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**From:** driverfn@suddenlink.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 1:51 PM  
**To:** Planning Clerk  
**Subject:** Billboards -GPU

Dear Planning Commission members,

Although it is quite late for a letter on the above subject, I thought that I should give it a try.

The billboards along Highway 101 have been there ever since I can remember and provide a service to the community, the advertisers and the motorist looking for services or lodging. During their time, how many accidents have the billboards caused due to them distracting the passing motorist? How much environmental damage have they caused? How many billboards have you seen in disrepair? I don't think that you will find negative statistics for the area. The advertising company has always been quick to respond to damage and have shown themselves to be responsible.

Do they block the views of Humboldt Bay any more or any less than the row of Eucalyptus Trees or the businesses located between the Highway 101 and the bay shore?

I see no reason to remove them now or in the future. I have heard (or read) that some of the property the billboards stand on is in question as far as ownership. If that be the case, to whom does the advertiser pay rent? I think that is the subject that should be addressed. I realize that the proponents of the removal of the billboards are trying to influence those that are designated property owners. What happens to the others where the ownership is in question?

In closing, I say keep the billboards and let the agreements stand that have been made between the property owner and the advertiser.

Sincerely,

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