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Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street, Room 111
Eureka, California 95501

RE: County Outreach Regarding General Plan Update

Dear Chair Lovelace and Board Members:

On April 12th, the Board of Supervisors directed the Community Development Services Department (CDS) to begin outreach efforts and respond to letters of concern received from cities, service districts and chambers of commerce regarding the update of the County General Plan. In implementing this, it has come to our attention that CDS Director Kirk Girard, with Supervisor Clif Clendenen in attendance, gave a General Plan presentation to the April 26 meeting of the Garberville Sanitary District (agenda item VI.1.).

As the Humboldt Association of REALTORS® and others have noted previously, lack of public communication and transparency have eroded the public's belief in the update process, including the Housing Element update and associated multi-family rezoning issue. We suggest that in order to mitigate this erosion the CDS should, independently, send out its own public notices whenever CDS staff will be making presentations to outside entities regarding the General Plan/Housing Element update. This would help allay public perception regarding a lack of transparency relating to the update process, particularly concerning this new outreach effort. We make a request to be included on such a noticing list.

We commend the Board's effort in renewing outreach efforts and would appreciate your consideration regarding additional public noticing.

Sincerely,

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Victoria Copeland, Co-chair
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cc: Kirk Girard, Director
Humboldt County Planning Commission
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