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Humboldt County Planning Commission  
Humboldt County Courthouse  
Eureka, California 95501

Dear Commissioners:

Re: General Plan Review (July 26, 2007) – Chapters 12, 13, 14, and 15

I was watching myself on television the other night, and I was reminded by over forty years of giving input on regulatory matters how my and others' input is mainly window dressing. You folks may do your best and nibble around the edges, but there is little you will or can do to make justified changes to General Plan write-ups. Regulatory hearing processes are confusing and driven by who controls the pen which in the General Plan's case is County Planning Staff. Routinely a lot of historical and factual site specific information, logic, and common sense are left on the cutting room floor.

So, with hearing input meaning little to nothing, I continually ask myself, why participate?

Part of the answer lies in having the freedom to give factual input as I have lived it without worrying about who is listening including whoever signs my paycheck. I will admit it is hard to not have a little bias due to my over forty years of working with the forest industry and rural landowners, but I try.

Another part of the answer is: Even with its faults, a bunch of riled-up people can make the hearing process kind of work, it is all we got, giving input is the right thing to do, and maybe, just maybe, someone in a position to do something, like you folks, will be tweaked into standing tall. For sure, when the General Plan write-up gets to the Board of Supervisors, hearings will mean even less as political correctness sets-in and those with the most political clout take over the show.

With all this in mind, I will leave you with a short list of things you need to keep in mind as you proceed:

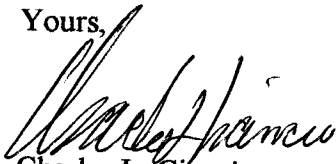
1. Proposed duplication of what multiple state and federal forest agencies are doing makes little sense and makes even less fiscal sense.
2. Development and open space concerns have been reviewed as requested by County Board of Supervisors, and problems driving these two issues (illegal development, inadequate enforcement of development regulations, and inadequate funding of public services) can not be properly handled until there is a separate section in the General Plan that specifically identifies and discusses these problems.
3. Promotion of conservation easements, carbon sequestering units, and tax supported public trust land conversions will mean less production of resource products and reduction in rural community economic supports.

4. Proposed transfer development rights and cluster schemes do not belong in the General Plan until they have been adequately researched and verified as workable.

5. Is anyone ready to say "UNCLE" and say they get what my flow chart is saying? Proposed modifications in land use restrictions will cause changes in the highest and best use of open space lands, and this will lead to more houses across the land, less jobs, and less people being able to afford homes. Hindering ability to financially hold the land as open space causes owners to sell out, leave their problems behind, and settle for being wealthy, and this will lead to a reduction in production of resource products and loss of rural community economic supports.

Keep in mind the consequences of shutting down or losing production of locally produced resource products means loss of economic supports keeping this county going and includes use of questionably safe imports that are routinely produced to the detriment of third world countries.

Yours,



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To: Humboldt County Governmental bodies 1/19/06.

**THE REAL WORLD OF ZONING, LAND USE RESTRICTIONS, AND  
LOCKING UP NATURAL RESOURCE USE AND OPEN SPACE LANDS**  
(History tells us the following)

**ONGOING UNJUSTIFIED RESTRICTIONS ON NATURAL RESOURCE USE  
AND THE LAND**

(Fourth Branch of Government abuses, regulations, zoning, etc.)

Will lead to

**LESS INCOME FROM THE LAND  
LOWER LAND VALUES**

**LESS ABILITY TO FULFILL FINANCIAL NEEDS**  
(Loans, partial sales, loss of breadwinner, family needs, educational needs, tax requirements)

Leads to

**REDUCED INCENTIVES TO HOLD THE LAND  
REDUCED SATISFACTION AND ABILITY TO HOLD OPEN SPACED LANDS  
IN OPEN SPACE CONDITION**

Leads to

**SELLING LAND TO:  
DEVELOPERS AND DEVELOPMENT  
PUBLIC TRUSTS (WILDERNESS, PARKS, ETC.)  
CONVERTING LANDS TO CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Leads To

**LESS JUSTIFIED USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LOSS OF INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO PRODUCE NATURAL RESOURCE PRODUCTS  
LOSS OF LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL TAX REVENUES  
LOSS OF RURAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUPPORTS**

Leads To

**LOSS OF OPEN SPACE LANDS IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP  
BYE BYE RURAL COMMUNITIES**

Why are we ignoring what history tells us and the obvious. Lose the satisfaction and financial ability to hold onto open space land as open space land and you lose the ability to produce natural resources products and economic supports needed to keep rural communities going.

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# OPINION

Thursday, June 21, 2007

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## Times-Standard

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Times-Standard, combined June 1, 1967

GREG STEVENS, Publisher  
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### A TIMES-STANDARD EDITORIAL

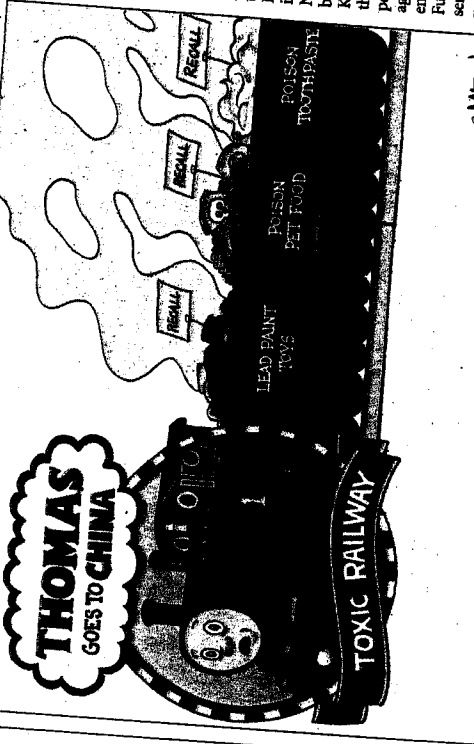
## A fair decision

A number of things didn't go right with the original approval of a conditional-use permit for a faith-based residential substance-abuse treatment facility in an abandoned church at Wabash and Union streets in west Eureka. The 50-bed work program wasn't the typical halfway house; the residents protested they weren't adequately alerted to what was going on; and the city's Planning Department failed to recognize the anger bubbling up in a neighborhood said to be rife with crime and drug use.

The City Council reacted quickly to the challenge, however, and Tuesday night approved a compromise that seeks to address residents' concerns while giving the Redwood Teen Challenge program a chance to prove it can be a good neighbor — and maybe even a positive influence on the area.

Changes include an oversight committee that will meet monthly; a smaller number of clients to start, increasing only with the council's approval; and requirements for minimum staff presence at all times. Council members Larry Glass and Polly Enderst deserve credit for spearheading the compromise, and the safeguards should have a chance to work. If Teen Challenge (which will be serving recovering adults, not teens) is as disciplined as its advocates claim, it may be better for a drug-beleaguered neighborhood than a dozen halfway houses.

What is unfortunate is the combative nature of some of the opposition, which seems to have moved beyond community concern to personal vendetta. The nasty name-



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### IN APPRECIATION

Thank-you notes from the community

#### Benefit performance

The Youth Service Bureau division of Redwood Community Action Agency would like to thank the Kiwanis Club of McKinleyville and Pierson Building Center for sponsoring their North Coast Repertory Theater benefit performance of "Kiss Me Kate" on June 1. We also want to thank NCRF for offering benefit performances to local non-profit agencies. A nearly full house enjoyed a wonderful musical. Funds raised will support YSB's services to runaway and homeless youth. Thank you to all who participated for making this event a success.

Jacqui Breanna Eureka

## Good Golly, Miss Molly

By the time you read this, I will be sober.

I will have staggered into the daylight from a crowded Kansas City bookstore where I met old friends and made new ones.

After bingeing 12 hours on "Ulysses," I will have repaired and started the clock ticking again for the next Bloomsday.

The seat of the canvas chair that took the shape of my rear — the chair whose cup holder seldom was empty of Bushmills or Boulevard, the local beer — will be retired to the garage.

Then in soccer and softball season, the chair will be swept web-free to become the seat where the Soccer Mom drinks Nalgene-bot-



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fire, wouldn't it be something if American pubs offered readings? Husbands could tell their wives, "Honey, I'm off to the book club for a draw and some Proust," to which wives could reply, "Bring back some milk and some James Michener, OK?"

The book had a prominent on-screen role recently in "The Good Shepherd," a film about Cold War espionage.

I've sat through several "Ulysses" readings in Kansas City. One year, I was asked to read. (Yes, yes I said, yes I will. Yes.)

No small task. "Ulysses," the story of an Irish-Jewish Dubliner, includes several languages and dialects. When you read to yourself, you can mispronounce in dignified privacy. Reading aloud gives volume to your errors.

I try this from the book: "Whoruslaninyounighobhhhh." And this: "Panem de coelo prossiensit eis." Or this: "Puranna madonna, che c dia I quattrini Ho regione?"

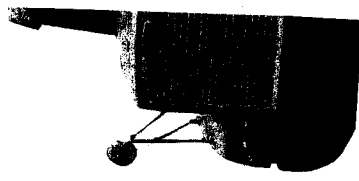
### Humboldt County grand jurors

The Humboldt County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors Association commends the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors for its action proclaiming June 2007 as Grand Jury Awareness Month. This recognition is of particular importance at this time because, in every California county, a new grand jury is currently under way. The 19 people ultimately sworn as grand jurors in each of those counties will be in for one of the most rewarding experiences of their life. We salute all citizens who volunteer for this valuable public service, both here in Humboldt County and throughout the state.

Keith North  
Lolaia

**Yellow-tagging of parked car**  
Arcadians beware! If you drive a car that doesn't look like it just came off the lot, watch out for cops yellow-tagging your car when you're legitimately parked on a city street.

My car, an '85 Toyota, got tagged on Wednesday morning for sitting since lunchtime Monday, practically in front of my house on H Street. Dude, that's less than 48 hours.  
My husband, who is a carpen-



Several impacts 271  
Impacts  
to animals