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TO: City of San Mateo Planning Commission
c/o: Christina Horrisberger
Community Development Department
City of San Mateo

FROM: Caroline Shaker
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SUBJECT: Request for Determination of Conformity with the City of San Mateo's General Plan
for a campus redevelopment at CuriOdyssey science playground and zoo at Coyote
Point Recreation Area

In accordance with Government Code Section 65402, San Mateo County requests a report as to the conformity with the City of San Mateo's General Plan of the proposed campus redevelopment at CuriOdyssey science playground and zoo within Coyote Point Recreation Area as described in this Memorandum.

LOCATION: The project is proposed to occur on and around the existing footprint of the CuriOdyssey science museum and zoo at 1651 Coyote Point Drive in the Coyote Point Recreation Area (APN 029-321-060).

EXTENT: The project would replace the main museum building (2.5 stories; 30.5 feet in height; 30,608 gross square feet [gsf] footprint) with smaller structures to create a campus style development with classroom space tailored to specific programming needs and expanded exhibit space. Eight new buildings totaling approximately 43,200 gsf are proposed to provide a workshop, a large and small exhibit gallery, classroom space, a separate administrative building, an entry pavilion, and an expanded otter exhibit. All buildings except one would be single story; the administration building would be two stories.

PURPOSE: CuriOdyssey's existing main building houses many of its key programs including its science exhibits, classrooms, workshops, and administrative spaces. The building is about forty years old. The layout is not well suited to current programming needs, and the building is not in good condition. CuriOdyssey proposes replacing this building with a series of smaller buildings designed specifically to support CuriOdyssey's programs more effectively. The multiple smaller buildings would allow for phasing of the project as funding becomes available while remaining open to visitors during construction. CuriOdyssey's goal is to create more effective spaces for program exhibits and classes, take greater advantage of the site, and demonstrate CuriOdyssey's commitment to sustainability and its belief in the value of teaching the natural sciences.

In accordance with Government Code Section 65402(a), the County of San Mateo hereby requests that a report be made by the City of San Mateo Planning Commission as to whether the campus redevelopment project would be in conformity with the City's applicable General Plan. Please let me

know whether a more detailed description would be helpful to your analysis. Please forward the report to me at the address above. Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Michael P. Callagy, County Manager