

Northern California Association of Home Builders

March 15, 2007

Mr. Thomas Herman, Chairman
Planning Commission
Humboldt County
825 Fifth Street, Room 111
Eureka, California 95501

Subject: General Plan Update, Group 1
Staff Responses to Public Comments-Group 1
Staff Report #2 to Planning Commission
(Dated March 5, 2007)

Dear Chairman Herman & Members of the Commission:

We are in receipt of the above material. The NCHB, along other concerned groups, is interested in being a part of the public process pertaining to the preparation of the County's new General Plan.

It is to that point that we must express our dismay at the Staff's lack of consideration of the hundreds of written comments that they have received regarding the Group 1 draft documents. The NCHB alone generated over 70 comments on the proposed Group 1 material, that were not reflected in staff's responses. The modifications that were made to the draft Group 1 document by staff lacked clear direction to do so from the Commission itself. Staff's actions appear to have taken place outside proper process. We are concerned that this behavior may set the tone for all of the Elements to follow, and wanted to bring it to the attention of the Commission.

We respectfully request that the Commission consider our comments, as well as those of others, prior to making any informal or formal decision on the Group 1 material, or any of the General Plan Update materials. The Plan has been years in the making, and we hope that the Commission will take the appropriate time to consider all material presented to you.

Sincerely,

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President

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