

To: Humboldt County Planning Commission
11/11/11
From: Peter O. Childs
Re: Upcoming discussion of Governance in GPU

Dear Commissioners,

I and others with years of experience in the field of governance in our county's planning process are deeply concerned about several aspects of the current situation with regard to this aspect of the GPU.

First, these concerns are real and significant, and they can not possibly be adequately put before you in three minute segments. I therefore request that you put off any decisions on this matter until you hold a workshop with a truly representative group of people who share these concerns and who have literally decades of experience to back them up. I would suggest that this group include Dan Taranto, myself, Bonnie Blackberry, Tom Grover, and Estelle Fennell.

Central here is the issue of the nature and intent of Sec. 1500 in the current General Plan, since it puts forth in detail the ideas that a group of committed citizens came up with to maximize public participation in the planning process. At issue here is what to keep from that section, what to modify, and in each case, why. This is not the work of three minute soundbites; if we can spend at least a day together we can take the time for us to put our concerns before you properly and fully, and to discuss these matters with you so that we can share our ideas with respect to these concerns. This way both our efforts and yours can be melded to the benefit of the citizens of Humboldt County.

Thank you for your attention, Peter O. Childs