

To: Members of Humboldt County Planning Commission

Date: 4-5-10

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.

*Hello, I'm a resident of Arcata and also have lived for years in Eureka in the past. I am concerned about the pollution of neighborhood streams, our rivers, and bay. The decline in fish population and the threats to other species deeply affect the web of life of which we are all inextricably linked. Any development, roads, etc. should be viewed with the eye to all the precious life forms we impact with our every decision.*

Thank you for your consideration,

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