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County of San Luis Obispo
County Government Center, Room D-430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: Support Bob Jones Pathway project

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

As the largest business organization in San Luis Obispo County, representing approximately 1,400 members that employ nearly 34,000 employees throughout our County, the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce respectfully submits our support for the Bob Jones Pathway Project.

The Bob Jones Pathway Project, in its current and proposed form, has been strongly supported by the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce for many years as it serves as a regional recreational asset for residents to enjoy as well as a key tourist destination for hundreds of thousands visitors every year.

By extending the Bob Jones Pathway, a new transportation corridor will be opened up that will allow safe travel from city to sea, ultimately providing benefits to our environment, our economy, and our quality of life. We are supportive of the continued investment in our public recreational spaces and trails, and desire not only our local residents but those that visit our county to enjoy all that our region offers.

The multi-year collaboration that has been achieved between the County Parks and Recreation Department and other community stakeholders – like The Land Conservancy and property owners – has built community momentum and excitement around the expansion of the Pathway and it is our hope that you will continue to support it moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa James
Director of Economic Initiatives and Regional Advocacy