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I was shocked by the new board of supervisors dumping and re-writing new Guiding Principles for the County's General Plan . I went to all the meetings as did many people, where our concerns were heard and taken into consideration. I felt the Guiding principles of the last board and the general plan update process were fair and the results good.

What the heck does the term "preserving rural values mean?" The uncontrolled unregulated, infill, and house building in rural Humboldt is quickly turning a rural county into suburbia. I can stand in my yard on some days and hear as many as 12 generators running. To me the prime value and most important rural value is silence. My neighborhood which is Estelle Fennels neighborhood has in recent years quadrupled in population with most parcels surrounding me having 3 to 5 houses. The water even with storage is way over allocated and a very important coho salmon spawning creek is sucked dry by too many unregulated houses on parcels zoned for one house.

Repeated calls to the code enforcement division of the Humboldt county planning dept has yielded zero results in the wanton illegal over development of my subdivision and now the current board of supervisors has rudely weakened protections for our forestlands and ag zone.

Once forest land, wildlands, and farmland is subdivided, it is gone forever and will never return. The pastoralization of our beautiful

wild county is completely unacceptable. I watched Sonoma county turn from forest and farm with plenty of wildland into the sprawling tamed suburban, god awful vinyarded shell of its former beauty it has become. We had something unique and rare in Humboldt county having

unsubdived forest, and ranchland and to think a small group of prodevelopment cronies are going to trade it in for "economic development is unacceptable. I hope the current board of supervisors recinds its foul change to the new Guiding Principles for the general plan update.

Here are some other points The re-write of the Guiding Principles is completely unacceptable and slanted in a manner that is environmentally destructive and not in the best interests of the County. I want to see the original principles returned with no changes made.

Some of my objections to the re-write are:

1) Protections for ag and timberlands are gone in the re-write while incentives to produce are inserted. Protecting ag and timberlands are critically important for the health of this area.

2) This encourages building based on a premise of a decline in affordable housing that is sheer guess work and is clearly there to justify rampant building.

3) Following on the above this encourages building on rural lands that will result in fragmentation of the rural lands and is an environmentally destructive plan.

4) This gives landowners the right to build anywhere as long as an airy and completely undefined "balanced approach" is in place.

Unacceptable.

5) It is completely meaningless to say "support economic development"

What does that mean? What kind of economic development?

6) If the principles don't need to be consistent with the GP why bother to have a GP?