

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.

Work with and support long-time property owners with non-permitted structures to come into a compliance that reflects their lifestyle.

Thank you for your consideration,

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