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Ms. Cathy Creswell, Deputy Director
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Dear Ms. Creswell:

This cover letter accompanies the County of Humboldt's 2005 Land Inventory Update Report requested in your letter of September 26, 2005. Our dynamic land inventory and the annual report are elements of our Housing Element implementation program. You requested the report on an accelerated time table to address issues raised by the Humboldt Economic and Land Plan (HELP) group on the accuracy and adequacy of our land inventory. The report includes an updated analysis of sites available for low income populations. The report also describes the methodology used to develop and maintain the inventory and the changes in the land inventory since it was presented to your office as a part of the Housing Element revisions of 2004. Be advised we will continue to update the inventory as part of our implementation efforts.

The County is committed to fulfilling our Housing Element goals. As you know, the Board of Supervisors is investing significant resources in the update of the County General Plan with a focus on ensuring an adequate supply of housing for all income levels throughout a 20-year planning horizon. We are exceeding our overall Fair Share housing goals but like many jurisdictions in California faced with escalating housing prices, providing housing opportunities for low income populations is becoming increasingly difficult. The Board has directed staff to bring forward an array of alternatives to address this issue on an immediate basis and in the longer-term as a part of the General Plan Update.

We will continue to work in partnership with your office to achieve our Housing Element goals and look forward to your comments on the report.

Sincerely,

Kirk Girard
Director

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