



February 5, 2007

Kirk Girard, Director
County of Humboldt, Community Development Services
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Kirk,

The *Work-Life Alliance* is aware of the Forster Gill project currently being planned for the Ridgewood Heights/Cutten area. It is our understanding that an Environmental Impact Report will be conducted to address potential impacts. On behalf of the *Work-Life Alliance*, I request that a Child Care Component be included in the report. We are beginning to advocate for the planning of child care facilities in locations which are convenient to residents and workers in Humboldt County. As we understand the proposed project will be a multi-phase subdivision over 386 acres with the potential of building 1,442 residential units, it would be wise to consider and plan for the child care needs of the future residents of this community.

The *Work-Life Alliance* is an active collaborative between business, government, education, community organizations and other stakeholders striving to carry out the recommendations in The Economic Impact of the Child Care Industry in Humboldt County report. Our charge is to increase the accessibility and the affordability of child care to meet the needs of children, families and businesses in Humboldt County. Including a Child Care Component in the Environmental Impact Report for the Forster Gill project would be a good first step to planning more effectively for our child care needs.

I hope you consider this request, and we will appreciate your response.

Respectfully,

Wendy Rowan, Executive Director
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