

# *The Healthy Humboldt Coalition*

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Re: General Plan Update process

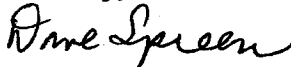
Dear Planning Commissioners:

After observing and participating in the three Planning Commission workshops for the General Plan Update thus far, the Healthy Humboldt Coalition has the following recommendations:

1. There have been some suggestions that if the eventual preferred alternative or an individual ordinance selected is not reflective of the Guiding Goals and Principles, then the Commissioners could simply alter the Goals and Principles. The Guiding Goals and Principles were established by lengthy public process and approved by the Board of Supervisors. If the end product does not match, the process should be examined to determine the cause rather than the original principles altered.
2. One major objective of the current workshops is to make sure there is an adequate range of alternatives presented to the Board of Supervisors. Deleting any Elements would be counterproductive. In addition, the Elements under consideration were all approved for inclusion in the General Plan Update by the Board of Supervisors. Certainly, Planning Commissioners individually or as a group could recommend to the Supervisors an Element not be included in the preferred alternative if that is their choosing.
3. The General Plan Update process began 7 years ago. It is important to stay on track to maintain the integrity of the public process. Attempts to delay the process any further should be resisted. The Planning staff has been making chapter documents available on schedule and should be encouraged to continue in that fashion. In addition, they have done an excellent job in recording public comments.

The Healthy Humboldt Coalition will continue to be proactively involved to facilitate the creation of a General Plan Update that will best serve the public's interests for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,



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