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**Subject:** Willow creek Rezoning .

County of Humboldt  
Planning Commission  
825 Fifth Street  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
Eureka, California

October 31st, 2018

RE: County of Humboldt New Zoning Districts proposed for Inland Zoning Ordinance (GPU ZR 10.04.18), Public Meeting November 1, 2018

Dear Commissioners:

We are legal residents of Willow Creek, CA which lies within the Inland Zone for the General Plan Update. We have recently become aware that the County is quickly considering changing zoning on parcels that we have good reason to believe may economically damage us by lowering our property values, as well as effect the quality of the environment in our area. It is very hard to know whether this may be a rational fear for a few reasons:

1. To our knowledge, County Planning staff have done no organized outreach to the residents within the Willow Creek Plan Area, to inform us what was being proposed changed in the new zoning overlays and what we thought of the proposed changes.
2. John Miller, Senior Planner with the County, referenced in the only public meeting held on the proposals October 29th, the County has met its public notice requirements by publishing in the Times-Standard. We do not subscribe to the Times-Standard as our budget is tight and this is not something we can afford. Denying people who live in lower income brackets and cannot afford newspaper subscriptions is a violation of Environmental Justice laws, which specifically disallow government bodies from suppressing the voice of the lower income community. Note, this meeting on the 29th was impromptu as rumors began flying around our community that the County was quickly trying to change land use zones to land uses that many in the community are against (see Willow Creek Community Water District letters to the County regarding zoning changes). This meeting was standing-room only with residents disappointed they couldn't attend because they had to work.
3. We are landowners adjacent to a parcel that we are very concerned proposed land uses could threaten the desirability of our neighborhood and subsequently our property values, as well as potentially threaten the quality of the environment surrounding our home. We never received any notice from the County by phone call, letter, or personal contact that a zoning change was being proposed right directly behind our backyard.

We find the failure of County Planning to reach out to residents in the Willow Creek Plan Area in regards to zoning changes disappointing and disturbing. We request the Planning Commission hold in abeyance any further approving of zoning changes in the Willow Creek Plan Area until our community has had a chance to understand what is being proposed, why it is being proposed, and what possible community concerns are. This is how planning is supposed to work. We request these meetings and outreach efforts occur as soon as possible so the rumor mill in the area can be addressed through education and outreach. Thank you for your serious consideration of our request.

4. The air quality has become horrible and no one should be forced to breath this obnoxious smell every waking hour.. There is no place to go and get away from it, because someone in the position of power has taken those rights away from us..
5. Our Community has seen a jump in crime and we personally have had someone attempt to break in to our home, This new resource that the county seems to be so eager to instill into our little town

has attracted many who we would rather not come here. It also seems like ,many of these people (Certainly not all of them ) don't live in this area, so why do they have any sway in what areas are rezoned here.

6. As far as the Bigfoot Golf and country club area. It is residential , the largest concentration of homes in willow creek are in this area.

7. Mercer Frasier , is in a school area and next to our Water treatment plant. I don't know one person who thinks it is a good idea to place any marijuana facilities in that area. I certainly would value the children over Marijuana every day of the week. And am disappointed the the county doesn't value our children on the same level as do we. Or the fact that our water treatment plant is located there.

None of these things belong within the community they should be located outside the community. Would you want them in your front or backyard ?

Sincerely,

John and Janine

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