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The Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust is the leading citizen's advocacy group working to protect the Los Cerritos Wetlands. We very much support the acquisition of the Hellman Property as part of a multi-level effort to acquire and restore the Los Cerritos Wetlands ecosystem.

A restored and viable wetlands habitat area would benefit the threatened and endangered species that rely on the Los Cerritos Wetlands for food and shelter. Someday we hope these wetlands will also provide an additional benefit, and that is as a resource for the local community and schools so that residents, community groups, and school children can enjoy first hand and learn about this fragile ecosystem in their backyard.

We have been a part of the years of hard work that have gone into the effort to acquire earlier wetlands parcels like the Bryant parcel and plan to continue to be a part of effort to acquire all remaining parts of Los Cerritos Wetlands, including the Hellman Property. We look forward to the acquisition and enhancement of this parcel and its benefits to the local community and beyond. Again, thank you for your continual commitment to acquire, restore and protect our coastal wetlands.

Sincerely

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