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***Reference*: Request to Reconsider Action of the City Council Approving with Conditions Local Coastal Program Amendment Proposed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Malibu LCPA 07-002)**

Dear Mr. Edmiston:

I write on behalf of the Malibu City Council in response to your letter to the Council dated December 17, 2007, in which you request that within 30 days the City Council rescind its action taken December 5, 2007. Due to the holiday schedule, the City Council next meets on January 14, 2008, at which time I will present your request to the City Council. Please be advised, however, that there is a limited range of options which will be available to the City Council at that juncture because no public hearing will have been noticed.

I also hasten to add that the action taken by the City Council on December 5, 2007, was to *approve* an amendment to the LCP, albeit not precisely on the terms that you requested. Absent the change in course you request, the LCP amendment will be forwarded to the Coastal Commission for its consideration.

I have not responded to your characterizations and editorial comments, which I note you forwarded to the Coastal Commission, because these issues deserve serious attention, in a properly noticed public forum, as is provided by the procedures set forth in

the Coastal Act. I trust that your *ex parte* communications will not prejudice the Coastal Commissioners.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Conservancy members

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