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November 9, 2020

Dear Carl Holm and/or Randall Ishii,

I am writing on behalf of the Park It! Steering Committee, which includes community leaders and representatives of Point Lobos Foundation, Big Sur Land Trust, California State Parks and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. The goal of Park It! is to improve public safety and protect natural resources while optimizing access and visitor experience to Highway 1 parklands.

Park It!, together with many community organizations, homeowners associations, and park agencies want to express our appreciation for your help in the passage of the ordinance eliminating parking along the east side of Highway 1 in the vicinity of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. As you may recall, this ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 29, 2019 for a period of two years. This two-year temporary ordinance officially expires in January, 2021. We seek your support in bringing forward an ordinance to permanently ban parking on the east side of Highway 1.

Since the “No Parking” signs went up in June, 2019, the ban has been in effect for about 1½ years and we have seen distinct and crucial improvements in:

1. Traffic safety - Without drivers making dangerous U-turns to reach east side parking spots, and hundreds of visitors running back and forth across the busy highway each day, it is now much safer for park visitors and through traffic in both directions around Point Lobos.
2. Traffic congestion – With cars only parking and exiting from the west side of the highway, traffic is now moving much better. State Parks staff have also noticed that the constant honking and drivers/pedestrians yelling at each other have basically ceased since the “No Parking” signs were installed.
3. Emergency response – Drivers are now able to move over to the east side highway shoulder and allow emergency service vehicles to pass through.

We are making good progress on replacement parking. A Coastal Development Permit (CDP) application for a 100-car parking lot at the State Park’s Lower Hatton Canyon property (also known as Marathon Flats) will be submitted to the county by early next year . The alternative parking lot is designed to enhance parking in the area and provide for a future shuttle program that will offer transportation to Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, San Jose Creek Trail and Palo Corona Regional Park. We are working collaboratively with CA State Parks, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, Big Sur Land Trust, the Point Lobos Foundation and community stakeholders to enhance safety and access to our public lands in the Highway 1 corridor. The no parking restrictions on the east

side of Highway 1 have yielded strong safety improvements while facilitating safe, no-cost access to the Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. We urge you work with us to make this parking prohibition permanent.

Visitation to Point Lobos State Natural Reserve has continued to be at or over capacity at peak times from the period after the installation of the “No Parking” signs until the Reserve was closed for COVID- 19. Visitation is now back up to routinely exceeding capacity. The need for mitigation of traffic congestion and unsafe conditions along Highway 1 is evident and Park It! is working with CA State Parks and other partners to develop and provide new and safer parking options, opening more public land to public use, making car-free access to public lands feasible through shuttles and improved trail connectivity, and broadening access for disadvantaged youth and families.

Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, with financial support from the Point Lobos Foundation, continues to serve Title 1 schools throughout Monterey County through its Experience Point Lobos program and to serve adults with disabilities through the Easy Access Program.

The Park It! Steering Committee respectfully requests that the County Department of Public Works bring forward an ordinance to permanently restrict parking on the east side of Highway 1 in the vicinity of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. Please let us know what we need to do to bring this forward on the Board of Supervisors agenda prior to the ordinance expiring in January, 2021. At the time that it goes to the Board, we can provide letters from California State Parks, Carmel Highlands Fire District and local homeowners to attest to the dramatic difference in safety that has been achieved by the east side parking ban.

We are prepared to work with you in any way we can, as the Park It! Steering Committee, to make park visitation and travel on Highway 1 a better and safer experience for everyone, while preserving our treasured parks for generations to come.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at 831-521-6636 or montampotter@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Monta Potter
Park It! Coordinator

On behalf of the Park It! Steering Committee:

Ernest Chung
Former CA State Parks Commissioner

Brent Marshall
California State Parks

Rachel Saunders
Big Sur Land Trust

Dr. Rafael Payan
Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

Kathleen Lee
Point Lobos Foundation

Steven Dennis
Community Stakeholder

Sandy Hale
Community Stakeholder

Jim Rurka
Point Lobos Foundation

CARMEL HIGHLANDS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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March 17, 2021

Caltrans
Sara von Schwind, PE, PMP
District 5 Deputy District Director
50 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

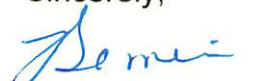
Dear Ms. Sara von Schwind:

The Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District Board supports permanent "No Parking" signs on the east side of Highway 1 across from Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. No parking signs protect visitors by keeping them from walking across the highway to the park's entrance; they prevent the unsafe and illegal vehicle violations that may cause vehicle accidents on Hwy 1; they allow vehicles travelling north bound on Highway 1 a shoulder to pull off the roadway when first responders are responding code 3 to emergency incidents allowing those first responders to arrive at the incident safely and in a timely manner.

The Park It! program will offer elimination of parking on Hwy 1 in the vicinity of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. Park It! offers nearby off-site parking for visitors near Rio Road as well as a reservation system to limit congestion on Hwy 1 at the Point Lobos main entrance.

We support a trial of the Park It! program to evaluate the efficiency of the program enhancing the safety of the public wanting to visit the park.

Sincerely,


Lynne Semeria
Board President

Cc
Steve Dennis, Sandy Hale Park It!

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March 17, 2021

California Coastal Commission
Board of Directors
725 Front Street, #300
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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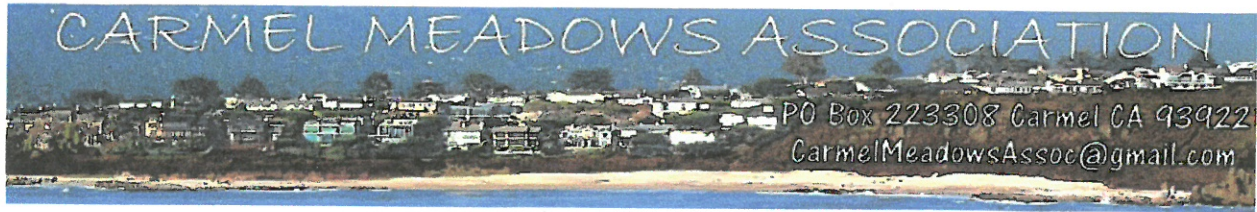
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Sincerely,

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Lynne Semeria
Board President

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Steve Dennis, Sandy Hale Park It!



Date: 1-19-21

To: Monterey County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 1728, Salinas, CA 93902


Re: Parking ban, east side of Highway 1, Carmel

Dear Board Members,

The residents of the Carmel Meadows Association strongly support a permanent banning of parking on the east side of Highway 1 in the area surrounding Point Lobos State Natural Reserve.

Since its enactment, we believe the ban has made the area far safer for visitors who wish to park and walk into the Reserve and easier for drivers entering and exiting Point Lobos to negotiate turns. We further believe it has contributed to a smoother flow of traffic for regular and emergency vehicles all along the highway in both northerly and southerly directions.

Thank you,


Larry Purcell, Chairman, CMA Board of Directors

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8. Parking ban, east side of Highway 1, Daniel

Local Board Member

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ban on parking on the east side of Highway 1 in the area surrounding Point Lobos
State Natural Reserve.

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wish to park and walk into the Reserve and easier for drivers entering and exiting
Point Lobos to negotiate. Some have further believe it has contributed to a
flow of traffic for regular and emergency vehicles along the highway in both
north and south directions.

Thank you,
[Signature]
Amy Farrell, Chairman, CMA Board of Directors

Mal Paso Creek Property Association

Route 1, Box 73, Carmel Highlands, CA 93923

19 March 2021

Supervisor Mary Adams
Monterey Courthouse
1200 Aguajito, Suite 1
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Ms. Adams,

We, as the Board of Directors for the Mal Paso Creek Property Association in Carmel Highlands, would like to express our opinion about the proposed parking solutions for California State Reserve Point Lobos. There appears to be 2 proposed solutions; 1) the ParkIT solution that would provide shuttle busses to and from a parking lot on Marathon Flats, adjacent to the Crossroads Shopping Center, off Rio Road and 2) the Carmel Area State Parks solution that would provide parking on the east side of Hwy 1, adjacent to the Point Lobos State Reserve Park entrance along with an online reservation system. We prefer the latter for the following reasons:

By nature, people try and find parking close to what they visiting. Almost all visitors to the park will drive down Hwy 1 and try to find parking close to the entrance of the park. If they can not find parking close to the park they may turn around and find parking else where. Turning around on Hwy 1 can slow traffic and cause traffic jams and accidents as seen on the CHP and Monterey Sheriff's accident reports from that part of the highway. Determined visitors may park further away impacting the Carmel Meadows/Ribera neighborhoods and parking for Monastery Beach. We do not want to encourage this.

The ParkIt Transportation Impact Report shows that in 2019 the average annual daily traffic number of 15,300 vehicles traveled on Hwy 1, south of Rio Road. That equates to 637 vehicles an hour, but since the park is only open during daylight hours this number would be greater during those hours.

The proposed Marathon Flats parking lot is designed to accommodate 100 cars, far below the number of cars that visit on weekends and holidays, and the overflow may impact the Crossroad Shopping Center parking lot and traffic flows. We feel using Rancho Canada for additional parking is too far away for most people even with regular on-going shuttles.

The Carmel Area State Parks General Plan shows that over 500,000 people visited the park in 2015 and this number has grown exponentially since 2015, especially on weekends and holidays. TV Station KION reported that over 1 million people visited Point Lobos in 2017, that equates to 2,800 people a day.

Point Lobos State Reserve Park is being "loved to death" by too many visitors. The number of visitors should be limited, especially during peak hours. The Carmel Area State Parks proposed 200-space parking lot will be adequate, with an online reservation system. Their plan also includes restrooms and a visitor center which are desperately needed in this area. The CASP plan will ultimately be more sustainable with less operational cost and overhead and provide safe parking near the entrance of the park which all visitors and residents prefer.

We feel that ultimately NO parking should be allowed on Hwy 1 and that CASP should be pressured into building the parking lot as soon as possible, with a reservation system, even if it is built before other park amenities are built or put in place. Getting people off Hwy 1 should be the CASPs and Monterey County's first and most important priority.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mal Paso Creek Property Association

Adrienne Berry
Bonnie Burgess
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Sally Anne Smith

Lobos Ridge Association

February 15, 2021

Supervisor Mary Adams
Monterey County District 5
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RE: No Parking regulation on the east/northbound side of Highway One near Pt. Lobos

Dear Supervisor Adams,

The Lobos Ridge neighborhood Association is an organization of concerned citizens located in the immediate proximity of Pt. Lobos, with all of its associated beauty and challenges. We are committed to the safety and quality of life for our neighborhood.

The two-year trial of the No Parking regulation on the east/northbound side of Highway One near Pt. Lobos has proven very successful. We urge the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution to establish this as a permanent regulation for the area.

The trial has dramatically improved safety in several ways. Most importantly, Emergency Vehicles are now able to get to their destination. There are many eyewitness accounts of vehicles now pulling onto the empty east side shoulder so that rescue vehicles can pass.

There has also been a dramatic decrease in the number of dangerous U-turns. Vehicles were often not able to complete a U-turn in a single maneuver, which created a hazardous situation. The extra space has reduced this hazard.

Similarly, there are far less people crossing the Highway putting less citizens in harm's way.

In terms of access to the Pt. Lobos Reserve, there has been adequate parking available on the west side of the Highway to provide parking to access to Pt. Lobos Reserve even on busy holidays

Our request to you and all of the Monterey County Supervisors is to permanently approve the existing No Parking regulation on the east/northbound side of Highway One in the Pt. Lobos area.

We also continue to support efforts to establish a Shuttle System to Point Lobos Reserve as well as a Reservation System to help protect the Preserve from overuse.

Sincerely,
Members of Lobos Ridge Association

Cc to: John Hiles, Monterey District Facilities Chief, California State Parks