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Justin Wallace  
*Superintendent/Principal*

January 21, 2023

Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

Last year my school was lucky to have Dillon Cleavenger come on our campus and present to all students about water safety. They were a huge success for all grades K-8. His ability to connect with a wide range of students made the presentations meaningful and informative.

The staff was grateful that Dillon utilized images of local areas that our students are familiar with and have visited in the past. This allowed them to make personal connections to the content. Also, they appreciated that he welcomed the students to say hi when they see you in the community. Most importantly, he provided real examples of the dangers of our local waters without discouraging the students from visiting these places.

I look forward to having repeat visits to our campus for future presentations. Water safety in our region is important for our students and his program does an excellent job on educating them on this topic. The service he and his team provides is valuable and necessary in our community. Please accept this endorsement for Dillon and the program so they can secure the funding needed to continue this amazing program.

With Much Appreciation,

Justin Wallace  
Superintendent/Principal



# TRINIDAD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Trinidad Union School District  
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1.19.23

To Whom It May Concern,

I have lived in this area for over 30 years and have taught in our county's schools for over 20 and found that our local State Lifeguards fills a much needed void in an emergency coastal response team and teaching coastal safety protocol to our school children and local families. Programs that State Lifeguards manage such as The Humboldt's Junior Lifeguard program enhances our community by fostering youth leadership qualities, providing public safety training, and delivers safe, outdoor activities for our youth.

I first got involved with the State Park Lifeguards while developing a surf club for our Trinidad school district over 10 years ago. Humboldt's State Park Lifeguards have assisted tremendously to provide swim lessons, water safety training and surfing skills to our students, especially for our troubled youth. They have also come to many assemblies to talk to our children about beach safety. Since then, State Park Lifeguards have successfully developed a Junior lifeguard program in this area. In fact, a couple of students, one being a Trinidad alumni, helped save two brothers from drowning in a rip current in our local waters. Due to their training from Junior Lifeguards they were able to save the individuals and bring him to safety as other rescuers came on scene. The highschoolers' quick thinking was in direct correlation to the State Park Lifeguard's leadership foresight to have the organization provide safety training services to the public to keep our community safe on our beaches. I hope to continue this valuable relationship of coastal educational outreach. My wish is to see all Humboldt schools get water safety training by our State Lifeguards, but we need the funding to provide these services.

In addition, Humboldt County is experiencing a current mental health crisis in our school children. Since 2014, our Humboldt children have had high ACES ratings (adverse childhood experiences) and with the addition of Covid and the stresses it has brought on our families, the need for child support services and programs are greatly needed. We need, more than ever,

outdoor experiences and education to help curb those adverse effects. The North Coast Junior Lifeguard (JG's) program builds trust, leadership skills and increases self esteem and confidence in our children. The relationship between JG's members and lifeguards fulfills a positive, adult role model, increases mental wellbeing and builds a relationship to our natural environment. JG's program has a positive impact on Humboldt's community and with an increase in scholarship funding, they will be able to reach many more Humboldt children.

Lastly, as we see local tourism skyrocket in the past years, our coastal waters can and have been dangerous to the untrained eye. My husband and I have been surfers in this area for over 30 years and have seen an increase in coastal recreational activities. While the idea is welcoming to see more people using the ocean as recreation to provide significant economic and social benefits, we have also seen an increase in dangerous behaviors that can and have led to unfortunate deaths. There is a limited amount of lifeguard protection on our vast, untamed coastline. Providing more preventable measures such as having an increase in Humboldt lifeguards to provide ocean safety, warnings about riptides and being on the lookout for high, dangerous surf can have beneficial effects in our community and save lives.

Humboldt State Park Lifeguards support our community's public safety by providing emergency response capabilities and connecting with local school districts on educational outreach programs. They have the potential to reach thousands of local families to save lives. Thank you for your time and consideration for funding this vital role in our community. Please contact me at [sstrasser@trinidadusd.net](mailto:sstrasser@trinidadusd.net) if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Strasser

Stephanie Strasser- Goldstein  
MARE/ Ocean Month Coordinator  
Trinidad School Surf Club Coordinator  
Reading & Math Interventionist

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January 28, 2021

To whom it may concern,

Starting in 2017 and each subsequent year, seventh grade students at McKinleyville Middle School have had the pleasure of having Dillon Cleavenger, Permanent Lifeguard and Program Coordinator, visit school to talk about his career and ocean safety. Careers are an integral part of our curriculum, and living on the north coast makes knowing about ocean safety tantamount to other academic activities.

In my experience, Dillon is the ideal guest presenter for middle school students. He is professional, kind, tolerant (highly important for 7th grade), well spoken, knowledgeable and engaging. Students are always excited to see him, in part because they know him from other youth activities like Junior Lifeguards. The staff is always happy to have him as a guest as well. It is not everyday that we have the honor of a visit from a real life hero!

Dillon is an asset to our educational community as well as the community at large. I very much appreciate his willingness to share his expertise on a regular basis. It is an absolutely invaluable service.

Sincerely,

Jody Himango  
7th Grade Team Lead Teacher

**From:** [County Administrative Office](#)  
**To:** [Martinique, Kristin](#)  
**Cc:** [Quincey, Sean](#); [Maciel, Jessica](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Measure Z Funding  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:14:47 AM

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From: Amalia Borja <tougherinfieldbrook@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 12:31 PM  
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>; rbohn@humboldt.ca.us; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Arroyo, Natalie <narroyo@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; john@thepeopleofnewdirections.com  
Subject: Measure Z Funding

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To The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

Support of Measure Z funds to New Directions.

This is a win/win/win for all involved. I am deeply concerned about the garbage in the open spaces in Humboldt County. Not only is it unsightly, but it is also a danger to the environment. No matter the cause or who left the garbage and trash in the area, New Directions does an amazing job of cleaning up a debris laden area that the county does not have the resources to clean. They help individuals reclaim their lives and give them a purpose. Equally important to the above they clean the environment of horrible waste and possibly toxic debris.

I wholeheartedly support Measure Z funds be given to New Directions.  
Please make this happen!

Thank you for your service,

Amalia Borja

Fieldbrook California

**From:** [County Administrative Office](#)  
**To:** [Martinique, Kristin](#)  
**Cc:** [Quincey, Sean](#); [Maciel, Jessica](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Measure Z Funds applicant - New Directions/John Shelter  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:39:51 PM

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**From:** mfs schroyer <mfschroyer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:15 PM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Measure Z Funds applicant - New Directions/John Shelter

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County Administrative Officer Elishia Hayes;

I am writing to voice my support to New Directions and their lead; John Shelter for the consistent hard work they put in to clean areas around our county that have been trashed by our homeless population. It's thankless work that requires a very special approach of compassion. They work with those who are without homes to enlist their help and cooperation. They follow up and they follow through. Measure Z funds would make a world of difference to this team and they could continue such valuable work. We, as citizens with roofs over our heads, owe much appreciation and thanks for the work of this team.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter and for considering New Directions for these important funds.

MF Schroyer  
1019 J St, Eureka, CA 95501

Rec'd 2/9/23  
08:00

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z  
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office  
County of Humboldt  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
February 6, 2023

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members,

With the heightened awareness of police reform, it seems to me that the Eureka Police Department is moving in the right direction. Police services are a vital community need. So are social and behavioral services. I believe the Community Safety Team (CSET), Uplift Eureka and the Crisis Alternative Response of Eureka (CARE) help meet these needs.

I believe these programs better serve both the police department and the community. Please continue Measure Z support for these three programs.

Sincerely,



Kay Escarda

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Eureka CA 95503

February 7, 2023

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z  
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office  
County of Humboldt  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members,

This letter is in support of continuing funding for the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions. Since the passing of Measure Z in 2014, the City of Eureka has developed innovative, one-of-a-kind, social service programming to proactively address community issues related to homelessness, mental illness and substance use disorders. This partnership has spawned an extraordinary partnership between the City and DHHS that continues to grow. This growth has resulted in undeniable progress in our region for disadvantaged community members and has been a huge asset to DHHS operations and coverage in the County's most populated region.

These city programs include the Eureka Police Department's Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET), UPLIFT Eureka, and Crisis Alternative Response of Eureka (CARE). Along with our long-standing collaboration with DHHS, these three programs provide Humboldt County with a dynamic and integrated team of specialized law enforcement officers, homeless outreach workers, and mental health professionals who balance compassion and accountability while utilizing trauma-informed approaches. The creation of these programs has not only benefitted the City of Eureka, but they've been a huge asset to DHHS and County operations by helping reduce the needs for service in Eureka and allowing for more resources to be allocated in other areas of the County.

These City of Eureka programs have proven to be vital for the community as a whole. I strongly recommend continuing the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions.

Sincerely,



Miles Slattery  
City Manager



February 10, 2023

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z  
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office  
County of Humboldt  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce to express our support of the Eureka Police Department's application for continued Measure Z funding.

Homelessness, mental illness, and substance use negatively impacts our community and Chamber members on every level, from families and individuals to businesses, tourism, and the regional economy. The City of Eureka's Measure Z funded programs, including Eureka Police Department's Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET), UPLIFT Eureka, and Crisis Alternative Response of Eureka (CARE), are important to proactively addressing these issues. Additionally, these programs make an effort to engage local stakeholders and build buy-in. We have found CSET, UPLIFT, and CARE to be very responsive to questions, concerns, and feedback from the Chamber and its membership.

As local residents and members of the business community, we ask you to grant the funds needed to ensure that CSET, UPLIFT, and CARE can continue to do their important work.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nancy Olson  
President and CEO  
Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z

c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office

County of Humboldt

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Eureka, CA 95501

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Betty Chinn

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z  
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office  
County of Humboldt  
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Eureka, CA 95501

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The Eureka Police department, especially Commander LaFrance, has used these funds to their maximum potential to engage with our community and improve interactions with people that are suffering with a range of behavioral and mental health problems. We have seen vast improvement from the Eureka Police Department in how we as a team, work with these community members. Clients are often connected with appropriate resources before being taken to jail or the emergency departments in our community.

The CSET, UPLIFT, and CARE teams are examples of the incredible and meaningful work happening locally. The tactics being implemented with these programs are recommended for best practice for treatment of these populations. They keep people with mental illness out of jail and out of our hospitals when they do not belong there. These programs decrease the stress on our already overburdened healthcare and mental health resources.

These City of Eureka programs have proven to be vital for the community as a whole. I strongly recommend continuing the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Park

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Redwood Memorial Hospital  
Area Emergency Services  
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Pronouns: she, her, hers

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Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members,

This letter is in support of the Crisis Response teams that operate in the City of Eureka including the Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET), UPLIFT Eureka, and Crisis Alternative Response of Eureka (CARE). Waterfront Recovery Services has worked with each one of these teams on multiple occasions for many years. The importance of having our crisis intervention teams adequately funded so that they can continue to assist our community's most vulnerable cannot be overstated. All of the law enforcement officers, homeless outreach workers, and mental health professionals who work tirelessly each and every day to help find solutions for people in need must be embraced and given what is needed to successfully carry out this selfless mission.

Unfortunately, our hospitals have become inundated and now relied upon to treat acute mental health problems, which are only magnified when substance abuse is also present. In addition, the extra amount of time law enforcement officers and other emergency responders have to spend on assisting people in crisis also takes away the time that could be used to focus on many of our other community needs. This is one of the core reasons our Crisis Response teams need to be supported in any which way possible. They provide immediate care to individuals who if left in crisis will eventually interact with law enforcement, first responders, or hospital emergency departments.

Waterfront Recovery has engaged with each one of the above mentioned teams and witnessed the incredible effect they have on our community. All of the individuals who make up these teams strive to balance compassion and accountability while at the same time utilize trauma-informed approaches when interacting with people in crisis. This kind of care encourages people who need help to feel that change is not impossible, and that the proper services are available to help them. Our community, and those in need, would be at a terrible loss if we did not fully support our Crisis Response teams. Please consider allocating the maximum funding so that those who make up these teams can continue to do the work that is fundamental in creating a community we all desire. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Campbell".

Jeremy Campbell  
Executive Director  
Alcohol Drug Care Services, Inc./Waterfront Recovery Services

Feb. 7, 2023

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z  
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office  
County of Humboldt  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members,

Please, for the love of humanity, fund these programs. This is one of most impressive, collaborative teams in the county, making innovative change to an age-old system that had not been working for quite some time. This group has made profound changes in the houseless, mental illness and substance use disorder communities in the past five years. They coordinate warm handoffs to treatment facilities, they facilitate mental health clients getting treatment, and they even get people home to families they have been estranged from. The gift this team has brought to the City of Eureka is hope. They are creatively finding solutions to problems that have existed for years. They are making a difference, and for that we should all be grateful and supportive.

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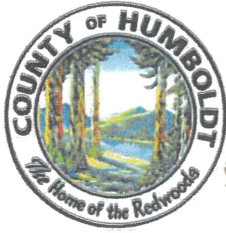
These City of Eureka programs have proven to be vital for the community as a whole. I strongly recommend continuing the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions.



Laura Montagna

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Thank you

Raul Torres  
Senior Program Manager  
DHHS HOME Program  
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Compassion. Dignity. Empowerment.

February 2, 2023

To Whom it May Concern;

As a homeless services provider working throughout Humboldt County, we rely heavily on our partners to work with us to provide services and support that we don't. The work that the CSET team provides is invaluable to us. It is a comfort knowing that they are available to provide support or back up when we need them.

The sheer numbers of services that they provide are impressive alone. Add to that the support and partnership that they provide to agencies like Arcata House Partnership and others like us makes them a valuable member of the team and an integral part of the Continuum of Care's commitment to serving our homeless population.

I want to encourage you to support the CSET application through the Measure Z funding.

Thank you,

*Darlene Spoor*

Darlene Spoor  
Executive Director



February 6, 2023

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z  
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office  
County of Humboldt  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members,

This letter is in support of continuing funding for the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions.

At Papa & Barkley, we rely frequently on the CSET team to address issues that arise at our four Eureka locations. We are impressed with the effectiveness as well as the compassion of the staff who address issues of homelessness, mental illness, and substance use disorder within the community.

In addition, as someone who uses the Waterfront Trail, I appreciate the work of the Measure Z-supported waterfront trail ranger position.

And as a concerned citizen, I support the work of the CARE team, who proactively engage individuals to stop crisis before they occur, who respond and co-respond with EPD to individuals in crisis and who provide follow-up case management.

For all of these reasons, I strongly recommend continuing all of the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions.

Warm regards,

*Michael Kraft*

Michael Kraft  
Compliance & Government Affairs Officer  
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Jennifer Katy Wilson MD

Clinical and Court Evaluations  
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February 3, 2023

TO: Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z  
c/o the Humboldt County Administrative Office  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

CC: Humboldt County Supervisors Arroyo, Bohn, Bushnell, Madrone and Wilson

RE: Measure Z Funding for the CSET team of the Eureka Police Department

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members,

I am writing this letter to urge you all to support the continued use of Measure Z Funds for the Community Service Engagement Team (CSET) of the Eureka Police Department. It is my opinion that the critical services provided by the CSET team are invaluable to our community. Not only is the CSET team humanely helping with psychiatric emergencies and connecting individuals with help but they are also making our community safer. The CSET team has learned how to engage with psychotic individuals (of multiple causes, including due to short and long term substance use, psychotic disorders, medical delirium, etc.) It is my opinion that these are exactly the individuals who need the most help engaging in order to help. Over the past several years the City of Eureka has continually expanded their programs to include an integrated team of mental health professionals, homeless outreach workers and specialized law enforcement to address problems of homelessness and untreated psychiatric (including substance use) disorders. These programs include EPD-CSET, UPLIFT Eureka and CARE (crisis Alternative Response of Eureka).

One of several critical aspects of adequate psychiatric treatment which has been demonstrated to improve patients' ability to trust providers and increase the likelihood that they will adhere with psychiatric treatment is: HAVING AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP with the patient. This is at the heart of the CSET team and one of the reasons why they are so effective at helping people: the CSET team establishes relationships with people in the community. One of the reasons that this is important, of course, is that relationships with people you trust and that care about you enhances quality of life. Perhaps almost as importantly, the duration of untreated psychosis is associated with a worse course of future illness, a person experiencing untreated psychosis experiences suffering, individuals with untreated psychosis also suffer untreated medical illnesses and live ~25 fewer years and, in rare cases, psychotic individuals become a danger to others when they are not adequately treated. It is my opinion that the CSET team is filling a huge gap in mental health services and that our community would be less safe and less humane without it.

Sincerely,

  
Katy Wilson MD



# HOUSING AUTHORITIES CITY OF EUREKA & COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



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February 6, 2023

Citizens' Advisory Committee for Measure Z  
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Citizens' Advisory Committee Members:

The Housing Authorities of the City of Eureka and County of Humboldt are thankful for the relationship we've developed with the Eureka Police Department's CSET and UPLIFT teams to support our mission of bringing housing assistance to as many households and individuals as possible in our community. I'm proud to provide this letter of support for their continued efforts to assist our community's most vulnerable population and goal of expanding the services these teams provide.

Our Housing Advocate has worked regularly with members of both the CSET and UPLIFT teams. With UPLIFT, we have consistently worked with their team members to help houseless individuals complete application paperwork, navigate the housing process, and even transition from temporary housing assistance to long-term assistance via HUD's Housing Choice Voucher program. Without the individual attention and assistance provided by UPLIFT, these individuals would likely not have made their way to our agency for stable housing assistance. The addition of the Crisis Alternative Response Eureka (CARE) team, allowing supportive responses to mental health crises in the community, illustrates Eureka's desire to both maintain accountability and treat people humanely, meeting them where they're at, which is critical to effecting change.

We will continue to work closely with EPD's Measure-Z funded teams and are excited about the prospect of them being able to continue expanding their programs and related services. Their ability to continue addressing homelessness, mental health, and addiction issues in our community is key to reducing health and housing disparities in Eureka, and I urge the review committee to continue approval of the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Churchill  
Executive Director  
City of Eureka Housing Authority  
County of Humboldt Housing Authority  
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The Housing Authorities are Equal Housing Opportunity Organizations





Community Health Centers

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Burre Dental Center  
Mobile Dental Services  
959 Myrtle Avenue  
Eureka, CA 95501  
  
Del Norte Community Health Center  
550 East Washington Boulevard  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
  
Eureka Community Health & Wellness Center  
2200 Tydd Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
  
Ferndale Community Health Center  
638 Main Street (PO Box 1157)  
Ferndale, CA 95536  
  
Fortuna Community Health Center  
3750 Rohnerville Road  
Fortuna, CA 95540  
  
Humboldt Open Door Clinic  
770 Tenth Street  
Arcata, CA 95521  
  
McKinleyville Community Health Center  
1644 Central Avenue  
McKinleyville, CA 95519  
  
Mobile Health Services / Telehealth & Visiting Specialists Center  
2426 Buhne Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
  
NorthCountry Clinic  
785 18th Street  
Arcata, CA 95521  
  
NorthCountry Prenatal Services  
3800 Janes Road, Suite 101  
Arcata, CA 95521  
  
Open Door Downtown  
622 H Street,  
Eureka, CA 95501  
  
Open Door Gynecology Services  
3770 Janes Road,  
Arcata, CA 95521  
  
Redwood Community Health Center  
2350 Buhne Street, Suites A & C  
Eureka, CA 95501  
  
Willow Creek Community Health Center  
38883 Highway 299  
Willow Creek, CA 95573  
  
Member Services  
550 E Washington Blvd, Suite 100  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
  
963 Myrtle Avenue  
Eureka, CA 95501

February 16, 2023

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c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office  
County of Humboldt  
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Eureka, CA 95501

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Tony Starr  
President/Executive Officer  
Open Door Community Health Centers

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I recently had the opportunity to do a ride-patrol with a CSET officer. I was impressed with the way the officer went about her job with a both compassionate and no nonsense demeanor. I believe this approach is often the most cost-effective way to change behavior and help with folks health and safety. I am a board member of the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board and the Humboldt Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. I have been working in the community on the training for crisis intervention and think I have a pretty good idea of what communities should be doing to effectively work with these population and the CSET model is what we should be doing.

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Tim Ash  
3410 Ribeiro Lane Arcata CA

February 6, 2023

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In 2022 and prior, Eureka Police Department's CSET Unit and the Uplift Community Outreach have continued to work closely with our St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Dining Facility. Their ongoing presence has continually improved the relationships with many of our daily luncheon clientele, which are largely individuals living a "homeless" existence that suffer from various issues of "mental health, substance abuse, and / or a dysfunctional family history". The atmosphere during our daily luncheon service and in our surrounding neighborhood has evolved more harmoniously through the efforts of *Commander Leonard LaFrance, MIST Officer Jayme Clark, Patrol Sergeant Brian Ross, Community Service Ranger Vicki Graham, Homeless Outreach Worker Larry Alexander, Homeless Outreach Worker Robert Williams, and Managing Mental Health Clinician Jacob Rosen!*

Our SVDP kitchen staff, volunteers, business neighbors, and citizens walking through our neighborhood need to feel safe. The CSET Unit and Uplift Outreach have maintained a secure environment around our facility! SVDP's kitchen staff and volunteers care greatly about the clientele that are provided a daily nutritious meal. Our facility also offers additional services from various collaborative agencies – *Betty Chinn (showers), SJH Community Resource Center (community outreach), Open Door Mobile Medical (primary healthcare), HACHR Mobile Exchange (needle exchange, drug abuse mitigation), DHHS HOME (community outreach), and other social support initiatives.* The ongoing efforts to ensure a safe and harmonious environment is of paramount concern to many individuals affiliated with the daily on goings at the SVDP Dining Facility! Everyone at our Dining Facility operation appreciates the presence of the CSET Unit and Uplift Outreach staff!

Speaking for all that have been mentioned above, we hope the necessary funding will be made available to continue the ongoing support from the CSET Unit and Uplift Outreach! These City of Eureka programs have proven to be vital for the community as a whole. I strongly recommend continuing the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions. If you require further information in this matter, please contact me.

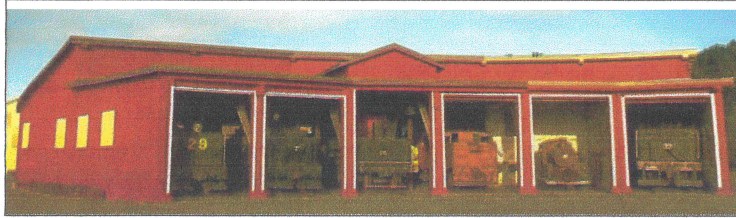
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Regards,

*Robert Santilli*

Robert Santilli SVDP Board President and Volunteer Executive Director

SVDP Dining Facility - 35 W. 3rd Street, Eureka CA 95501; 303-877-1465; [rams56@hotmail.com](mailto:rams56@hotmail.com)



# TIMBER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z,

As the Timber Heritage Association (THA) Community Outreach Liaison, it once again gives me great pleasure to write letter supporting the Eureka Police Department's Community Enhancement Safety Team's (CSET) Waterfront and MIST Officer request for Measure Z Funds. As THA Past-President and one that walks as often as possible, I can assure that I am aware of the good work that CSET has been doing to enhance the Humboldt Bay cultural and physical environment for residents and tourists alike. Their clean-up (literally tons of trash each month) and enforcement work along the waterfront trail, in Cooper Gulch, next to the railroad right-of-way (ROW), in Oldtown, and other Eureka locales, helps keep our community trails and marine environment safe from trash including drug paraphernalia and human waste. THA often works side by side on trash clean up each year with CSET and find their "can do" attitude encouraging. Officers/rangers also work with the homeless population by helping them find housing solutions and mental health resources in our community. These individuals and the services they provide are needed to continue CSET's good work.

When THA has speeder rides CSET members often assist by interacting with the public and cleaning up trash, which results in an enhanced rider experience. In return, when CSET has needed a little extra assistance with trash removal along the ROW, THA volunteers join them and offer the THA Hyrailer (a pick-up that drives on the tracks) to load extra debris. These officers/rangers are an essential and unique addition to the Humboldt Bay locale and one that deserves the Citizens' Advisor Committee on Measure Z support. I encourage you to send their grant request along to the Humboldt Board of Supervisors with your stamp of approval. Thank you.

Cheers, Bruce

Bruce L. Seivertson, PhD

THA Community Outreach Liaison

1438 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka, California 95501

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*Rio Dell Police Department  
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Rio Dell, CA 95562-1597  
(707) 764-5642*

February 15, 2023

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Allen".

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Greg Allen, Chief of Police  
Rio Dell Police Department

Date: February 6, 2023

Gardner Carlson  
NAMI Member  
2300 B Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
707-299-0424

Assistant Chief Stephens  
EPD Headquarters  
604 C Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Letter of Support,

As a *National Alliance on Mental Illness* member, I am writing to support Measure Z which has allowed the City of Eureka to continually expanded vital programs that meet the needs of the community and to fill in the gaps existing in the social service and mental health systems. The EPD-CSET, UPLIFT Eureka, and CARE programs provide the community with a balanced, dynamic, and integrated team of mental health professionals, homeless outreach workers, and specialized law enforcement to address issues of homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorder which overwhelm our local systems of care. These programs make a real difference in people's lives and makes our community safer.

Sincerely,

Gardner Carlson

To whom it may concern,

My family of three had been homeless for months, I had been in touch with Precious before I had to leave my last home to live in my car. She stayed in touch with me throughout the whole process in navigating stable housing. Precious works for Uplift, an organization that helps people find housing and get steady on their feet. The program also assists with help to maintain a monthly budget around the bills you are responsible for so you don't risk losing the home you get to move into.

Precious helped me get out of a freezing tent. I called her one day in tears because one of our housing options fell through. It was the next day she got my grandson and I into Betty Chinn's family shelter. It was warm, clean, safe and provided us with a healthy meal 2X a day. We were able to stay there for two months until availability for housing opened.

I had turned in many applications for low income housing which has a very long waiting list. Uplift added me to their program and within a few short weeks found this great house for us to call home. They treated me with dignity and respect. They helped me with deposit and rent money. What a great program with excellent employees.

They're angels right here on earth. I and my family are so grateful for Uplift and the people who work there and reached out with a helping hand during rough times.

Thank you so much from my family,

Anna, Devon and Robert Hayden

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Person Hayden

Also thank you to Lara Anderson, Kristen, Gerald and everyone at Uplift. You are all my angels. Also, to the people who made this important program possible through funding.

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**Support Letter for City of Eureka CAPE/Uplift Programs**

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Denise and I have been homeless for a long time. With the help the Uplift Program gave me, I was able to rent an apartment.

The Uplift Program saved me from a lifetime of chronic homelessness. Because of the grants they receive, I was able to rent a place I would never have been able to get into on my own.

Uplift gave me hope again. With all their support I now have a place to call home. Uplift also has a Housing Stabilization Plan that helps me stay focused on maintaining housing and being independent and a better part of the community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise McClendon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully," text.

Denise McClendon

**Letter of Support for City of Eureka CAPE/Uplift Programs**

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to tell you how awesome the Uplift Program is. They helped my get out of the Eureka Rescue Mission after 14 months of staying there. They found me a room to rent in a beautiful home, with my own bed and a lock on the door.

This helps me to feel safe and secure and also helps my mental outlook greatly. The other people that live in the house are great and we all get along.

This program literally helps turn people's lives around with the grants and funding that they receive.

Sincerely,



Kenjic Martin

To whom it may concern,

I'd like thank this program, my whole life I've never asked for anything and just when it was at its toughest, living on a river bar with a pregnant girlfriend. I lost my job because my tires were slashed and then my car was towed. They came along and gave me the help that I needed to keep faith in humanity. They are wonderful people with a goal worth praising.

So thanks guys! Keep up the good work!

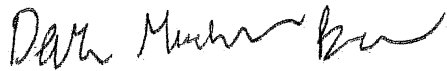
Jonathan Hightower

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To whom it may concern,

Uplift is a true blessing to my life. I was pregnant living on the river bar with my partner. They came and found us, picked us up and placed us in a hotel, then they housed us. They helped me get stuff for my baby, everything. I had nothing. Thanks to Uplift my family has a home, a life. Please continue to fund this invaluable program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Destiny Michelle Baides". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Destiny Michelle Baides

**February 10, 2023**

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**Sharolyn L. Hutton, LWVHC Co-president**

**Jessica Schlachter, LWVHC Co-president**

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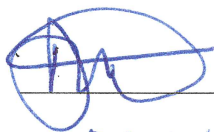
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DANIEL KAIN

Sales Manager, Living Styles Furniture

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CHRISTINE SATAMA

NORTH COAST CO-OP EUREKA

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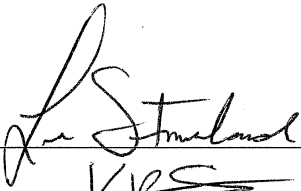

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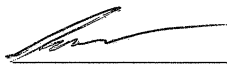
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Bryan Hall Sr.  
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Executive Director - Eureka Rescue Mission

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*Kristen A. Freeman*

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*Eureka Rescue Mission  
Women's and Children's  
Shelter.*

*707 443 5016*

*843-226-6474*

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February 6, 2023

North Coast Redwoods District, State Parks Lifeguards, California State Parks  
Sue-Meg State Park  
4150 Patricks Point Dr  
Trinidad, CA 95570  
707-599-7032

To Whom It May Concern,

The Bureau of Land Management Arcata Field Office (BLM) is supportive of the North Coast State Parks Lifeguard program. Their presence at local beaches, knowledge of local waters, and professionalism is an invaluable resource to the community.

In June of 2022, State Parks Lifeguards assisted BLM and Friends of the Dunes for Kids Ocean Day. This annual event takes place on the beach at the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area, South Spit, Humboldt Bay, and hosts nearly 750 elementary school children from all over Humboldt County that come together for hands-on coastal conservation activities. The assistance provided by State Parks Lifeguards was key to ensuring children would be safe near the water. During the event, the lifeguards also had the opportunity to visit with schools, parent volunteers and BLM staff to provide education regarding water safety and beach/ocean hazards. Aerial art (pictured right) is the grand finale of the event and requires everyone present to sit on the beach in a unique design that's then photographed from fixed-wing aircraft and a drone. This requires substantial planning and coordination is required to keep everyone safe. Having the lifeguards incorporated into the event is a great opportunity to increase ocean safety education and strengthen interagency partnerships.



Looking forward, the BLM is excited to have the State Parks Lifeguards conduct Beach and Ocean Safety training for BLM staff, interns, and volunteers during our annual safety training. BLM manages a large portion of Humboldt County coastline and provides public access to several beach and ocean areas. Employee education translates to increased direct and indirect public education, which is critical to everyone in making the best safety decisions while working or recreating along north coast beaches.

Please continue to fund this extremely important program.

Respectfully,

for

Collin Ewing  
Field Manager

## Martinique, Kristin

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**From:** County Administrative Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:16 AM  
**To:** Martinique, Kristin  
**Cc:** Quincey, Sean; Maciel, Jessica  
**Subject:** FW: Support of Measure Z fund to John Shelter for clean up efforts

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**From:** Nina Bentley <ninabentley96@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2023 8:39 AM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Support of Measure Z fund to John Shelter for clean up efforts

**Caution:** This email was sent from an EXTERNAL source. Please take care when clicking links or opening attachments.

I am writing to inform you that I support measure Z funds going to John Shrlter's in efforts at cleaning up Humboldt County public spaces that have been littered. And I see on Facebook that many other locals also support and wanted to share in writing to make you are aware as you consider his application for funds.

Thank you Humboldt County Resident Nina Bentley

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North Coast Redwoods District State Parks Lifeguards  
4150 Patrick's Point Dr.  
Trinidad, CA 95570

Ranger Cleavenger,

For the second time during my tenure as Sector Commander, I'd like to again send my personal appreciation to the North Coast Redwoods District State Parks Lifeguards for your past, present, and future support of Coast Guard operations, and your partnership in keeping the people of Northern California safe. Members of your unit and the Junior Lifeguard program continue to bravely respond to numerous incidents along the Redwood Coast, safeguarding the public and assisting Coast Guard response efforts.

Your team also continues to work with our Aviation Survival Technicians (helicopter rescue swimmers) to share local knowledge and bolster training opportunities via scenarios we often can't replicate via other venues. Your lifeguards are some of the only civilians in the country trained and authorized to act as Rescue Swimmer Training Survivors (RSTS), playing the role of distressed mariners on the water who can be assessed and 'rescued' by our aircrews. RSTS's are a crucial component of realistic training and have helped our swimmers maintain proficiency and save more than a dozen lives last year.

As I write this letter of appreciation, this morning right now, I have a helicopter hoisting four Del Norte County Search and Rescue team members out of the woods near the town of Gasquet. Having become stranded themselves, it's determined the only method of extraction is via helicopter hoist. Your team, and our helicopter crews, hoisting at this very moment, have trained together extensively together over the past few years. Pulling off a mission such as this is extremely complex and only comes together after an immense amount of focused training has taken place; your team as stated before is not only crucial to this success, but highly unique. These isn't another agency on the Lost Coast like yours that we trust and invest some much time into, and the returns are absolutely worth the effort.

Thank you for being a force multiplier, we look forward to continuing our partnership in public service, working together and sharing best practices to keep our beautiful coastline safe and when necessary, save lives of those in peril on the sea. We deeply appreciate the Lifeguard's valuable knowledge and their dedication to protecting the people of the Redwood/Lost Coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Hiigel".

Mark E. Hiigel  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

February 5, 2023

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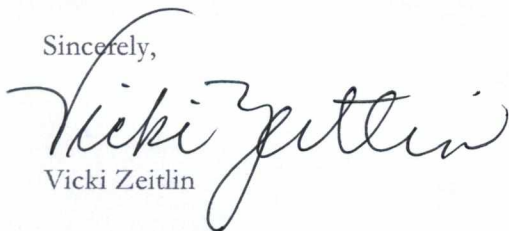
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Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members:

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These City of Eureka programs have proven to be vital for the community as a whole. Unhoused individuals, those suffering from mental illness and those who are struggling to deal with substance abuse all need and deserve continued support. Please support continuing the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions.

Sincerely,

  
Vicki Zeitlin



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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of Redwood Parks Conservancy's request for Measure Z funds to help continue funding the State Park Lifeguard position that Measure Z funds have been funding for the last year. In recent years the North Coast has seen an unfortunate increase in coastal water related deaths. It has been Humboldt Bay Fire Water Rescue Team's pleasure to train and work alongside the State Park Lifeguards. State Parks Lifeguards have increased the safety of visitors and residents who frequent our coastal waters, especially school aged children through their Junior Lifeguard Program and school outreach programs. Additionally, our ability to work together has greatly increased rescuer safety and effectiveness. Having them as a resource on the North Coast is invaluable.

The North Coast currently has limited water rescue resources that are expected to cover a long stretch of coastline. Having an additional guard who is able to patrol outside of immediate State Park areas will greatly enhance community and rescuer safety. It is the opinion of Humboldt Bay Fire's Water Rescue Team that having an additional full time lifeguard/EMT on duty year round will be money well spent towards protecting the citizens, visitors and first responders of Humboldt County.

Respectfully,

Captain David Terry