

To: Members of Humboldt County Planning Commission

Date:

RE: General Plan Update

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I support focusing most future development into existing communities to protect resource lands, enhance vibrant, walkable communities and strengthen our local economy. I encourage you to adopt policies and programs in the Land Use Element of the new General Plan that will:

- Preserve timber and agricultural resource lands in large parcels to maintain the long-term economic viability of these sectors;
- Protect watersheds and wetlands;
- Promote local farmers and the food they produce by having a "no net loss" policy for prime agricultural lands;
- Benefit salmon and other wildlife;
- Improve the health of county residents by creating connectivity between and walkability within existing towns; and
- Provide for affordable housing opportunities close to work, school and parks.

Affordable housing consistent with the rest of the "Land Use Element of the new General Plan" ~~that~~ will require 3-4 floor building codes. Eureka & Arcata already have more "vertically oriented Victorian" than any California City outside San Francisco. This installed base must be respected without compromising modern, tall architecture to accommodate the city's growth.

Thank you for your consideration,

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