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**TO:** Members, Governing Board, Contra Costa County Open Space Funding Authority ("Authority")

**FROM:** Dennis M. Barry, AICP, Community Development Director and Authority Secretary  
By: John Kopchik 

**DATE:** August 11, 2004

**SUBJECT: Results of Tabulation of Assessment Ballots**

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Attached please find a certification letter from Carol Keane and Associates, CPAs, documenting the results of the tabulation of assessment ballots for the Authority's proposed Assessment District, the Parks and Open Space Protection and Preservation District.

When the returned ballots are weighted according to the proposed financial obligation of the affected properties, weighted ballots cast in opposition to the proposed assessment exceed the weighted ballots cast in favor. Consequently the Authority cannot levy the proposed assessments.

**CAROL KEANE & ASSOCIATES**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

August 11, 2004

Contra Costa County Open Space Funding Authority  
651 Pine Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Wing  
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Dear Contra Costa County Open Space Funding Authority:

We have applied certain agreed upon procedures as described below for the Open Space Funding Benefit Assessment District for Contra Costa County. Our procedures were designed to assist you in the tabulation of the ballots for the Mailed Benefit Assessment Measure (Contra Costa County Open Space Funding Measure). To achieve those goals, we performed the following procedures:

We commenced tabulation of received ballots on July 28, 2004 under the direction of the JPA Governing Board.

We had at least two people involved in the process of opening the envelopes, containing the ballots; removing the ballots from the envelopes; sorting them into piles for "yes" votes, "no" votes and invalid ballots; and scanning the barcode on each ballot. These ballots have now been bundled in stacks of 100 ballots each and are stored at the County Elections office.

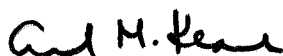
We ran a computer program that processed the ballot data and provided a report of partial scans, duplicate ballots and information that did not match the master assessment file.

After all issues that had been identified were resolved, we re-ran the tabulation program.

Our procedures were designed to meet the objectives described above and do not necessarily include all of the steps and procedures that we performed to complete the project.

As requested a report on the results of our tabulation services accompany this report (Attachment 1).

Yours very truly,



Carol M. Keane

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
Results Summary Report  
Contra Costa County Open Space Funding Authority 2004 Ballot Tabulation

Total number of official assessment ballots received: 98,098

Ballot return rate: 34.25%

Total number of valid official assessment ballots received: 96,635

Total assessment amount of valid official assessment ballots received: \$2,847,223.38

Total number of valid "yes" votes: 48,431

Total percentage of "yes" votes: 50.12%

Total assessment amount of valid "yes" votes: \$1,315,557.01

Total percentage of weighted "yes" votes: 46.20%

Total number of valid "no" votes: 48,204

Total percentage of "no" votes: 49.88%

Total assessment amount of valid "no" votes: \$1,531,666.37

Total percentage of weighted "no" votes: 53.80%

Total number of invalid ballots received: 1463

Total assessment amount of invalid ballots received: \$43,972.75