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April 28, 2009

Mr. Jeff Smith, Chairman
Planning Commission
County of Humboldt
825 Fifth Street, Room 111
Eureka, California 95501

Subject: April 30, 2009 Planning Commission Town Hall Meeting
Land Use Element of the General Plan update

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Commission:

We respectfully request the April 30, 2009 Town Hall meeting on the Land Use element of the General Plan update, be rescheduled to a later date.

Well over a year ago, the County Planning staff and Commission committed to allow the public 60 days to review and comment on the various draft elements. The notice of this week's meeting was issued last Friday, April 24, 2009. This simply does not provide nearly enough time for the public to review and comment on the draft document.

The Land Use element includes complex issues of:

- Growth Planning
- Urban Lands
- Rural Lands
- Agricultural Resources
- Forest Resources
- Public Lands

The Land Use element is the heart of the General Plan and must consider all other elements of the Plan, including the Housing Element. By allowing four working days to review this complex element prior to holding the Town Hall meeting for public comment, makes a mockery of the State guidelines for public participation in the General Plan update.

Sincerely,

Kay Backer, representing
Humboldt Economic & Land Plan

cc: Bruce Emad, Planning Commissioner
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