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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Board of Directors Capistrano Bay Community Services District 35000 Beach Road Capistrano Beach, CA 92624 Attn.: Donal S. Russell, General Manager Email: <u>drussell@capobay.org</u>

Re: Capistrano Bay Community Services District (the "District") Special Tax for Shoreline Protection

Dear Members of the Board:

The Coalition to Protect Capistrano Beach (the "**Coalition**") has reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing regarding a proposed special tax for shoreline protection activities. <u>The Coalition strongly supports the proposed tax because it will raise revenues for the purpose of shoreline protection, which is the most pressing issue facing the District and the Beach Road Community. The Coalition was pleased to see that approximately 93% of those homeowners who responded to a survey from the District agreed that the tax should be implemented. By marshalling the collective resources of the Beach Road Community with a dedicated stream of funding, the District will be better equipped to implement community-wide solutions to address shoreline protection.</u>

As of the date of this letter, additional information regarding the proposed tax measure has not yet been made available. The Coalition looks forward to those additional details about how the tax revenues will be used to further the cause of shoreline protection. The District indicated in prior meetings that one potential use of such tax revenues would be to fund legal challenges against the California Coastal Commission ("**CCC**") by several Beach Road homeowners (*i.e.*, test cases would be used for 1) a home that is alleged to have a post-1977 violation, 2) a home that is alleged to have a pre-1977 violation, and 3) a ground up construction candidate). The Coalition believes it is important to challenge the CCC, and that the use of tax revenues for such a purpose is wise. We look forward to learning what other avenues the District will pursue to further shoreline protection in the Beach Road Community.

To reiterate, the Coalition strongly supports the proposed special tax and looks forward to the District's continue attention and dedication of resources to the issue of shoreline protection in the Beach Road Community.

Sincerely,

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