



May 26, 2012

County of Humboldt
Department of Community Development Services,
Planning Division
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501-4484

Dear John Miller, Senior Planner,

The recent update to the county rezoning plan is unacceptable. The transition of land parcels throughout Mckinleyville, particularly parcel 50824208, from single family residential to multi-family residential does not meet the legal standards put in place by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

CEQA guidelines clearly states in section 15126.6, subd (a), (b) a reasonable range of alternatives must be explored to reduce the unavoidable impacts projects like this have. This has not been done. An additional 980 housing units in Mckinleyville is a 15% increase in residences and the impacts this would have in air quality, hydrology, and water supply is substantial. A thorough and complete analysis MUST be completed prior to any rezoning of the community is even considered.

The Multi-Family housing plan is also in violation of California Water Code 109010-109015 which states a Water Supply Assessment is required for developments of 500 units or more, and must be circulated with the draft State Environmental Impact Report. This was not done either. Additionally the current fresh water supply and water treatment infrastructure is not capable of handling such a drastic increase of use and would require major overhaul. This would cost Mckinleyville residents millions in tax dollars for a project they didn't support to begin with.

The proposed rezoning of Mckinleyville does not align with what we are as a community. I demand an in-depth analysis of both the infrastructure and environmental impacts of this plan and ultimately hope the rezoning plan is distributed throughout the county, not mostly Mckinleyville.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or if my assistance is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernie Garrigan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bernie Garrigan
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