

April 19, 2007

**To: The Humboldt County Planning Commission**

**From: Lawrence Gann**  
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**RE: Another vote in favor of Alternative A of the Energy Element,  
Chapter 17 of the Humboldt County General Plan Update**

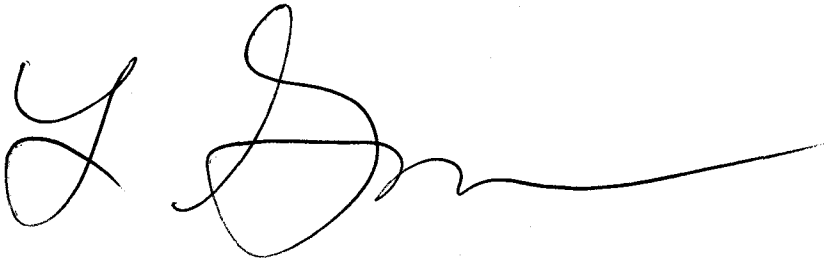
I am here tonight to request that the planning commission choose Alternative A of the energy element for the General Plan Update. We have the potential through this process to create a clean energy future for Humboldt County, but only with the right policies in place.

We are already seeing higher energy costs due to volatile world energy markets and an impending scarcity of fossil fuels. We need to invest in clean energy today to ensure a healthy Humboldt economy and environment tomorrow.

Along with clean energy choices, we also desperately need to invest in upgrading our mass transit systems. In my opinion, the Arcata to Eureka bus should depart every half hour. As it stands right now, the hourly schedule leads to buses departing with standing room only. This condition discourages ridership and leads to increased pollution and congestion in our community.

The future is up to us. Let's choose a path of sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Gann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lawrence Gann

Chair, Humboldt Green Genes