April 30, 2019

The Honorable Phil Ting
Budget Chair
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, Ca 95814

RE: Support for ADA access to the Land Conservancy of SLO County's Pismo Preserve

Dear Budget Chair Ting:

On behalf of San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to express strong support for The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County's budget request to create an American Disabilities Act compliant access path at the 880-acre Pismo Preserve on the Central Coast of California.

Spending time in outdoor open spaces and parks has been shown to have a profound impact on our health and well-being.

The SLO Chamber of Commerce values the preservation of and access to our region's spectacular open spaces as they provide educational, economic and lifestyle benefits for current and future generations. However, access is all too often only available to those without limitations on mobility. To be a truly inclusive place that celebrates and invites diversity, our signature landscapes must be as accessible as possible to everyone, not just the most mobile among us.

The Pismo Preserve ADA Pathway project provides access to the unparalleled Pismo Preserve for all users, from families with strollers to those with disabilities, to enjoy and realize the benefits from visiting this incredible place. With funding from the State, the "shovel ready" Pismo Preserve ADA Pathway Project would be a guaranteed public service amenity available for use as soon as 2019.

LCSLO's successful track record of preserving open space throughout San Luis Obispo County gives us great confidence that they will succeed creating a remarkable accessible pathway. Indeed, their expertise and dedication have led to thousands of acres of protected public spaces throughout San Luis Obispo County, demonstrating their capacity to implement this project.

I hope that you give this project your highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Clint Pearce

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