the proposed Companion Animal Center, and the enhancements proposed to the Interpretive Center Complex, all underwritten through the generosity of the Annenberg Foundation, we believe that it presents a truly extraordinary opportunity for all of the students of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The proposed facility will provide classes and curricula for the PVPUSD and give our children an understanding of the roles animals play in our lives that is simply not available elsewhere. We urge you to take all prudent steps to assure that this wonderful project becomes a reality for our community.

We feel fortunate to be a beneficiary of the Annenberg Foundation's support. The Peninsula Education Foundation, the Land Conservancy, and now the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, and all of the citizens of and visitors to the Palos Verdes Peninsula will have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of that support for years to come.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees,  
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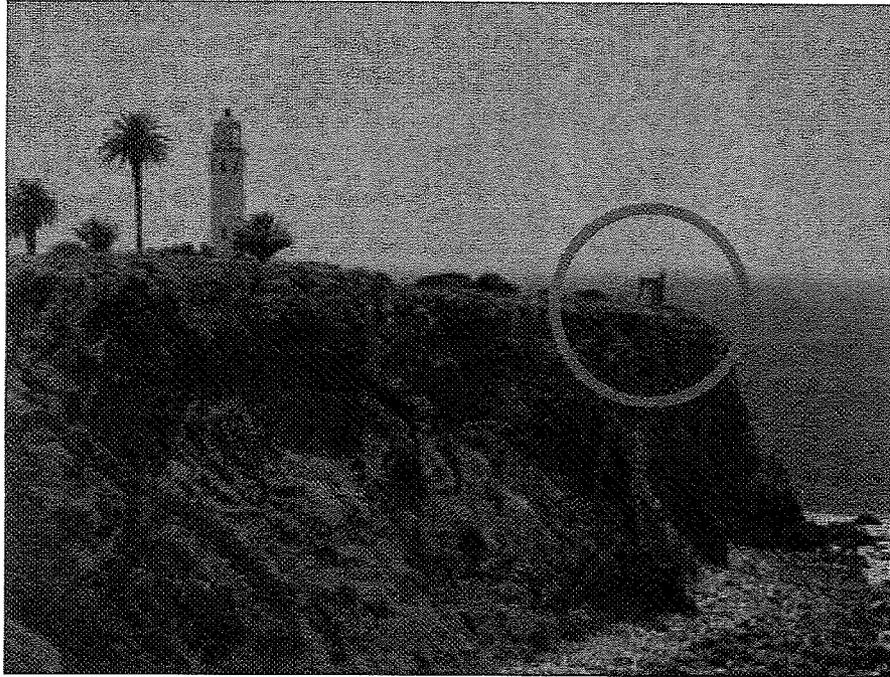
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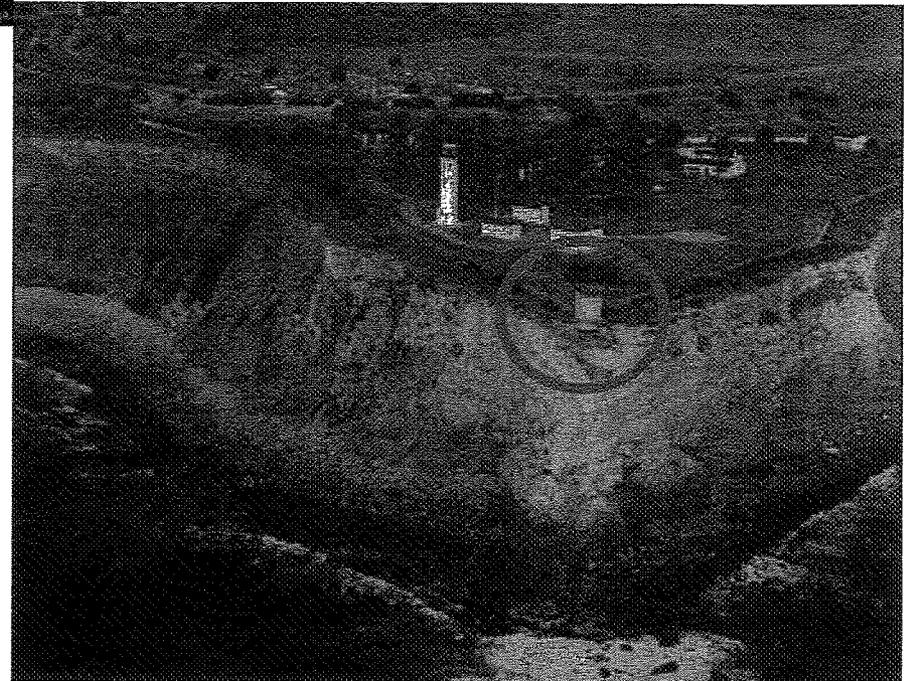
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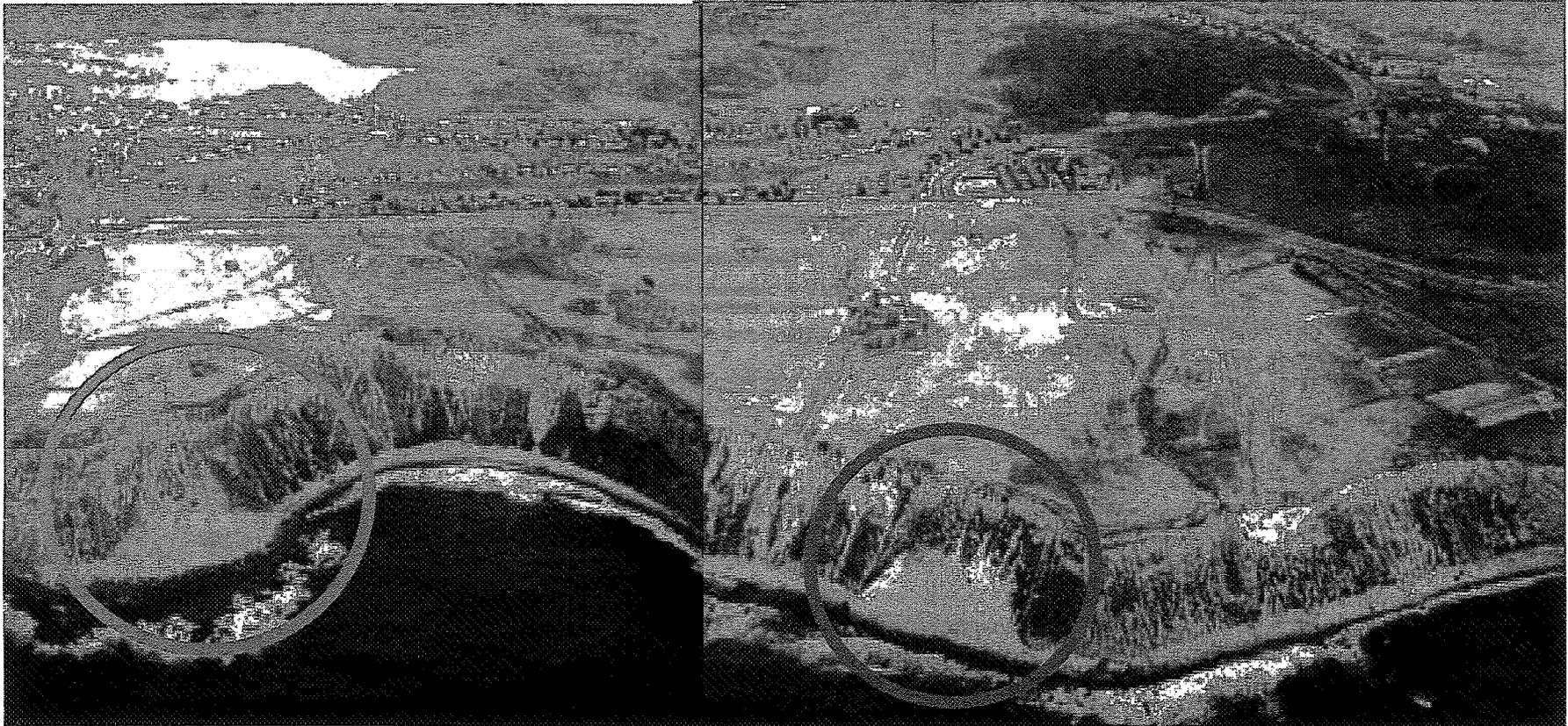
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**Coastal Clean-Up Project Opportunity #1**  
Removal of this structure at the end of Pt. Vicente.



*Suggestion Submitted by  
Sharon M Burke on behalf of resident Jeane Burke*

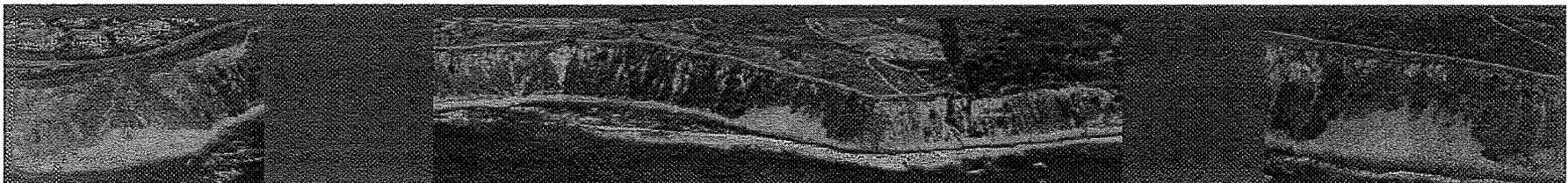


## **Coastal Clean-Up Project Opportunity #2**

Photos: <http://www.californiacoastline.org>

When Hawthorne Boulevard was being extended or widened in the late 1950's/ early 1960's, County workers dumped rocks and debris over the edge of the cliff. A resident (Jeane Burke) called the County and this action was stopped. Unfortunately, the County never cleaned up the mess. Removing the rocks would restore the shoreline to its original beauty. State funds for coastal beautification were used to remove dozens of rusty cars from the bottom of our cliffs several years ago. Maybe there are County or State funds available now or in the future?

*Suggestion Submitted by Sharon M Burke on behalf of resident Jeane Burke*



**Ara M**

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**From:** PinkhamD@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 11:54 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com; CassieJ@aol.com; TKellyrpv@aol.com; gordon.leon@gmail.com  
**Subject:** PUMP COMMITTEE/ Private property rights

November 11, 2007

PUMP Committee  
City Council  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

We are fortunate enough to live in Portuguese Bend, surrounded by the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve. My husband and I spend much of our time painting the landscape and donating a large portion of the proceeds to the Land Conservancy. We have passionately supported the acquisition of this preserve for many years. We would like to voice our discontent with the amount of hikers and bikers that assume that ALL private property that surrounds the Preserve is also open to any and all public activity. We have experienced a very high increase in strangers using our private property and roads for public use. We have posted NO TRESPASSING signs, only to have them tossed over the edge of a near by cliff. We have witnessed mountain bikers traverse our steep cliff that is PRIVATE and intended only for us to hike up to the top of our own property. We have witnessed very young children hike up and down our very steep and dangerous cliffs. When I approached them they were actually too young to understand the dangers and the repercussions of a serious accident on someone else's property. We have strangers now looking into our bedroom, kitchen and back yard. When bikers take our private, narrow trail down the hill, they find themselves in our back yard, not really knowing where to go from there. Many strangers park in our front yard directly in front of the tow away sign. Your reply may be...Just put up more signs. Well, we have. They are discarded and ignored. And is it fair to ask all the residents of Portuguese Bend to post NO TRESPASSING signs all around their property? We do not have a solution for this very frustrating and increasing problem. It is our hope that the PUMP Committee can work with the City and the Land Conservancy to manage the Portuguese Bend Preserve so that all private residents still have their privacy and property rights. Thank you very much for taking time to address our concerns. If you feel there is anything that we can do to assist your committee, please feel free to contact us, we would be more than happy to be part of the solution.

Dan and Vicki Pinkham

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## Ara M

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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2007 7:30 AM  
**To:** 'Ara M'; 'Rebecca Finn'; 'Melani Smith'; 'Barbara Dye'  
**Subject:** FW: Information regarding proposed construction at Del Cerro Park

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Larry Clark [mailto:forelc@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 6:12 PM  
**To:** Thomas Olson  
**Cc:** Douglas W. Stern; Joel Rojas;Carolynn Petru; caroll@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Re: Information regarding proposed construction at Del Cerro Park

Tom-- thanks for you input Sat and below. Clearly Del Cerro Park conceptual plans for recognition park has many challenges that the Council with our Staff will need to work through if it is to become a reality in the future.

Larry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Thomas Olson" <pvpprof@gmail.com>  
**To:** <cc@rpv.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 1:19 PM  
**Subject:** Information regarding proposed construction at Del Cerro Park

November 10, 2007

Mr. Mayor and Councilmen,

First, thank you for allowing me the time and opportunity to speak on behalf of the Park Place Homeowner's Association (PP HOA) regarding the proposed construction of a recognition site memorial at Del Cerro Park.

Second, I'd like to echo our shared belief of the words offered by Mayor Long regarding how parks are seen and used. We equally see Del Cerro Park as a neighbor and not an extension of our backyard. As with good neighbors, all PP HOA members would like visitors to Del Cerro Park to be courteous, careful, safe, and supportive of our privacy. As well, we wish to be protected from unwelcome and uninvited intrusions such as model airplanes flying overhead, crashing into our houses and creating a risk to our safety. And we'd trust that the City will help protect us from such undue intrusions and safety risks. We view the number of complaints high, and we believe that any reasonable homeowner would seek substantive relief from a neighbor against whom where were the same number of complaints. If you were to canvas our membership, you'd find that while we're not so frequent users of Del Cerro Park itself - we very much enjoy the natural openness of what it offers and want to preserve that. And for us, it is this natural openness that drew us to the area and why we settled here. As with Councilman Clark's observations about Del Cerro Park, we recognize that it is truly a beautiful area and deserves to be protected as other open space areas of RPV. It is with some great irony that we observe that the Conservancy is proposing constructing a 1000' long pathway 6' wide with 30' and 24' walls and benches and other physical barriers on open space land that the Conservancy is ostensibly charged with protecting.

Third, regarding the recognition site memorial placement, the PP HOA believes you should know that, per the January 24, 2005 Council minutes, there was no commitment as to the specific placement of any

construction - even though Barbara Dye stated otherwise.  
Specifically, the January 24, 2005 minutes state:

"Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve Naming Opportunities (1201 X 1204)

Director Rojas presented the staff report, advising that staff was requesting the concepts be approved so that the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy could move forward with the fundraising campaign.

Barbara Dye, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, invited the public to participate in a fundraising kick off event on March 13th at a time and place to be determined.

Councilman Gardiner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wolowicz, to 1) Approve the concept of allowing portions of the proposed City-owned Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve to be named after donors who make monetary contributions toward acquisition of the privately owned parcels that will make up the Preserve; and, 2) Approve the concept of allowing a portion of Del Cerro Park to serve as a donor recognition site."

Coming from City government experience, we know that if there was approval of a specific construction site at Del Cerro, it would be reflected in the minutes. And there is no such mention. And, therefore, given so, the 'recognition site' could be place anywhere in Del Cerro Park.

Fourth, PP HOA members confirm that we were not notified as a HOA or individually regarding the two 'visioning workshop' meetings held in June and October, 2006. Nonetheless, and even though we were not extended notice for these meetings - and based on our review and Council comments on 11/10/07 - we see at least two 'larger' options / suggestions regarding any proposed recognition site construction - each with several possible variations. Based on public input, these two options seem to be:

a) Scale back the current proposed concept considerably to something much smaller. This will alleviate any concerns regarding construction on open space land that, per the original concept for Del Cerro, would be severely compromised. If allowed to proceed in concept - even at a smaller scale - there would be substantial danger to persons - especially from remote control (or often, and importantly here, lack of control) toy airplanes - while walking to and from, and being at, the site. In this scenario, the PP HOA does see how any construction could be permitted under the flight path of airplanes that have a substantive rate of failure and crashes.

b) Identify alternative construction sites - in or near Del Cerro Park and elsewhere - that can be more controlled and where visitors could see the acquired land and would literally preserve the integrity of Del Cerro Park as a passive park without benches, etc. These alternative sites could be in Del Cerro near the entry on Park Place at Crenshaw Blvd. where 'The Park Recognition Site' plaque is located. In this manner, the 'recognitions' would be co-located with 'easier access' benefits to the viewing public than be moved hundreds of feet to the west and south.

The 'recognition site' could also be: 1) located further down the trail, just past Burrell Lane - at the end of Crenshaw Blvd. - where the first overlook would offer the same views, AND would not intrude into the use of Del Cerro Park as a park itself, or 2) located at the entrance to the acquired land where people could enter, or 3) located at City Hall where other 'recognitions' are placed or 4) located at other sites to be identified and scoped.

Any of these alternative sites could allow for the fliers to still operate where they do now.

In summary, if the City would not prefer to scale back the project, it could still be placed near the entry to Del Cerro. If the City would scale back the project and doesn't want to move it, the City will need to consider the adverse consequences to the homeowners and, among other things, consider planting a 'barrier' between the construction and the homes. The City will also need to address how to better 'police' Del Cerro. And if the City wishes to still offer a 'Permit to Operate' to the model airplane fliers, it would seem that the fliers would need to be relocated because of the inherent risks associated with flying aircraft literally over an area used by people.

(This is the reason aviation experts identify all areas under, or in, the flight paths of aircraft as prohibited from allowing people.)

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to provide the Council with information that the PP HOA believes the Council would find significant to your discussions regarding potential construction at Del Cerro Park.

Respectfully,

Thomas H. Olson

**Ara M**

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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2007 1:41 PM  
**To:** 'Ara M'; 'Barbara Dye'; 'Melani Smith'  
**Subject:** FW: Annenberg

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**From:** Tom Long [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2007 10:51 AM  
**To:** jim knight  
**Cc:** joelr@rpv.com; clehr@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Re: Annenberg

Jim,

Thank you for this input. This is very helpful. By copy of this to staff I am asking them to make sure this exchange and your original submission and map go into the council packet for when this issue next comes before us.

Tom

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "jim knight" <jim\_knight@juno.com>  
**Sent:** 11/13/2007 10:42:34 AM  
**To:** tomlong@palosverdes.com  
**Subject:** Re: Annenberg

Tom

Thank you for forwarding the comments concerning the NCCP and Lower Point Vicente (LPV). I would like to respond:

-First, I think ultimately the California Fish and Game or a qualified biologist should be consulted for a science based decision as to habitat/wildlife corridor value at the LPV site.

-As I mentioned in my letter, when I was at the meetings for the design of NCCP, the LPV area was left out of the restoration analysis (with the exception of the coastal bluff scrub along the steep cliffs for the El Segundo Blue Butterfly) because it was not owned by the City and it was unclear what anyone's plans were for the area. As a result, the Resource Agencies and RPV City did not analyze its habitat/corridor potential and accepted the NCCP without it included. But the NCCP does have provisions for addition to the Preserve when the opportunity arises. We own it now and we are talking about conceptual plans for the area so I think now is a good time to explore, with the experts, the habitat/corridor value of LPV.

-The wildlife corridor at LPV mentioned by Joel is for the coastal bluff scrub habitat for the Federally Endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly. Coastal bluff scrub along these steep cliffs does not serve logistically and has limited habitat value for the target species at Upper Point Vicente (UPV). The target species of UPV are the cactus wren, which needs Southern Cactus Scrub (SCS) dominated by prickly pear and cholla cactus and the gnatcatcher which needs Artemisa dominated Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS).

-As to the little existing habitat on LPV, that is precisely what the NCCP and restoration is all about. If you take a look UPV, there exists large swatches of land with little or no native habitat. The portion of UPV directly across from my suggestion of restoration on LPV is mapped in the PVPLC Restoration Plan 2007 for CSS restoration. It would make perfect sense for a strip along the northern section of LPV to have restoration of CSS as a connection to the CSS in Ocean Front Estates to the north and restoration plans to the south. If you look at my map the development at the southern portion of Ocean Front Estates blocks that connection, with the exception of a very thin section along the slopes running along PV Dr. West (near Hawthorne).

-I want to clarify that I was not suggesting that the *entire* LPV site be dedicated to either habitat restoration or a wildlife corridor. If you look at my map, I think an adequate CSS restoration along a strip of the northern border of LPV could serve the purposes for both restoration and corridor. There is adequate space at LPV for all of the suggested uses by the Docents and still have the above mentioned restoration and corridor. My main concern at the Nov. 10th Council meeting was that the Companion Animal Center building was rather large and, after accommodating the Docent plan and dry farming exhibit, might preclude the corridor concept. It is not as though a restoration/corridor would exclude public use. The Resource Agencies have stated that hiking trails can be side by side with restoration. It is all in the design.

The habitat corridor along LPV doesn't have to be very large and can include trails with an educational component. I don't want to lose sight of the fact that the predominant plan for LPV should be a truly coastal experience for our residents and beyond. It should include amenities such as what the docents are proposing, hiking trails and educational opportunities for everyone, young and old. I think this follows the original vision of the founding members of our city and is reflected in our Coastal Specific Plan and General Plan. Aside from the biological issues, habitat restoration adds to this coastal experience by preserving natural open space, a feature that I hear over and over is one of the treasures of our city.

Tom, thank you for listening and keeping an open mind. I am available to either you or staff to discuss this further.

Jim

On Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:42:37 -0800 "Long, Tom" <[tomlong@palosverdes.com](mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com)> writes:

Jim and Barbara,

Below is staff's view of how the decision was made on wildlife corridors in the area of Lower Point Vicente. The description below jibes with my memory. The comments below also opine on the value of Lower Point Vicente as a potential corridor. I am simply offering this information without comment on my own, but I view addressing this issue as important to my decision. Right now I don't know whether Lower Point Vicente would provide a good wildlife corridor but I don't have any hard evidence that it would.

Tom Long

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Joel Rojas](#)

**To:** 'Long, Tom'; 'Barbara Dye'

**Cc:** 'Carolyn Lehr'; 'Ara M'

**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 11:32 AM

**Subject:** RE: Annenberg

Tom

In drawing up the NCCP Preserve, Staff did not believe the entirety of Lower Pt. Vicente needed to be in Preserve. This was because it contains very little existing habitat and was actively used by the public. Furthermore, since about 50 acres across the street at Upper Pt. Vicente is designated as

Preserve, it was felt that there was a sufficient corridor connection between the CSS habitat at Upper Pt. Vicente and the CSS habitat at Oceanfront Estates. However, Staff felt that the bluffs at Lower Pt. Vicente did have value as a wildlife corridor along the coast so the portion of the property between roughly the bluff fence and the ocean is designated as Preserve. The resource agencies accepted this Preserve design and as such the City Council approved NCCP contains said preserve design.

So, I would say the developable portion of Lower Pt. Vicente is not an important wildlife corridor as evidenced by the City approved NCCP. By leaving it out of the Preserve, the NCCP assumes that the entire non-preserve area will be developed and that in doing so, a viable wildlife preserve can still be attained. This is not to say that there will persons of the environmental community who despite their support of the NCCP and the Preserve it created, will argue that other properties outside the Preserve should also be preserved for wildlife purposes. As part of the CEQA process that any development at Lower Pt. Vicente will have to go through, environmental impacts, including bio impacts, will have to be analyzed and, if necessary, mitigated to minimize impacts.

Joel

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**From:** Long, Tom [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 11:01 AM  
**To:** Rojas, Joel; Barbara Dye  
**Cc:** Carolyn Lehr  
**Subject:** Annenberg

It may be helpful for us all to have an understanding of the role Lower Point Vicente really plays in wildlife corridors. Is it important or not? Why was it not included in the NCCP? People asserted things on Saturday but I don't know what is true.

**Ara M**

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**From:** SunshineRPV@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2007 11:53 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** clehr@rpv.com  
**Subject:** RPV Coastal Vision Plan  
**Attachments:** missing links0157.pdf

I found the following on the City's web site. Where should I find the latest comment form?

Comments on the above schemes should be submitted to the City no later than Monday, December 1, 2006. [Click here](#) for a public comment form.-PDF

My comment is that the RPV Coastal Vision Plan should include the whole RPV coast. Some is City property. Some is private property. Some is landward of the mean tide line. Some is out to sea. Some is in the NCCP/PUMP. Some is in the Melendrez plan. Some is in the Annenberg proposal. Without at least lines on a map that show the way the three braids of the California Coastal Trail could best get from one end of the City to the other, we are not updating our Coastal Specific Plan.

And then, there is the Peninsula Wheel Trails Network falling in and out of the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve. The Palos Verdes Peninsula may have once been an island. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is not. Education, recreation, human (non-motorized) circulation and communing with the homely native plants are all above and beyond the City's charge of maintaining the residents' health, safety and welfare. I digress.

I repeat. Without at least lines on a map that show the way the three braids of the California Coastal Trail could best get from one end of the City to the other, we are not updating our Coastal Specific Plan. A pox on unfunded mandates. ...S .

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**Ara M**

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**From:** Vic & Sil Quirarte [vicsilq@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 11:30 AM  
**To:** Ara M  
**Subject:** FOR COUNCIL DISTRIBUTION

**Sirs,**

**I am in favor of the Annenberg Plans for Lower Point Vicente Park. I think it is a great opportunity to enhance the area and make it an even more delightful experience for visitors to the park. There are several reasons for my enthusiasm, among them are;**

**1. As previously stated the park will have two beautiful vistas for visitors. One, they can look to the sea and watch for the whales during migration or they can look inland and see a wonderful park setting.**

**2.Many folks come to Point Vicente during the migration this plan would allow them to come year round to see the added attractions.**

**3.The added attractions would include,a Tongva Indian Village, an archeological dig area, a geology site, and a Japanese dry farm instructional area.**

**4. In addition the Companion Animal Center will an instructional venue as well as an adoption center for dogs and cats. No more then 20 dogs would be housed there at any one time.**

**5.The plan will continue the passive use of the park**

**6.The plan will be funded by the Annenberg Foundation. The City should have no cost in construction of the facility.**

**There are folks who claim that the Companion Dog Center is not a good fit there. I believe that it is. It provides an educational venue to help adults and children alike to learn about the care and training of animals. The Peninsula Board of Education as well as Administrative personnel have spoken positively about the site. Local HOA'S have had presentations and also support the plan. Every effort will be made to assure that the facility compliments the Interpretive Center.**

**Other enhancements include doubling the size of parking spaces, a walkway joining the facility with PVIC, decorative native plants accenting the area and many more advantages. I feel it is a win win for the City. The Out Door History Museum will be constructed, a project could take years to realize without the Annenberg Foundation. I urge you to approve the plan when it next comes before you.**

**Sincerely,**

**Vic Quirarte**

**Ara M**

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**From:** pointvicentevet@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 2:00 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com; cc@rpv.com; jjaakola@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Vision Plan, Companion Animal Center

12/10/2007

Dear Councilmen,

I am writing this letter in strong support of the Vision Plan as a whole and the plans for Lower Point Vicente in particular. I have practiced as a veterinarian for 20 years and have been involved in the animal medical field for over 30. Unfortunately, some of the problems existing that long ago are still with us. During this period our society has seen the development of strong animal welfare groups, the construction of more buildings for shelters and adoption facilities, massive support by private organizations (People Soft's Maddie's Fund has spent well over \$3,000,000.00 in California alone spaying and neutering cats). There have been specialty programs developed at the University level (UC Davis has a Shelter Medicine Residency Program) and our state has spent 2.75 billion (BILLION) dollars over the last 10 years on the pet overpopulation problem. We had 800,000 animals relinquished to shelters last year and over half, 419,000, were killed. Those animals, at a cost of \$275,000,000.00, were worth more to our society dead than alive-otherwise they would not have been killed. We have also seen the birth of "early spay and neuter programs" in every community and most veterinary hospitals whereby animals are spayed or neutered at a very young age, sometimes as early as 8 weeks old, in order to prevent the possibility of their breeding.

It is clear that throwing money and resources at the problem is barely keeping us at a level we can support. Clearly, as well, there must be a new approach. Many minds have come together on this and have concluded that we are attacking the problem after the fact. We need to change our society's way of thinking about animals and their value. If several generations can be raised with the reverence for life and conservation of resources, then we may be able to approach a zero population increase in dogs and cats in our lifetime. The only way to affect many people and several generations is through effective education starting with our children, of course, and continuing up the ladder to teens, young adults, parents, and so on.

The best way to reach large numbers of people over vast distances is through special centers of learning designed to provide education and training programs that can be tailored and exported to communities everywhere. The proposed Annenberg Companion Animal Center in Rancho Palos Verdes is ambitious in this regard. It is modest in size, and actually houses fewer animals than even my hospital across the street. We have space for about 55 animals, they are proposing half that number. It will also provide more community space and educational exhibits to complement those at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center currently.

I have seen other programs that are approximating this model, with this new approach. They are starting to make a difference in those communities. They are positive experiences for the animals and their caregivers. This program has been designed to benefit from, complement and enhance the existing and proposed educational and environmental experiences at the PVIC.

After the Vision Plan presentation, a member of the community approached me and thought the idea

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was ludicrous. "We don't take good of care of people, why should we treat animals that well?" she asked. This is precisely the attitude we need to change! We need a generation or two to start wondering why we treat *people* so badly when we wouldn't even think of treating animals that way.

I think the Center will be an asset and another jewel for our city. I hope we have the foresight to embrace it.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Cassie L. Jones, DVM  
Rancho Palos Verdes

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**From:** Dina Garbis [dinazz@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 10:28 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jjaakola@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Letter supporting Companion Animal Center

**Attachments:** current bio.dat; ATT00213.txt



current bio.dat (4 MB)  
ATT00213.txt (99 B)

To: Ara Mihranian

Re: Annenberg Companion Animal Center

My name is Dina Garbis, and I'm writing this letter in order to express my support for the Annenberg Companion Animal Center in Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca. The proposed center is a tremendous opportunity for community activity and education. Being an animal behaviorist and pet dog trainer for the past 15 years in Los Angeles, I have personally seen that there is a great need for a center like this. Families and children can have an interactive education with animals here, which helps facilitate understanding the gift, companionship, work ethic and support that pet animals provide to humans now, and throughout history. There's no current model like this one, and it's an inspiring plan which other communities may model their centers to come. I am an active member of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department with my Search and Rescue dog. I am also the main dog handler for the cancer detection dog study in San Anselmo, Ca. My work with animals has changed lives, saved lives, and enriched lives. I have always felt a need for a companion animal center to help educate people on the beauty and gifts of pet animals. We have wild animal sanctuaries, but no such thing for pet animals, when these are the animals that give back to humans the most. I can't express how important a center like this could be. Please consider this wonderful haven for pets and people. See my attached resume.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dina Garbis Zapiris

**Ara M**

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**From:** juned [juned@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2007 9:23 PM  
**To:** Aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Vision Plan Comments

Dear Mr. Mihranian:

As a Los Serenos docent and a 35-year resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, I have a vested interest in the decisions that will be made by the City Council on the Vision Plan. I attended the November 10 workshop and am providing comments as requested:

1. Lower Point Vicente

The Annenberg Companion Animal Facility as described appears to be a world-class care facility that would be a tremendous asset to the city of Rancho Palos Verdes. However, I am disappointed that the Annenberg designers did not consider any other location for the facility other than Lower Point Vicente. The land proposed for the building site is some of our last undeveloped, precious coastal land. Visitors to the Point Vicente Interpretive Center remark on how much they enjoy the spacious, peaceful setting beside the ocean. An animal care facility would use most of the remaining open land and greatly increase the noise and activity level of the area. I have heard many other Los Serenos docents express the same opinion.

Another site in Rancho Palos Verdes would be more desirable for the facility. It appears that there is room for the facility at Upper Point Vicente if the design plans are modified. Upper Point Vicente provides spectacular views for visitors and would be a fitting location for the Annenberg Companion Animal Facility. I believe that Mrs. Annenberg would be pleased with the location. There are many of us in RPV that would very much like to have the facility available to the community.

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## Ara M

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**From:** Arlene Zimmer [crea\_tech@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2007 7:37 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Annenberg Foundation Animal Center proposal

The proposed Companion Animal Center at Lower Point Vicente is a beautiful concept. The Annenberg proposal will provide multiple positive, life enhancing and vital benefits for all who will be involved.

We who live on the Peninsula are very fortunate. How much more meaningful and rewarding our lives, those of our children, and those who will experience the program will be as a result of this project.

We enthusiastically endorse the Annenberg Foundation Animal Center proposal.

Herb and Arlene Zimmer  
Rancho Palos Verdes

**Ara M**

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**From:** Bob Morel [bob@morelweb.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 9:26 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** Jackie Ott Jaakola  
**Subject:** Companion Animal and Education Center

**Ara Mihranianin  
RPV City Planner**

**I would like to indicate my strong support for the proposed Companion Animal and Education Center to be built with funds from the Annenberg Foundation.**

**Sincerely,**

**Robert E. Morel  
20 San Clemente Drive  
RPV**

**Ara M**

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**From:** Kocsis, Laureen [Laureen.Kocsis@marriott.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 9:37 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jjaakola@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Support for Companion Animal Center

Ara,

Good Morning! I am a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes and I am involved in animal rescue work in Rancho Palos Verdes and the South Bay. After learning and reading about the proposed facility in RPV, I was excited and hopeful. I am greatly in favor of an animal care facility in our neighborhood and let me explain why.

There are many pet owners and potential pet owners who would utilize this facility. Several years ago when I moved to RPV, I went to an animal hospital that was too busy and over-extended. I had to find another facility to give my pets the care that they deserve. There aren't enough animal hospitals on the Peninsula. In addition, a local facility would enhance adoption and pet ownership. An adoption center and low cost spay/neuter facility as part of the Companion Animal Center, would greatly attract residents of the Peninsula to adopt companion animals. People like to adopt animals, if it is convenient and easy for them.

As a new facility, we can set an example for other facilities setting plans and protocols for animal care and adoption that will set the facility apart. The Companion Animal Center will also take the burden off of the Carson Shelter and LA Animal Services in San Pedro.

As you know, the Peninsula has a large wildlife habitat from raccoons to feral cats. These animals offer a woodsy, natural environment setting us apart from city living in the area. A facility to accommodate all of the animals would help our animals and continue to improve the natural environment on the Peninsula.

I hope that you will move forward with plans to build the Companion Animal Center and make a difference for the animals in our community! If there is any way that I can make this plan a reality, please contact me.

Laureen Kocsis  
Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel  
(310) 939-1440 Direct  
(310) 796-0322 Fax  
laureen.kocsis@marriott.com

**Ara M**

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**From:** Tina Quinn [quinns3@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 10:03 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** proposed companion animal center

Ara Mihranian, AICP  
Principal Planner  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5391

Dear Mr. Mihranian,

A few weeks ago, I heard about the proposed companion animal center at a PTA Council meeting. Mr. Leonard Aube presented an overview of the project to approximately 50 very involved PTA members living in all 4 cities in Palos Verdes. After his summary of the proposed project, he answered many of our questions regarding outreach, care for the environment and education at this site. Although I live in Palos Verdes Estates, I wanted to write to the City directly expressing my personal support of this educational opportunity and think it's an exciting chance for the entire peninsula to do outreach and education through animals. On a personal note, I have a special needs child, and for her to have the opportunity to go to a place in our community to interact, watch and pet more dogs and cats, would be an absolute dream.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and I hope that this can happen for our kids, our seniors and for me too!

With gratitude,

Tina Quinn  
3001 Via La Selva  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274  
310-375-9744

**Ara M**

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**From:** Barbara Morel [Barb.morel@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 10:50 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jjaakola@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Palos Verdes Animal Center

I support the proposed Companion Animal and Education Center, a much needed facility on the Peninsula which could provide education and adoption services for this area.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Morel  
20 San Clemente Dr.  
R.P.V., CA

**Ara M**

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**From:** JHTD4@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 12:33 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jjaakola@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Annenberg Proposal

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes for 35 years. I love the beauty of the Peninsula Coastline and the openness along the coast. I would like you to know that I do support the Annenberg Project as I think it would be a great asset to our community. If the project is approved they will be building a state-of-the-art facility that will fit in with the surrounding rural coastline. The facility will be mostly hidden from view and will have soundproofing so the serenity and beauty of the coastline and trails will not be disturbed. They will also be giving the city money to enlarge the PVIC area for more people to visit and enjoy. These are good ways to maintain openness and pleasant walking trails along the coast. The animals (wild and domestic) are a part of nature and the beauty of a rural area like the PV Peninsula. This project would prevent this area from being overbuilt someday with dense living facilities or another hotel. Why would we turn down such a gift?

Please see that this could be a WIN/WIN situation for all of us.

Thank you for your time in considering the pros and cons of this project.

Sincerely,

Jan Raymond

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**Ara M**

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**From:** Ronnie Goldstein [goldy90274@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 5:50 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jjaakola@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Companion Animal and Education Center

Dear Ara,

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the proposed Companion Animal and Education Center. Providing education, animal care and adoption services for Palos Verdes would be wonderful! There are so many homeless animals on the peninsula and not enough care and shelter available. Many of us who do cat rescue are constantly overloaded, exhausted and saddened by our inability to help all who are so desperately in need of help. The fact that this facility would be funded by the Annenberg Foundation, means that the facility would be at no cost to the city.. Thankyou for your support and best wishes for the holiday season. Let this be a miracle for all those in need.

Sincerely, Ronnie Goldstein

**Ara M**

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**From:** Pmasterstarr@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 6:09 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jaakola@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Companion Animal and Education Center

This e-mail is to state my intent that I support the Companion Animal and Education Center that has been proposed for the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Thank you.

Pat Starr  
Rolling Hills Estates Resident

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**Ara M**

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**From:** Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 5:55 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Annenberg Proposal for Lower Pt. Vicente

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Helen Gorey" <helen\_gorey@msn.com>  
**Sent:** 12/13/2007 5:46:13 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Annenberg Proposal for Lower Pt. Vicente

I voted for the present City Council members because I thought they were people who would do their best to preserve what little open space we have left. As a 35 year resident of RPV I have seen many changes to our City including the continual decline of open space.

As a docent with Los Serenos I have talked to many visitor's of both the Museum and on the many hikes I have lead for the public as well as school children. People love our small museum because it is in this beautiful peaceful setting and provides just enough information to perk interest and does not overload their senses. Young children I notice have a short attention span and if you try to give them too much information they just lose interest.

If another animal shelter is needed here in RPV I'm sure we can find a less valuable location. Homeless pets do not appreciate the ocean views, and whale watching as well as the tranquil park setting Lower Point Vicente provides, but people do.

Some are very enticed by the Annenberg money but I know if we are patient we will find other donors who will not want to use the land for their own pet projects. The vision I have does not make our beautiful Lower Point Vicente into a concrete jungle.

The two Annenberg proposals that I have seen were very well done and I hope we can use them in a place other than Lower Point Vicente.

I would like to ask the City Council to please consider preserving our most valuable ocean front park and museum property.

Thank you for your attention.

Helen Gorey  
32709 Seagate Drive  
RPV

**Ara M**

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**From:** Emily Reeves [emilyreeves@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 9:45 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Annenberg proposal

I do not live in RPV, but I may speak for my son who does. My husband and I have contributed to the Conservancy land purchase, and I've been a docent at Point Vicente for more than twenty years. As the rest of the peninsula has become more crowded, I appreciate the Pt. Vicente park more than ever.

Point Vicente is really the jewel that everyone calls it because of its location and the open land where people can enjoy the scenery, take walks, even over the bridge (thank you RPV, for managing to get that done) picnic and enjoy the outdoors. More buildings are not needed, and the entire area would become somewhat of a tarnished jewel by adding another huge building.

I agree with George Neuner in his comments, and I would hope that the City Council would listen.  
[emilyreeves@cox.net](mailto:emilyreeves@cox.net)

*The*  
**ANNENBERG FOUNDATION**

December 14, 2007

Ara Mihranian, AICP  
Principal Planner  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5391

re: Companion Animal Center

Dear Mr. Mihranian,

On behalf of my fellow trustees and the professional staff of the Annenberg Foundation, thank you for the opportunity to participate in the city's November 10 community workshop to review the status of the Rancho Palos Verdes Vision Plan and to present the results of our study for the proposed Companion Animal Center at Lower Point Vicente. We were pleased to share the results of our analysis and to contribute to the dialog among interested community members.

While our foundation has many opportunities to explore projects regionally and nationally I continue to be impressed with the city's civic leadership and staff. I have found the city to be thoughtful, progressive and vision-driven in its assessment of expanding or enhancing community life on the Peninsula. Moreover, city leaders and staff have demonstrated their understanding of the unique advantages provided by public/private partnerships in developing quality resources for the community. It is my hope that the Companion Animal Center can serve as a jewel among other world-class projects in Rancho Palos Verdes if not a model for other cities throughout the country.

During this designated period of public comment I am pleased to offer additional clarity and highlight a few important points about the Companion Animal Center:

**Lower Point Vicente Infrastructure**

The Companion Animal Center is envisioned as a complement to Lower Point Vicente's standing as a treasured community destination and educational resource. I believe that the physical, environmental experience that visitors have at Lower Point Vicente is equally important to its more formal and informal educational attributes. Therefore, I am prepared to direct sufficient grant funds with the goal of achieving the following:

- Expand available parking to twice its current capacity while maintaining the convenient, close proximity to the Point Vicente Interpretive Center (PVIC);
- Improve storm water management through enhanced landscaping;
- Improve site security infrastructure, particularly during non-public hours;
- Engage award-winning building and landscape architects to ensure that the visitor experience from beginning to end remains harmonious with and does not 'overshadow' PVIC.

### Landscaping and Architecture

Again, building, landscaping and exhibitions would complement PVIC with the goal of developing a facility that in and of itself serves as an educational tool. Highlights of the approach would include:

- Maintaining compelling views of the coastline;
- Restoring habitat with native plants and best efforts to eradicate non-native species;
- Improving trail networks and accessibility for the physically impaired;
- Maintaining tranquility by ensuring architects have sufficient resources to research, review and apply the most advanced building technologies and materials;
- Constructing an eco-sensitive 'green' facility;
- Balancing the relationship between PVIC and the Companion Animal Center. PVIC stands at approx. 10,000 square feet. The Companion Animal Center's footprint as currently proposed is 14,000 square feet. With the proposed expansion of PVIC's outdoor exhibits—funded by the Annenberg Foundation as part of this development—PVIC's presence would grow to approx. 40,000 square feet, not including the outdoor observation decks west of the building.

### Creating a World-Class Visitor Experience

With the benefit of our participation in scores of meetings with individuals and community-based organizations we observed the need to more fully address the role of indigenous wildlife and other companion animals in all aspects of the visitor experience. Therefore, I asked our designers to adjust the concepts accordingly to create a range of indoor and outdoor experiences and learning opportunities, including:

#### *Interior Experiences*

- Exhibits focused on wildlife education and also on a broad range of family pets, including everything from horses to fish, birds, hamsters and lizards— reflecting the varied interests of families (please see exhibits A & B);
- Ensure that the center would have the ability to respond to temporary emergency medical needs of local wildlife;
- Exhibits related to animal science, species migration and domestication;
- Exhibits related to the care of companion animals and their importance to humans;
- Infrastructure for lectures, films, demonstrations, civic and community meetings;
- Classes and curricula for school district educators, students and administrators

- Volunteer opportunities for youth and adults;
- Assistance with dog and cat adoption
  1. Home-style viewing areas for dogs and cats
  2. Adoption counseling rooms
  3. Dog and cat socialization rooms
- Dog and cat behavior modification programs;
- Dog and cat care workshops and counseling;
- Medical treatment for animals at the Center;
- A private area for families and a bereavement garden;
- Interpretation of the environmental attributes of the building;
- Food service, retail and other hospitality infrastructure.

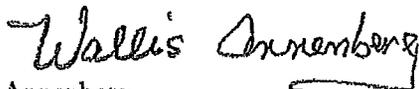
*Outdoor Experiences*

- Interactive exhibits bringing Phase 3 of PVIC's growth to reality;
  - a. Regional history and culture
  - b. Tongva/Gabrielino Villages
  - c. Archeological 'dig'
  - d. Plant species identification
  - e. Wildlife biology, geology and environmental stewardship;
- Interpretation of the environmental sensitive attributes of the landscape;
- Integrated walking trails (inclusive of best efforts to link the Point Vicente Lighthouse and Terranea properties);
- Upgraded and expanded picnic facilities.

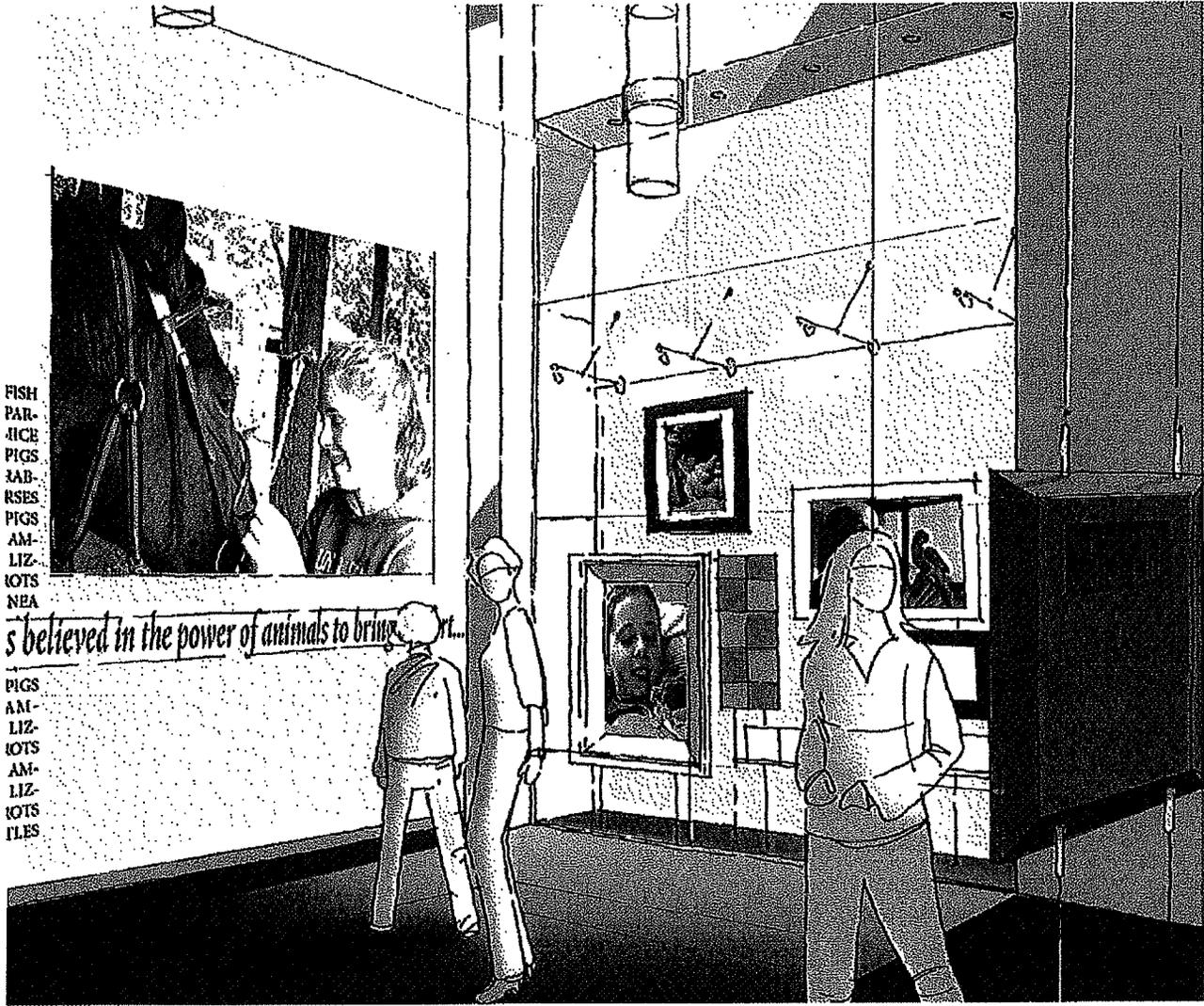
I have greatly enjoyed the process of engaging civic leadership and staff, community groups and other residents during our study phase. At this juncture, in my capacity as Vice President of the Annenberg Foundation I am prepared to direct sufficient grant funds to further design, construct, operate and maintain the elements covered in this letter at no cost to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. If approved, my expectation would be that Foundation staff and the project team work directly with the city's leadership to ensure mutual progress and satisfaction every step of the way.

If your experience has been mutually positive as mine I stand ready to make the commitments needed to bring this project to life through an act of philanthropy.

Sincerely,



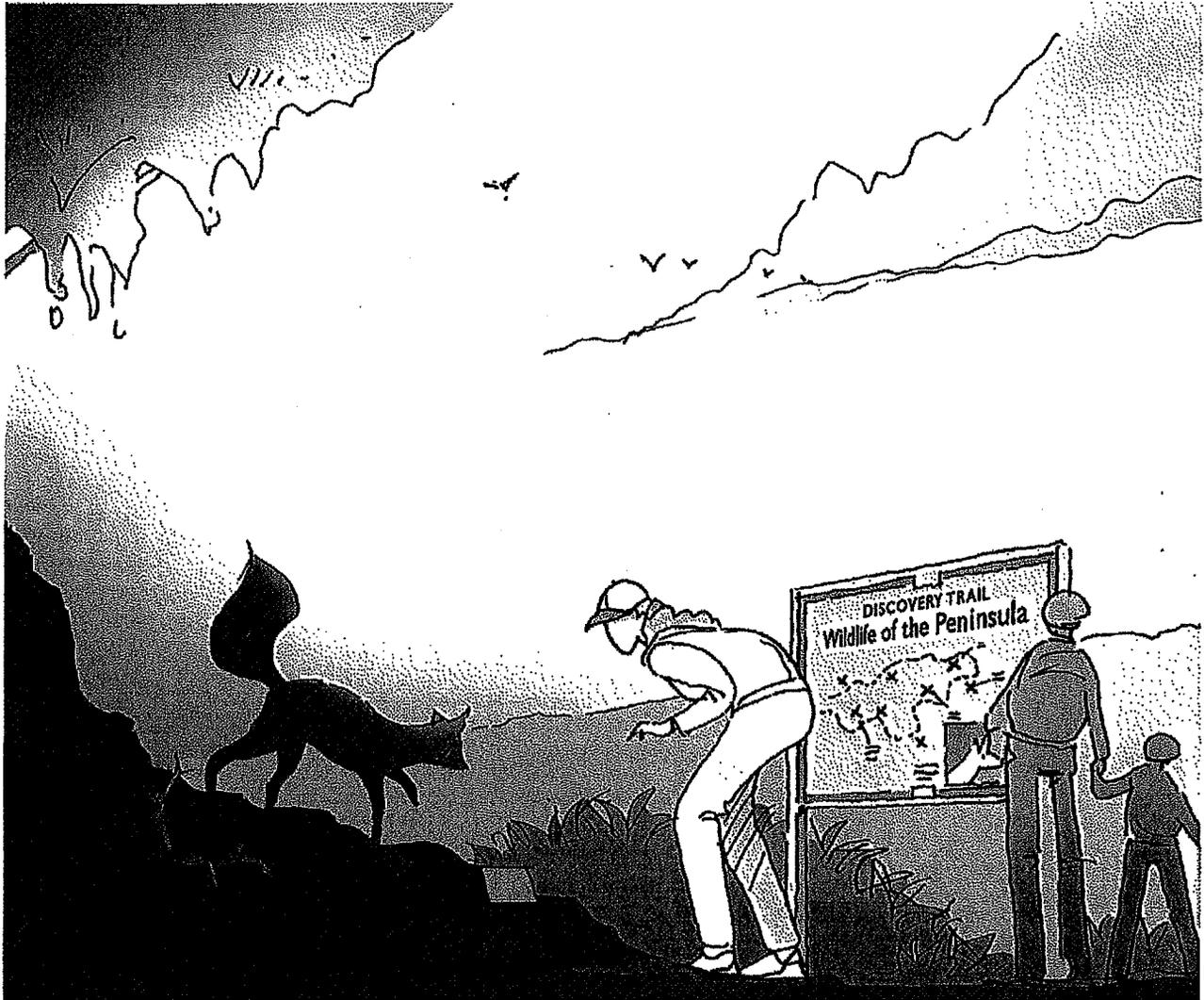
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EXHIBIT A  
Indoor Exhibit Exploring Animal Life in Palos Verdes



## EXHIBIT B

### Possible Sculpted Figures of Indigenous Species

#### BIRDS:

Anna's Hummingbird  
 Red-tailed Hawk  
 Burrowing Owl  
 Grasshopper Sparrow  
 CA Gnatcatcher  
 Cactus Wre

#### BUTTERFLIES:

West Coast Lady  
 Marine Blue  
 Western Checkered Skipper  
 Verdes Blue

#### AMPHIBIANS:

Western Toad  
 Black-bellied Slender Salamander  
 Red-legged Frog  
 Tiger Salamander

#### REPTILES:

Western Fence Lizard  
 Ringneck Snake  
 Southern CA Pond Turtle  
 Coastal Rosy Boa

#### FISH:

Coastal Cutthroat Trout  
 Mojave Tui Chub  
 Santa Ana Sucker  
 Sacramento Perch

#### MAMMALS:

Little Brown Bat  
 CA Ground Squirrel  
 CA Harvest Mouse  
 Desert Cottontail  
 Mule Deer  
 Tule Elk  
 Red Fox  
 Island Fox

**Ara M**

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**From:** Patty [mrsrsyjr@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 10:41 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Animal Center

Dear Ara,

I am writing to offer my support of the proposed Companion Animal and Education Center. I own one of these rescued cats and he is fabulous. This center would be invaluable to our community. Thanks for your time.

Patty Yarak  
46 Santa Cruz  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274  
(310) 377-2364

**Ara M**

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**From:** Beryl & Brian Tilley [tilleybb@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 11:56 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Annenberg propoposal at Lower Pt Vicente

I am a docent of Los Serenos. I have seen and heard the proposal of the Annenberg Foundation for a Pet rescue center. While the proposal is admirable in design, I do not feel that it is an appropriate addition to the Lower Point Vicente site. This site was designated for open space by the city with the exception of the interpretive center (note the proposal for girls' softball a year ago was turned down because it was not a passive activity) and the feed back received from the public indicates they like it that way....any addition buildings would detract from the Interpretive center.

Beryl Tilley

**Ara M**


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**From:** Carolyn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 2:54 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** FW: Annenberg Proposal for Lower Pt. Vicente

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**From:** George Neuner [mailto:neunerge@msn.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 2:21 PM

**To:** RPV City Council

**Cc:** Henry Ott; Donna Mclaughlin LS; Philip Sabol LS; Arthur Wertheim LS; cockeandco@verizon.net; Diane & James Shneer LS; Myrna Plost LS; Lynn Swank LS; Henry Ott; Vic Quirarte LS; Catherine Kelly LS; June Dixon LS; Susan Deo LS; Fay Owen LS; John Gilliam LS; Herb Stark LS; Yvetta Williams; Jo Woods LS; Walter Watson LS; dan\_crane@alumni.stanfordgsb.org; pepito16 LS; Gwen Ward LS; neunerge@msn.com; Renee Cartwright LS; tilleybb@yahoo.com; John Nieto; Ginger Clark LS; Earl Sledge LS; Pat Wright LS; Sandy Holderman LS; Jan Thompson LS; Sue Bell LS; Charlotte Laura LS; Linda DiNoto LS; wlama@verizon.net; Fran Simon LS; Anita Gash LS; Derek Wallentinsen LS; Amy Viola LS; Stephanie Brito; Dennie Stansell LS; Moon Chang LS; Lynn Solomita LS; helen\_gorey@msn.com; snolan@realestateprofiler.com; Brigitte Bundgard LS; jmjessoe@hotmail.com; smarone@msn.com; Emily Reeves LS; peachie@att.net; pjalama@aol.com; bwr1083klr@cox.net; jelte.bakker@gtcusa.net; Cindy Blindbury; Marilou Lieman LS; Brooks & Dorie Boynton; Fredrick Whitson LS; jbjbeachball@yahoo.com; brasof2@cs.com; John McTaggart LS; Bruce Merchant LS; Don Eichorn; Natalie Massey LS; Pat Starr LS; Herb Raymond LS; Steve Fishman LS; Cathy Dumitrov-Shweiri LS; Lee Norwood LS; Barbara Dye; Filomena Paulson LS; thepegmonster@yahoo.com; Ami Kurino LS; fowlers@peterfowler.com; Joan Bary; Willis Binnard LS; Denise Rakas LS; Mary Jo Jackson; Janna Beck LS; Helen Coffey LS; Robin Wondra LS; Bill Ritchie LS; Josie Saez-Narvaez; Lura Meyer LS; Elena Johnson LS; Patt Parker LS; Sonia Handelsman LS; Jeannette Bower LS; Sue Walsh LS; Chuck Hattersly LS; Lynn Scollo LS; Sunshine; Holly Starr; Diana McIntyre; Carol Preciado LS; Debra Rosen LS; Keren Peterson LS; Matt Waters LS; Mona Dill LS

**Subject:** Annenberg Proposal for Lower Pt. Vicente

As a docent for Los Serenos, I attended two presentations by representatives of the Annenberg Foundation for an animal center at lower Pt. Vicente. Although the second presentation gave more emphasis to pet ownership education, it is clear that the primary purpose of the proposed facility is to shelter, care-for and offer homeless cats and dogs for adoption. While this is a noble endeavor (as would be a rehab center for homeless persons - half of whom are war veterans), such projects are totally inappropriate for this location.

Currently PVIC provides a small museum amidst acres of natural surroundings and farmland at a spectacular ocean front location. When on docent duty, I speak with hundreds of visitors, local and from distant cities and countries. They marvel that this beautiful section of coastline has escaped development and remains a quiet, peaceful sanctuary. With so much of the natural PV coastline succumbing to development (Ocean Trails golf course and home sites, Ocean Front Estates right next door, and now the former Marineland site), it is vital to preserve what little undeveloped coastline remains. After all, this is why we became a city.

The plans developed by Los Serenos docents call for minimal improvements to this site - some outdoor historical exhibits to blend in with the environment and enhance the natural history education mission of the existing museum. The Annenberg proposed facility would be inconsistent with this mission. Further, it would be nearly twice the size of the current museum and, with attendant parking lot, would significantly impact the natural environment of this location.

The generosity of the Annenberg Foundation thus far for undeveloped land acquisition and vision planning for our city is most commendable. Many RPV residents love their pet animals as much as Wallis Annenberg, and abhor the number of stray animals put to sleep for lack of adoption. But I'm sure other, more appropriate and less valuable locations in the area can be found for a companion animal center similar to that built by the Annenberg

Foundation in San Diego.

The offer of the Annenberg Foundation to fund the planned outdoor exhibits at lower Pt. Vicente, in conjunction with an animal center, has influenced some Los Serenos docents, none of whom had ever before suggested an animal shelter as part of PVIC. Some docents have expressed concern that the outdoor exhibits will never be built during our lifetime without the Annenberg funding. Mayor Long has expressed concern that RPV will develop the reputation for not really wanting anything anyone wants to donate if we turn down the Annenberg offer. However we have just seen that there is at least one other foundation willing to promote the PVIC mission of natural history education without inappropriate conditions; i.e., the recent donation of \$180,000 to PVIC from the El-Hefni Foundation. This property will only grow in value. Let's be patient.

I urge the city council to preserve this most valuable ocean front site and not permit any further major building construction at lower Pt. Vicente.

George Neuner  
32709 Seagate Drive, RPV

**Ara M**

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**From:** Monica Mortensen [monicamortensen@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 3:15 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jjaakola@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Re. Shelter

Gentlemen,  
I am writing to ask you to please lend your support to the proposed Companion Animal & Education Center which will be funded by the Annenberg Foundation. Thank you for your consideration.

Monica Mortensen  
5419 Meadowdale Lane  
Rancho Palos Verdes

**Ara M**

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**From:** Kristen Raig - RHCA [kraig@rhca.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 5:02 PM  
**To:** Ara M  
**Subject:** Re: RPV Public Use Master Plan

Hi Ara -

Thanks so much for the link to the website.

The PUMP meeting was very interesting, it is a worthy cause and obviously a lot of people feel very passionate about the land and the trails.

Please let me know if you have any questions about Rolling Hills properties policies or trails.  
Have a good weekend.

Kristen Raig, Manager  
Rolling Hills Community Association  
1 Portuguese Bend Road  
Rolling Hills, California 90274  
Ph: (310)544-6222  
Email: kraig@rhca.net

At 11:03 PM 12/12/2007, you wrote:

Hello Kristen --

Thank you for introducing yourself last night.

I am glad that you were able to attend the PUMP Committee meeting.

In order to receive electronic notices on the PUMP Committee, click on the link below and scroll to the bottom of the page:

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Let me know if you have any questions.

Ara

**Ara Michael Mihranian**  
**Principal Planner**  
**City of Rancho Palos Verdes**  
**30940 Hawthorne Blvd.**  
**Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275**  
**310-544-5228 (telephone)**  
**310-544-5293 (fax)**  
**aram@rpv.com**

**Ara M**

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**From:** GATESBUS@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 7:04 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jjaakola@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Support Companion Animal and Education Center

**Dear Mr. Mihranianin:**

**This e-mail is to advise you that this household is in support of the proposed Companion Animal and Education Center which would be built by the Annenberg Foundation at no cost to the City. Please support this worthy cause. Thank you. Sincerely, Dorothy and Brian Gates**

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**Ara M**

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**From:** Happyisles@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 7:27 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Vision Plan

I prefer to keep the land around the Point Vicente Interpretive Center in a natural state, with walking trails, as so many of us love to walk there....an Indian gathering place would be in keeping with the Peninsula oriented educational aspect of the area. I love animals but the Interpretive Center area is not the place for an adoption center.

Thanks you for letting me express myself.

Stephanie Brito  
30915 rue Valois  
Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca 90275

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**Ara M**

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**From:** tamcat9@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 8:10 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jjaakola@earthlink.net; Donna Ciminera  
**Subject:** Animal Center

Mr. Mihranianin

I am asking for your support of the Companion Animal and Education Center which is desperately needed in the Palos Verde's area.

At this point in time there has been no funding from the cities on the Peninsula and it would certainly be appreciated.

The volunteers are so dedicated to this cause and spend so many hours dealing with all these animals. I'm asking for your support.

Sincerely;

Terry Madison

"Educator of the Year "for Palos Verde's Unified School District 2001

Dedicated teacher for 35 years in the Palos Verde's district

**Ara M**

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**From:** Donna Ciminera [dciminera@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 11:34 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Companion Animal and Education Center

Dear Mr. Mihranian,

I am asking you to support the proposed Companion Animal and Education Center. For the past 11 years I have been involved in animal rescue on the Peninsula. The biggest problem is the feral cat population and much of the work I do is in the City of RPV. Reducing the number of stray animals starts with education at an early age. The sad statistics are that approximately 800,000 animals were relinquished to shelters in the state of California last year and 51% were euthanized. Building the center would be a great opportunity for the City.

Donna Ciminera, President  
Pet Protectors League

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 15, 2007 12:00 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Fw: The Annenberg proposal

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Emily Reeves" <emilyreeves@cox.net>  
**Sent:** 12/15/2007 7:30:37 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** The Annenberg proposal

I thought I sent email to aram in a timely fashion, but I don't see it in my sent mail list--so...

If you've all read George Neuner's letter about the Annenberg plan, then you may read it again for my views, too. Although we don't live in RAP, we did support the Conservancy monetarily in a big way for us. I have been a proud and happy docent at Pt. Vicente for over 20 years, and I've come to appreciate the "jewel" on our coastline more as time goes by. Please think of what you'd like the Peninsula to look like in another 20 years.

Finally, if the Annenbergs are supporters of the American Way, then they should purchase commercial land for the dog place.

Ad, finally, finally, I do think the RPV Council has done an admirable job steering through difficult issues and taking the right steps to make RPV the best city in Los Angeles County. Thank you very much for taking it all on.  
[emilyreeves@cox.net](mailto:emilyreeves@cox.net)

**Ara M**

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**From:** George Neuner [neunerge@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 15, 2007 1:37 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Annenberg Proposal for Lower Pt. Vicente

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The plans developed by Los Serenos docents call for minimal improvements to this site - some outdoor historical exhibits to blend in with the environment and enhance the natural history education mission of the existing museum. The Annenberg proposed facility would be inconsistent with this mission. Further, it would be nearly twice the size of the current museum and, with attendant parking lot, would significantly impact the natural environment of this location.

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I urge you to preserve this most valuable ocean front site and not permit any further major building construction at lower Pt. Vicente.

George Neuner  
32709 Seagate Drive, RPV

## Ara M

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**From:** raelynnw@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 15, 2007 3:07 PM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Cc:** jjaakola@earthlink.net

December 15, 2007

Dear Sir,

I support the building of the companion animal and education center. My friends who are involved with this endeavor are very caring, dedicated, intellegent people who care deeply for all living animals. Through talking to them I am aware of the need for this center.

Sincerely,  
Rae Lynn Warner  
19 Quarterhorse Lane  
RHE, CA 90274

## Ara M

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**From:** jolene [jconger1@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2007 9:24 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Support email

I am completely am in favor of the proposed Companion Animal and Education Center which will be built by the Annenberg Foundation at no cost to the city. We are in desperate need of such a facility here in this area. I have taken in a mother cat and 4 kittens, and through Pet Protectors and Point Vicente Animal Hospital all have been spayed/neutered and have a home.....mine. I also have a ferrel cat that was fixed with the help of Pet Protectors and is a wonderful indoor cat. I could not have taken on 5 cats without the help of Donna Ciminera and Dr. Cassie Jones. Obviously, we need such a center and once it is built, both animals and volunteers will come. Please count this email in favor of such a facility. Thank you.  
Jolene Conger  
jconger1@cox.net

**Ara M**

**From:** Carla Morreale [carlam@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2007 9:47 AM  
**To:** 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Annenberg Proposal for Lower Pt. Vicente

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**From:** B&K Riedman [mailto:bwr1083klr@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2007 6:28 PM  
**To:** 'George Neuner'; 'RPV City Council'  
**Cc:** 'Henry Ott'; 'Donna Mclaughlin LS'; 'Philip Sabol LS'; 'Arthur Wertheim LS'; cockeandco@verizon.net; 'Diane & James Shneer LS'; 'Myrna Plost LS'; 'Lynn Swank LS'; 'Henry Ott'; 'Vic Quirarte LS'; 'Catherine Kelly LS'; 'June Dixon LS'; 'Susan Deo LS'; 'Fay Owen LS'; 'John Gilliam LS'; 'Herb Stark LS'; 'Yvetta Williams'; 'Jo Woods LS'; 'Walter Watson LS'; dan\_crane@alumni.stanfordgsb.org; 'pepito16 LS'; 'Gwen Ward LS'; 'Renee Cartwright LS'; tilleybb@yahoo.com; 'John Nieto'; 'Ginger Clark LS'; 'Earl Sledge LS'; 'Pat Wright LS'; 'Sandy Holderman LS'; 'Jan Thompson LS'; 'Sue Bell LS'; 'Charlotte Laura LS'; 'Linda DiNoto LS'; wlama@verizon.net; 'Fran Simon LS'; 'Anita Gash LS'; 'Derek Wallentinsen LS'; 'Amy Viola LS'; 'Stephanie Brito'; 'Dennie Stansell LS'; 'Moon Chang LS'; 'Lynn Solomita LS'; helen\_gorey@msn.com; snolan@realestateprofiler.com; 'Brigitte Bundgard LS'; jmjessoe@hotmail.com; smarone@msn.com; 'Emily Reeves LS'; peachie@att.net; pjalama@aol.com; jelte.bakker@gtcusa.net; 'Cindy Blindbury'; 'Marilou Lieman LS'; 'Brooks & Dorie Boynton'; 'Fredrick Whitson LS'; jbjbeachball@yahoo.com; brasof2@cs.com; 'John McTaggart LS'; 'Bruce Merchant LS'; 'Don Eichorn'; 'Natalie Massey LS'; 'Pat Starr LS'; 'Herb Raymond LS'; 'Steve Fishman LS'; 'Cathy Dumitrov-Shweiri LS'; 'Lee Norwood LS'; 'Barbara Dye'; 'Filomena Paulson LS'; thepegmonster@yahoo.com; 'Ami Kurino LS'; fowlers@peterfowler.com; 'Joan Bary'; 'Willis Binnard LS'; 'Denise Rakas LS'; 'Mary Jo Jackson'; 'Janna Beck LS'; 'Helen Coffey LS'; 'Robin Wondra LS'; 'Bill Ritchie LS'; 'Josie Saez-Narvaez'; 'Lura Meyer LS'; 'Elena Johnson LS'; 'Patt Parker LS'; 'Sonia Handelsman LS'; 'Jeannette Bower LS'; 'Sue Walsh LS'; 'Chuck Hattersly LS'; 'Lynn Scollo LS'; 'Sunshine'; 'Holly Starr'; 'Diana McIntyre'; 'Carol Preciado LS'; 'Debra Rosen LS'; 'Keren Peterson LS'; 'Matt Waters LS'; 'Mona Dill LS'  
**Subject:** RE: Annenberg Proposal for Lower Pt. Vicente

We would very much appreciate everyone removing our name from your emails regarding this issue.

Thank you

Betty & Ken Riedman

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George Neuner  
32709 Seagate Drive, RPV

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Workshop of November 10th 2007

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The plan does not emphasize the preservation of habitat and open space. Instead the plans for buildings, facilities and amenities intrude into the Preserves. The Preserves must remain natural, with undisturbed habitat for wildlife and trails.

In the developable areas of Upper Point Vicente, construction should be limited to the City Offices, the Nike Site Art Center and an amphitheatre nestled into the slopes. Surfaces of parking areas for celebrations and events should be permeable. Hard surfaces should be kept to a minimum. The developable area may provide picnic grounds, a kiddies playground, ball fields view points and other recreational features. A dog field, gym and pool are not appropriate here. Palos Verdes High School is in need of a pool. Perhaps with financial help from RPV, something could be done in cooperation with the School System, to provide a pool; for School Use; and Public Use after school hours and on weekends. The non-developable areas must remain untouched as wildlife habitat, rugged trails for nature study and hiking.

At Lower Point Vicente the Interpretive Center and surrounding picnic area provide an informative and enjoyable way to learn of the history and natural elements of the Peninsula. Plants and wildlife must be the emphasis in the non-developable area. The idea of a Companion Animal Center is contrary to habitat preservation.

## Comments on RPV Vision Plan

Gateway Park, proposed as an equestrian Center would intrude into the Preserve and is not needed since there are established equestrian facilities on the Peninsula. The Gateway site could be more suitably named Preserve Gateway and would be ideal for a Scout facility which could feature camping, hiking and orienteering within the Klondike, Portugues Bend and Forrestal Preserves. There is parking alongside PVDS, while a small primitive campground could be formed with little disturbance of habitat. The site, being natural and primitive, would provide a camping adventure and opportunity for youth to have an outdoor experience while not too far from home. Scouts would learn consideration for habitat and wildlife, leaving only footprints and packing out their gear, litter and waste.

Del Cerro Park as a donor recognition site should be kept simple with a permeable parking area, a bluff top fence and an adequate pathway to the view overlook. PV Stone should be used for a Recognition Wall, (see Wayfarers' Chapel and its roadside wall on PVDS for examples of PV stonework).

## Comments on RPV Vision Plan

Abalone Cove should not be changed. Keep the existing trail natural. The rugged trail provides a sense of adventure and is more of a nature experience. To make the trail wheelchair accessible would defeat its appeal. The tidepools are not wheelchair accessible but if feasible, a permit system could be arranged for shuttle access to transport the handicapped to the shore.

### DESIGN GUIDANCE

Coordinate the plans for all Peninsula Parks and Preserves maintaining the emphasis on Open Space. PARKS are for Public recreation with playing fields, picnic grounds and other amenities.

PRESERVES are for wildlife and habitat with limited access for nature study and adventure hikes.

In all cases retain the natural topography, avoid cut and fill and construct buildings only in areas designated developable.

For signs and markers use natural materials such as PV stone, boulders, wood and logs.

Use permeable surfacing. Avoid asphalt and concrete.

In Preserves keep signs to a minimum in size and quantity, with simple, legible lettering.

William A. Jolliffe  
6347 TARRAGON ROAD

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Please take a moment to comment on what you heard and saw today:

- Overall impression of the Rancho Palos Verdes Coast Vision Plan
- Proposals for the Key Sites (Upper Point Vicente, Lower Point Vicente, Gateway Park, Del Cerro Park and Abalone Cove)
- Design Guidance

***It's clear to me that this "pet project" is just that - more about what Wallis Annenberg wants than what open space on the Peninsula and PVIC are about.***

***Let's not be swayed and used by the bucks to schmooze us away from what we're about. Let's wait for a more generous donor or proposal that's truly in line with what we're about without the major, different agenda offered by Annenberg's pet center.***

***We are about open space to see whales, green flashes, sunsets, stars (yes, it's still the darkest part of LA!), natural plants and the beauty of the Peninsula, with the necessary (hopefully minimized!) impact of explanatory exhibits.***

***We are about enjoying the loveliness at Point Vicente.***

***We are not about developing it.***

***We are not about animal centers, however well intentioned they may be, that overwhelm our existing efforts and center.***

*Derek Wallentinsen*

Name and phone number or email address (optional)

**Derek Wallentinsen 310-732-1892 wallysweb@wallentinsen.com**

\* This personal survey sheet will be collected at the end of the meeting on November 10th.

\* Between November 10th and December 14th comments should be mailed to:  
Ara Mikhrian at City of Rancho Palos Verdes, 30540 Hawthorne Blvd, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 or faxed to 310-244-2293 or  
emailed to [AraM@rpv.com](mailto:AraM@rpv.com)

\* Any additional questions should be directed to Ara Mikhrian at the City of Rancho Palos Verdes on 310.544.5238



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December 10, 2007

Ara Mihranian, AICP  
Principal Planner  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Dear Ara Mihranian,

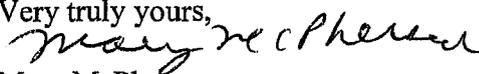
I have been a resident of Rolling Hills Estates for the past 22 years. Recently, I heard and read in the Peninsula News about the proposed companion animal center by the Annenberg Foundation to be situated near the existing Point Vicente Interpretive Center.

This is a project that I fully support as it has so many pluses for the Palos Verdes community. I love that it aims to provide education, volunteer and community service opportunities, behavioral modification programs, animal adoption and medical services. It was stated in the newspaper article that "the venture furthers the Point Vicente Interpretive Center's and docents' passion, and commitment to lifelong learning."

I am so thrilled to read that the School District could enhance the program even more by affording wonderful opportunities to our students. Also, the building and landscaping that would be provided sound beautiful and would be at no cost to the taxpayers.

What Cassie Jones of the Point Vicente Animal Hospital said was so right on: "The fact that this will be a great thing for the animals is really just a bonus to the project...Our humanity is defined by how we treat others. Promoting a healthy human-animal bond starting at an early age is only going to make this a better world."

I fully support this endeavor at the Point Vicente site and hope that the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council will support it as well so that everyone in Palos Verdes can benefit in so many positive ways.

Very truly yours,  
  
Mary McPherson  
31 Santa Bella Road  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274  
310-377-5093

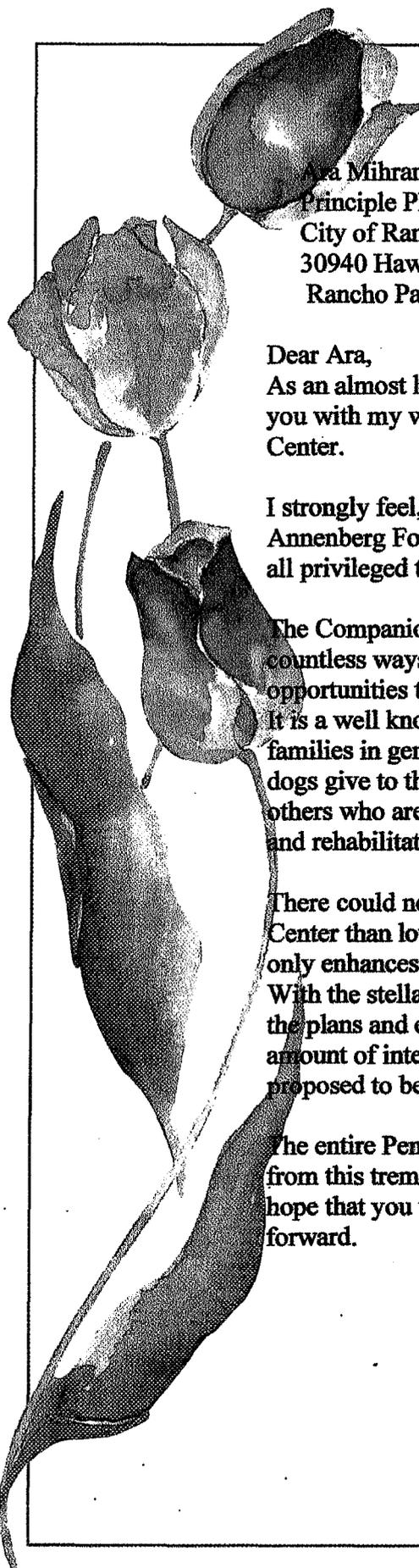
Cc: Jackie Ott Jaakola

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Ara Mihranian, AICP  
Principle Planner  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca. 90275

Dear Ara,

As an almost life long resident of Palos Verdes Peninsula, I am writing to you with my whole hearted support of the Annenberg Companion Animal Center.

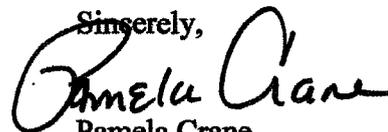
I strongly feel, we have been given a tremendous opportunity by the Annenberg Foundation to enhance this wonderful community that we are all privileged to live in.

The Companion Animal Center would benefit kids, as well as adults in countless ways. From the basic care of pets, to other educational opportunities tied into the Interpretive Center as well as our local schools. It is a well known fact of the importance the role that animals play with families in general, not to mention the extraordinary importance service dogs give to the disabled, and the comfort that animals give to seniors and others who are ill. The growth of "therapy animal" programs in hospitals and rehabilitation centers and nursing homes is testament to this alone.

There could not be a better or more appropriate place for this incredible Center than lower Pointe Vicente. To be tied into the Interpretive Center only enhances and makes the education possibilities even more limitless. With the stellar reputation of the Annenberg Foundation, you know that the plans and execution of this project would be done with the highest amount of integrity and it would become the world class center that it is proposed to be.

The entire Peninsula, as well as neighboring communities would benefit from this tremendous gift the Annenberg Foundation is offering. It is my hope that you will see the importance of this project and allow it to move forward.

Sincerely,



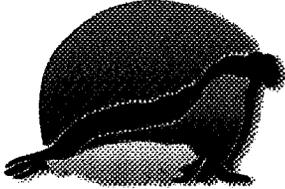
Pamela Crane  
10 Caballeros Road  
Rolling Hills, Ca. 90274

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**MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER  
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**David Bard, Operations Director**

December 6, 2007

Attn: Ara Mihranian, Principal Planner

Dear City of Rancho Palos Verdes:

Over the past few months I have become familiar with the Annenberg Foundation's proposal for a Companion Animal Center to be located at Lower Point Vicente. As Operations Director of the Marine Mammal Care Center at Fort MacArthur (Los Angeles' only hospital for sick and injured marine mammals), I have a longstanding commitment to animal welfare, volunteerism, public education and safety. As a local wildlife rehabilitator, I know firsthand the value of educating the public about safety for people and companion animals who may encounter native animals and wildlife.

I wholeheartedly support the Foundation's proposal and believe that the proposed center would be a world-class asset to the city of Rancho Palos Verdes and its residents. The center would serve as a national model for education and animal welfare and it would be an enjoyable family destination promoting environmental awareness. I would look forward to participating in any cooperative educational opportunities.

Lower Point Vicente, already a treasured, local asset, would certainly be enhanced by the Companion Animal Center, enhancing the PVIC and helping us enjoy both companion animals and native wildlife more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Bard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

David Bard, Operations Director

Cc Leonard Aube, Jackie Jaakola

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DR. VAN P. STEED  
DR. MARK J. WEIMER

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c/o Ara Mihranian  
Principal Planner  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5391

To the City of Rancho Palos Verdes:

I am writing in support of the Annenberg Foundation's proposal for the Companion Animal Center at Lower Point Vicente.

As a veterinarian in practice in San Pedro and as a consulting veterinarian to the Marine Mammal Care Center and to the Aquarium of the Pacific, I understand the needs and interests of the community, especially related to companion animals and wildlife. The proposal for the Companion Animal Center blends the community's interest in supporting the work of the PVIC with the need to add additional educational, volunteer and behavioral training opportunities in Rancho Palos Verdes.

The facility would be a model of excellence and would be well positioned to showcase a variety of world-class projects and animal behavior programs. The education provided would help families enhance their enjoyment of their animals and increase their understanding of the role their pets play in their daily lives.

I also see the Companion Animal Center as a vital source of volunteerism and service learning opportunities for our youth, activities that will be important as they consider careers in a wide variety of fields, from medicine and the sciences to education and management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Weimer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Mark Weimer, DVM

Cc Leonard Aube, The Annenberg Foundation  
Jackie Jaakola, Community Liaison

Jane Martin  
5927-N Armaga Spring Road  
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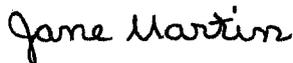
As a long-time resident of Rancho Palos Verdes who has been committed and highly involved in the community for many years, I am writing to support the proposal by the Annenberg Foundation to build and operate a Companion Animal Center on Lower Point Vicente.

I love animals, cherish the Peninsula and value the role education plays in our lives and our futures. The Companion Animal Center will provide a valuable and extensive array of needed services related to animals, behavioral training and education. In addition, as someone who has been involved in emergency preparedness and response, as a helpline listener and as a volunteer communicator for numerous community events, what I particularly like about the Center is that its well-designed theater area will add essential meeting and educational space that will accommodate many diverse civic meetings and functions.

Also, I'm excited about what the Center will add to Lower Point Vicente. Whether while walking or hiking (with or without our pets), meeting friends, whale watching, or simply appreciating the beauty of the coast, the visitor amenities that the Center will provide will make it easier and more pleasant to enjoy the area. The outdoor exhibits will serve to enhance our understanding (and continued appreciation) of the environment and our connection to it.

I am certain many residents will volunteer at the Center and find the beautiful, new resource a great place to celebrate the rich history of the Peninsula and our relationship to animals, domesticated and native.

Sincerely,



Jane Martin

**Bob and Judy Bush**  
6030 Montemalaga Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275  
310-375-7578  
[Bob.bush@verizon.net](mailto:Bob.bush@verizon.net)

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December 6, 2007

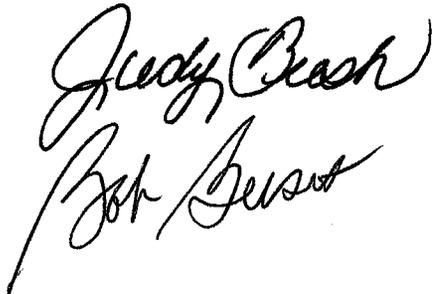
Ara Mihranian, AICI  
Principal Planner  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard  
Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275

Dear Mr. Mihranian:

We both are in total support of the Companion Animal Center, proposed at Point Vicente.

We attended the community workshop before the City Council and were impressed with the proposal and generosity of the Annenberg Foundation.

Sincerely,





December 12, 2007

Ara Mitrani  
Principal Planner  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Dear Mr. Mitrani,

I am writing in support of the proposed  
Companion Animal Center, a gift of the Annenberg  
Foundation.

I am aware of nothing like this anywhere.  
To have this magnificent project on our peninsula  
would be not only an asset, but an honor. The  
good this will do is beyond my imagination.  
The human animal bond is essential to the well  
being of society. Knowing that the Annenberg  
Foundation is proposing this should be of great  
value to any city considering this.

There are no words to express the gener-  
osity this amazing gift represents. Please  
say happy holidays to our community, and  
grant us an early gift, by allowing this mag-  
nificent, well planned project, that will benefit  
our society and so many, and in wondrous ways,  
to be approved.

On behalf of Richard and myself,  
thank you.

Respectfully submitted -

Melanie Lundquist

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*Harlyne J. Norris  
3 Johns Canyon Road  
Rolling Hills, CA. 90274*

*Dec. 11, 2007*

*Dear Mr. Mikhraian,*

*I attended Leonard Aube's presentation to the community of the Annetberg Foundation's proposed companion animal project. The plans offer our community a beautifully designed building, and an outstanding education opportunity.*

*I believe this proposed project would be an invaluable asset to our community.*

*Sincerely,*

*Harlyne J. Norris*

**Ara M**

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**From:** Bruce Megowan [bmegowan@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 11:38 AM  
**To:** aram@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Proposed Dog Park

Ara,

As we discussed today, I would like to have included in the public comments regarding the RPV vision plan the possibility of establishing an off leash dog park within the city. As you may know, there is no where on the Palos Verdes Peninsula for dog owners to run their dogs off leash. There is a dog park in San Pedro, which is a bit of a drive for most of the residents of the Palos Verdes Peninsula cities. I am surprised this potential use had not been previously raised, as there are thousands of dog owners in the city that have no where to let their dogs run and socialize with other dogs without exposing themselves to receiving a very expensive ticket.

I appreciate your consideration of this.

Bruce Megowan  
Investment Services Group  
310-541-2980 / 310-259-7125 cell

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:**Monday, April 21, 2008 5:44 PM  
**To:**'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:**FW: companion pet center

-----Original Message-----

**From:**Laurie Ayooob [mailto:Ayooob5@cox.net]  
**Sent:**Monday, April 21, 2008 5:41 PM  
**To:**cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:**bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:**companion pet center

Dear RPV council members,

I understand that you are considering building a "companion pet center" through the Annenberg Foundation in RPV. May I request that a dog park be part of the discussion? While there are many beautiful areas in which to walk dogs, it is so nice to be able to let them run off-leash. Honestly, my Australian Shepherd does not get adequate exercise walking next to me! I would love to see a dog park in the area. Right now, I drive to San Pedro or Redondo Beach to let her run. Please consider this option. The dog parks in Redondo and San Pedro are lovely and what I would consider an asset, not a liability. And it would offer the perfect opportunity for community service groups to monitor - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Charity League, etc. I am unable to attend the meeting on May 6, so this is my comment for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Laurel Ayooob  
Rolling Hills Estates

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 5:44 PM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Rancho Palos Verdes Dog park

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**From:** RPVMom@aol.com [mailto:RPVMom@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 5:34 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** Rancho Palos Verdes Dog park

Dear Council Members:

As a long time resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, I thoroughly support the idea to include an off leash dog park in the plans for the "Companion Pet Center". The closest off leash facility is currently in San Pedro. It is clear by the number of people I see walking their dogs every day that there is a definite need for an off leash dog park in our community. It would be a wonderful place to gather with other dog lovers. It is a shame that there is currently nowhere that we can let our dogs run free and play with other dogs. The addition of the Companion Pet Center is the perfect location and opportunity for the residents of RPV to finally get a dog park.

Sincerely,

Janet Taylor

6120 Armaga Spring Rd  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

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**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 7:57 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal for a Dog Park

Here's another one!

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**From:** Bruce Megowan [mailto:bmegowan@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 1:35 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Proposal for a Dog Park

Dear RPV City Council Members,

I would like to add my support to a proposal for the establishment of an off-leash dog park in Rancho Palos Verdes. Currently, there is no where on the Palos Verdes Peninsula where dog owners can legally exercise their dogs off-leash without risking a very expensive ticket. Most dogs and their owners enjoy socializing with other dogs and their owners, and unfortunately, the closest dog parks are at least a 20 to 30 minute drive away for most of us living on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

I understand that one of the proposed land uses for the vacant land adjacent to the Interpretive Center is for a "Companion Pet Center". I don't understand why it makes sense to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars for a building with exhibits about companion pets, when the most important thing that our companion pets need is a dog park where they can socialize and exercise. I would highly recommend that any such Center include a dog park which would truly demonstrate our dedication to our pets.

Thank you,

Bruce Megowan  
310-541-2980 / 310-259-7125 cell

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 8:14 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park

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**From:** Melanie Streitfeld [mailto:Streitfeld@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 7:03 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** Dog Park

Dear RPV City Council:

I would love to see a dog park in RPV. I can't believe we don't already have one.

Melanie Streitfeld  
Rancho Palos Verdes

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 8:14 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park

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**From:** Mark Paullin [mailto:mpaullin@capstan.cc]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 6:45 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** edforsc@aol.com  
**Subject:** Dog Park

Dear RPV City Council,

I understand you are meeting the public May 6<sup>th</sup> at Hesse Park to discuss the establishment of a dog park in Rancho Palos Verdes. Congratulations on this great idea!

I am a resident of Palos Verdes Estates but urge you to make this a peninsula wide park. I am also a member of the Palos Verdes Homes Association Board of Directors and while I do not speak for them, I believe other Board members would also support the concept provided it is open to all PVE residents too.

Please let me know how I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Mark Paullin  
Palos Verdes Homes Association

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 8:15 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: A Dog Park in RPV

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**From:** Christine [mailto:christinepv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 7:03 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** Bruce Megowan  
**Subject:** A Dog Park in RPV

Dear RPV City Council members,

I would like to express my support for a much needed dog park in Palos Verdes. I encourage you to add this to the plans for the "Companion Pet Center" in RPV. There isn't any place that I am aware of in Palos Verdes where we can legally exercise our dogs off leash. Your support on this would be greatly appreciated by many residents of Palos Verdes.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,  
Christine Fine  
389 Palos Verdes Drive West  
Palos Verdes Estates, Ca. 90274

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 11:37 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: DOG PARK ON THE PENINSULA

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**From:** SHEILADPP@aol.com [mailto:SHEILADPP@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 11:27 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** DOG PARK ON THE PENINSULA

I think a 'dog park' on the peninsula would be a wonderful addition... It could be a 'members only' with small fee for peninsula residents to cover the minimal upkeep costs (garbage can maintenance.... waste removal, ground care, etc) and fencing ... With the number of pets in this area and the 'responsible type' residents... I think it would be a real asset to the community

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**Ara M**

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**From:** Carolyn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 2:11 PM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: DOG PARK IN PV

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**From:** sandra Geisinger [mailto:sandrageisinger@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 11:49 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** DOG PARK IN PV

I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MAY 6TH MEETING, BUT I AM STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF A DOG PARK IN PV.

THANK YOU,  
SANDRA GEISINGER  
2321 VIA CARRILLO  
PVE, CA 90274  
TEL: 310-377-4358

## Ara M

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:**Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:51 AM  
**To:**'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:**FW: I support the dog park proposal

-----Original Message-----

**From:**Randy Dauchot [mailto:dauchot5@msn.com]  
**Sent:**Wednesday, April 23, 2008 3:32 PM  
**To:**cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:**I support the dog park proposal

I support the dog park proposal.

Thanks,  
Randy Dauchot  
217 Via Colusa  
PVE

## Ara M

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**From:** Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:51 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: in favor of RPV dog park

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sheila Berru [mailto:sheilaberru@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 3:10 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** in favor of RPV dog park

Would like to express my interest in favor of creation of a dog park for the upcoming vote.

Thank you  
Sheila Berru  
resident of PVE

## Ara M

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:**Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:53 AM  
**To:**'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:**FW: Yes for dog park

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Peter & Jennifer Morgan [mailto:peterjenmorgan@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 2:40 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Yes for dog park

Our family would welcome the addition of a dog park in RPV.

Thanks,  
Peter & Jennifer Morgan

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 9:24 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: RPV Dog Park

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**From:** Don Gonzales [mailto:dongonzales@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 8:44 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** RPV Dog Park

RPV City Council,  
My wife Christine and I are very supportive of a dog park in RPV. With so much open land it is unfortunate that dog owners have no place to legally run their dogs. Our dog does not get enough of a workout by merely walking. I will be traveling on May 6 and therefore unable to attend RPV City Council meeting. But please count 2 people in support of such a measure.  
Yours truly,

Donald & Christine Gonzales  
6576 Eddinghill Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

310-963-3434

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 2:50 PM  
**To:** 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park

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**From:**gsnoel@aol.com [mailto:gsnoel@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 12:15 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Dog Park

Sirs,

I would welcome a dog park in RPV. Currently we have to drive to either San Pedro or Redondo Beach. Not only do the dogs get to interact with each other but the adults meet and socialize as well - I have made several new friends at the dog parks and would welcome one located closer to our home.

Sincerely,

Greg Noel

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Plan your next roadtrip with [MapQuest.com](http://MapQuest.com): America's #1 Mapping Site.

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 10:12 AM  
**To:**'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park

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**From:** Chris [mailto:cgonz@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 9:16 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** Dog Park

I won't be able to attend the city council meeting, but I want to voice my support for adding a dog park on the Palos Verdes peninsula.

Christine Gonzales  
6576 Eddinghill Dr  
RPV

## Ara M

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**From:** Carolyn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 10:12 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Potential dog park

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**From:** Julie Hernandez [mailto:jules1950@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 8:20 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** Potential dog park

This email is in support of the idea of a dog park on the peninsula. We have lived in PVE for 22 years and have always had dogs. It's a beautiful place to walk them. It would be wonderful to have a place to allow them to be off-leash and socialize as well. Thank you for your consideration of this much-needed proposal.

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Paul and Julie Hernandez  
2201 Thorley Place, PVE  
310-377-8822

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"Be curious, not judgmental."  
Walt Whitman

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 10:13 AM  
**To:**'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park

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**From:** Sarah Jessup [mailto:sarah.jessup@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 6:39 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** Dog Park

To Whom It May Concern,

This email is to voice my very strong support for the idea of a dog park in Palos Verdes! Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the City Council meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, but please include my name in the list of supporters.

Sincerely,

Sarah Jessup  
1648 Dalton Road  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274  
310-373-5339

**Ara M**

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**From:** Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 10:16 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Support for RPV dog park  
**Attachments:** Diane Bassett (E-mail).vcf

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**From:** Diane Bassett [mailto:diane@dianebassett.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:36 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** Support for RPV dog park

Dear RPV city council,

I know you've got a meeting coming up on May 6th to discuss the Companion Animal Center that the Annenberg Foundation wants to build. I'm unable to attend that meeting, and would like to use this email to express my strong support for the idea of adding an offleash dog park to the project. Having moved recently from the Bay Area, where we have many very successful dog parks, I miss having local acces to one and can say with great confidence that having one in RPV would be wonderful. Combining it with the Companion Animal Center makes perfect sense. Please add this to the project and go full speed ahead!

Sincerely yours,  
Diane Bassett

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 10:17 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Support for a new dog park

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**From:** JL Clarke [mailto:jlc8131@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 6:34 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** Maureen Megowan; bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** Support for a new dog park

Dear RPV Council Members,

I am sending you this email in support of having a new dog park added into the plans for RPV's new "Companion Pet Center". I do not currently live in RPV, however I have been a long time resident here on the peninsula, with having lived in RHE, RPV and now currently in PVE. This seems like the perfect opportunity to include a "leash free" dog park for our community, as there is no other park of this kind on the PV Peninsula. There are so many of us who would truly appreciate having a place here locally where we can fully enjoy running and exercising with our dogs, and also where the dogs can run and play together.

I'm sure there are many other parents who like myself, would rather not have their children have to travel out of the area in order to have this kind of healthy fun and recreation with their own family pets. There are also numerous families who live in our area, and are volunteers who work with and train special assistant dogs who will be placed in homes of blind or disabled people in need of these special guide dogs. Having a dog park would benefit children as well as people of all ages in our community who are not able to travel several miles away where other dog parks are located.

I cannot think of a healthier activity for kids and families to enjoy with all the fun and exercise having an outdoor, leash free, dog park where this can be utilized by so many. My daughter is extremely excited about the prospect of having a dog park so close to home. On behalf of my daughter, her friends, and other parents like myself, I urge you to consider supporting this excellent opportunity to include a new dog park along with the plans for the new "Companion Pet Center".

Most sincerely,

Jackie Clarke  
PV Peninsula Homeowner and Resident  
Former PVP Council of PTAs Executive Board Member

**Ara M**


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**From:** Carolyn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 26, 2008 9:54 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: Against dog park at Lower Pt. Vicente or in the Land Conservancy land.

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**From:** Yvetta Williams [mailto:yvettawill@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 10:04 PM  
**To:** RPV City Council  
**Subject:** Against dog park at Lower Pt. Vicente or in the Land Conservancy land.

We are very much against including a dog park at Lower Point Vicente. There is too much dog poop on and near the trails which is not picked up. It is scary to walk on the trails and have off leash dogs come running up and sniff you. There shouldn't be off leash dogs now on the trails, but there are. We were walking Ocean Trails and had several off leash dogs come running up to us. We are not happy about having the Annenberg foundation's Companion pet center at lower Pt. Vicente, and we do not want a dog park there.

We think it should be a quiet area for whale watching, communicating with nature, enjoying the ocean, birds and plants. Even some of the people who walk the dogs in the native plant garden and on the path in front of PVIC do not pick up after their animals. Please do not attract more dogs and their owners to the area.

Sincerely, Yvetta Williams

I heard about this lady planning to come before the city council with this request, Above is my thoughts: My husband, Bruce, and I have been working to develop interest in having a dog park created on the Palos Verdes peninsula, perhaps in RPV.as RPV seems to have the most available open space a this time to establish a dog park. The closest dog park to us is in San Pedro, about a 20 minute drive. This note is to alert you that there is an opportunity to influence the RPV city council to include a dog park in a plan they currently have on the table for a "Companion Pet Center" (to be built in RPV by the Annenberg Foundation). This plan does not include a dog park at this time. There is currently nowhere on the PalosVerdes Peninsula where dog owners can legally exercise their dogs off-leash. If you support the idea of a dog park, there is an important RPV city council meeting we'd like you to know about on MAY 6, 7PMAT HESS PARK in the Community Room. If you are unable to attend, but would like to voice your support for adding a dog park to the plans, please email the RPV city council at [cc@rpv.com](mailto:cc@rpv.com) and copy my husband Bruce Megowan at [bmegowan@cox.net](mailto:bmegowan@cox.net) The RPV city planners have assured us that they would also welcome input from PVE residents.

Warmest Regards,  
Maureen Megowan  
Remax Palos Verdes Realty  
Your Real Estate Consultant For Life  
310-541-6416 / 310-259-7124 (cell)

**Ara M**

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**From:** Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 8:06 AM  
**To:** 'Ara M'; 'Joel Rojas'  
**Subject:** FW: bark park

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**From:** Happyisles@aol.com [mailto:Happyisles@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 27, 2008 8:52 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** bark park

Dear City Council:

It has come to my attention that you are going to consider a Bark Park location in RPV.

I hope not. Not along the coast. Not next to Native Habitat. And below is one reason that, as you can see, I just learned.

On the 12 th of April I visited Point Dume Nature Preserve in Malibu, just before Zuma Beach, on the coast. It is a high bluff and sand dunes, with beach access and trails through the preserve, well used by humans. The dunes are well covered with native plants and the trails are fenced off. (I think) There is a large sign at the entrance, explaining what a preserve is and why dogs, *even on leash*, are not allowed and will be **ticketed**. (This rule was actively being enforced.) I learned something. I didn't know that even the *smell* of a dog in their habitat will upset and interrupt the life cycle of the native fauna. The place was designed as a safe haven, a preserve and that's how Malibu wants it. I was very impressed and enjoyed the place, along with a lot of other citizens on a 95 degree day. Because of that informative sign, I understand and respect Malibu's wishes and intentions. *Respect and applaud.*

The City Council works hard for all of us. Thank you for taking the time to read this. By the way I heard about the Bark Park from PV Estates resident. I guess I should pay more attention to my council's agendas.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Brito  
30915 rue Valois, RPV

544-2442

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**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 8:06 AM  
**To:**'Ara M'; 'Joel Rojas'  
**Subject:** FW: dogpark

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**From:** Msrogo@aol.com [mailto:Msrogo@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 27, 2008 7:48 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** dogpark

To whom it may concern,

I am definitely in favor of having a dogpark on the hill somewhere. Being a resident of PVE for the last 9 years, it is part of life that things are not always convenient. Therefore, having a place to take your dog, that would be safe and fun would be tremendous.

thank you,  
Michele Rogalski

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## Ara M

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:**Monday, April 28, 2008 6:05 PM  
**To:**'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:**FW: Dog Park

-----Original Message-----

**From:**Dennie S Stansell [mailto:denstansell@juno.com]  
**Sent:**Monday, April 28, 2008 2:41 PM  
**To:**cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:**bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:**Dog Park

We are opposed to a dog park at lower Point Vicente. It is inappropriately close to the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, where off leash dogs close by could be a definite hazard and possibly a liability to all the children's tours we have there.

Dennie Stansell

## Ara M

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:**Tuesday, April 29, 2008 8:10 AM  
**To:**'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:**FW: Dog Park

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bruce Megowan [mailto:bmegowan@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 7:07 PM  
**To:** 'Dennie S Stansell'; cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** RE: Dog Park

Dennie,

Off leash dog parks are surrounded by fences and there would be no off leash dogs that would be a hazard to people visiting the Interpretive Center.

Thanks

Bruce Megowan  
Investment Services Group  
310-541-2980 / 310-259-7125 cell

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dennie S Stansell [mailto:denstansell@juno.com]  
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**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** bmegowan@cox.net  
**Subject:** Dog Park

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Dennie Stansell

## Ara M

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**From:** Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 8:11 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW: dog park

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Linda Perry [mailto:pvperry4@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 6:34 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** Jennifer Morgan  
**Subject:** dog park

I am against a dog park in Lunada Bay- We currently are trying to resolve PVHS parking problems and i feel this will impact our available parklands adversely as well.  
thanks lilnda perry

## Ara M

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:**Tuesday, April 29, 2008 9:25 AM  
**To:**'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:**FW: Dog park

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lynda Elkins [mailto:lclkins@ix.netcom.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 8:52 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Dog park

Hi ,

I support a dog park on the Peninsula. Please add the park to your planning.

Thank you,

Lynda Elkins

**Ara M**

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**From:**Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 9:01 AM  
**To:** 'Joel Rojas'; 'Ara M'  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Barry [mailto:itsthebarrys@att.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 7:13 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil RPV  
**Subject:**

Dear Mayor Stern, Council Members, and City Staff,

It has come to our attention that certain people are trying to have a dog park included in the Annenberg proposal at PVIC. This park is primarily open space, passive park land. The Annenberg proposal causes enough concerns without adding a dog park to the mix. Also, as Los Serenos docents we are concerned about a mix of the many school children that are brought to this venue and dogs running freely. Also, the local fauna in the open space would be adversely affected from the scent of dogs in the immediate area. And barking? We must keep this area pristine. Let us not clutter up this beautiful area with dog parks, and who knows what else.

Perhaps it is time that Palos Verdes Estates step up to the plate and provide something that the community wants.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Joan Barry