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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
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Re: General Plan Update/Infrastructure Element

Dear Chair Bass and Supervisors:

At your October 1, 2012 General Plan meeting we heard discussion on how the Board intends to proceed with its review of the Infrastructure Element. This included the possible elimination of this optional Element and moving only essential items to other, required Elements. The Association can support this if that becomes the Board's direction. We also understand that all line items, i.e. all "Infrastructure" Goals, Policies, Standards and Implementation Measures will be reviewed at your October 15, 2012 General Plan meeting.

In light of this, the Association would appreciate consideration of its input as detailed in the enclosed insert. Please note that we are commenting only on selected line items and not the entire Element and that the enclosure replaces the insert under the "Community Infrastructure and Services" tab in the June 2012, HAR binder submitted previously.

The Infrastructure Element, if adopted as drafted now, will add considerable expense to the cost of new housing. The Planning Commission draft you have before you is not well balanced in this respect. We urge the Board to choose those pieces of the draft Plan least detrimental to affordable, market rate housing.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments and look forward to continued participation in the General Plan update.

Sincerely,

*Victoria Copeland*  
Victoria Copeland, Co-chair  
General Plan Subcommittee

*Debbie Provolt*  
Debbie Provolt, Co-chair  
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Enclosure

cc: Philip Smith-Hanes, CAO  
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