



Simpson-Vance House 1892

Redwood Community Action Agency

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Planning Commission and
Michael Richardson, Senior Planner
Humboldt County Planning and Building Department
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Draft Housing Element

Planning Commission,

As you may know, Redwood Community Action Agency has worked for nearly 30 years to help house the homeless and help low income residents of Humboldt County to obtain and retain housing. I would like to state once more that it is our position that the 2014 version of the Housing Element should include more incentives to build affordable housing, particularly for the very low and extremely low income households in our area. Many working poor are having a difficult time affording decent housing, not to mention those on fixed incomes.

With the loss of redevelopment funding, I would like to see the County actively pursue the funding, and to support a local Housing Trust Fund that could be used to get site control for projects that may be funded with CDBG, HOME, and other government funds.

I would also support policies in the draft Housing Element that limit development, i.e, sprawl, into forested and other agricultural lands and those that encourage in-building to the extent that it is feasible.

Sincerely,

Bill Rodstrom, Senior Planner
Redwood Community Action Agency