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**RE: California Coastal Commission - December 16, 2010 - Agenda Item Th 4.5a
- Appeal No. A-4-VNT-10-105 (Caltrans, Ventura Co.)
Caltrans HOV Lane project including planned Coastal Trail segment**

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Dear Chairperson and Commissioners:

Sarah Gurney
Sonoma County

Coastwalk California is in support of CalTrans 101 HOV lanes project in Ventura County and its associated improvement of an adjacent section of California Coastal Trail (CCT). We have reviewed the materials provided by the appellants and support the denial of this appeal. We believe that this project, as now configured, will provide benefit to the people of California and in particular provide a significant section of California Coastal Trail.

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The request by the appellants to locate the Coastal Trail/bikeway on the eastern side of Hwy 101 would not be in keeping with public access and recreation policies of the California Coastal Act. Additionally it is inconsistent with the principles and goals for the California Coastal Trail as set forth in the report entitled "Completing the California Coastal Trail" mandated by the legislature in SB 908 in 2001.

Una J. M. Glass,
Executive Director

An inland alignment for the CCT, as is called for by the appellants, would mean that trail users' ocean views would be seriously degraded. CCT users would experience primarily a view of freeway and the smell of motor traffic. Additionally, opportunities for access to the beach from the CCT under this configuration would be very limited.

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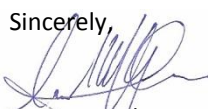
We respectfully urge you to deny this appeal.

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Thank you

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Sincerely,


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