



Bay Trail Board of Directors
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale Street #800
San Francisco, CA 94105

September 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Letter of Interest - Representing State Coastal Conservancy on the Bay Trail Board of Directors and Bay Trail Steering Committee

Dear Members of the Bay Trail Board,

I'm writing to you to express my interest in taking over Avra Heller's roles representing the State Coastal Conservancy (the Conservancy) on the Bay Trail Board of Directors and the Bay Trail Steering Committee. Over the past two years, I have been a project manager with the Conservancy's San Francisco Bay Program with a geographic focus on Sonoma and Napa counties and thematic focus on public access programs. During this time, I've managed several trail-related grants, including multiple Bay Area Ridge Trail grants and a grant to Rails-to-Trails Conservancy focusing on improving active transportation connections to disadvantaged communities near the Richmond and East Bay Greenways. I've also represented the Conservancy at Bay Area Trails Collaborative quarterly meetings.

The Bay Trail goal of a 500-mile shoreline path connecting all nine Bay Area counties is both visionary and challenging. I will bring my experience, established relationships, and enthusiasm for trails to this position on the Board and Steering Committee, where I will work with existing members to develop partnerships with stakeholders to support completion of the remaining segments of the Bay Trail and to promote the existing 350 miles to communities across the Bay.

As an avid recreational trail user, I'm overjoyed to be part of a Conservancy that works to improve equitable access to open space and trails statewide, including to the Bay. I'm also an active transportation enthusiast who believes in the potential for alternative transportation modes to not only combat climate change, but to also contribute to better health outcomes. I would be honored to continue the Conservancy's work and to bring my enthusiasm for trails as a member of the Board of the Bay Trail as well as a member of the Bay Trail Steering Committee. Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me with any questions – virgilio.cuasay@scc.ca.gov or 510-286-0325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virgilio Cuasay", written over a white background.

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