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**From:** blackdogfarm@wildblue.net  
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Dear Board of Supervisors--

On June 18, 2013, Supervisor Estelle Fennell wrote a guest opinion piece in the Redwood Times. In this piece, she wrote "the guiding Principles should provide a statement of community values, yet the principles put forth in the draft document added a whole other level to the picture. They sought to discourage and restrict rural residential development."

I have read the Guiding Principles and do not see that they seek to discourage rural residential anything. The only time the word 'restrict' is used is in Guiding Principle #6, which says: "Protect agriculture and timberland over the long-haul, using measures such as increased restrictions on resource land subdivisions and patent parcel development." I am all for protecting ag and timberland from being converted for housing development. Protecting these resources keeps them as resources, and keeps the rural landscape rural. Sometimes restrictions are necessary.

The word 'discourage' is also only used one time. Guiding Principle #4, which says: "Ensure efficient use of water and sewer services and focus development in those areas and discourage low-density conversion of resource lands and open space."..Again, I am all for protecting resource land and open space from being sub-divided and turned into housing developments. Protecting these areas protects the rural lifestyle, and as stated in Guiding Principle #2, this will "Preserve and enhance the character of Humboldt County and the quality of life it offers."

I believe that the original Guiding Principles should stay as written. Personally, I like them. I like the tone and what they set out to do. I believe they are, as Supervisor Fennell said, that they are a statement of community values. Otherwise, there should be the same amount of public comment time for the version Supervisor Fennell has written. The public had 10 years to comment on the GPU, yet while Supervisor Fennell was ED of the Humboldt coalition for Property Rights, she called and called for more time for public comment. So now, to say "when you give people more than 2 months comment on something (T.S.--6/22/13), it just rings hollow.

Please keep the original Guiding Principles as they are.

Sincerely,  
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resident of the 2nd District