

SAMPLE LETTER

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Today's Date

Supervisor XXXX
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Dear Supervisor _____,

I am writing in regards to the Humboldt County General Plan Update (GPU). As a resident of Humboldt County, what happens in the County's future is important to me. I live here because (*what makes this place special to you*). I like it here because (*why is Humboldt County unique to you- why did you choose to live here over, say Santa Rosa?*).

I want to see a strong general plan, a plan that will (*pick one or two of these that are important to you*):

Protect Watersheds and Wetland Areas: The Humboldt General Plan Update (GPU) should include strengthened riparian and wetland buffer zones to adequately protect our fish, streams and waterways with strengthened riparian zones that help our rivers and fish stay healthy.

Reducing Stormwater Pollution: The GPU should include language requiring low impact development practices to reduce storm water pollution. The GPU should promote permeable pavement, reducing impermeable surfaces protecting riparian vegetation that removes silt and pollution from surface run-off in storm events.

Focusing Development for Clean Water: Concentrate new development in areas with existing services (such as water, sewer and roads) - cutting down on new roads and individual septic systems which cause erosion, sedimentation, nutrient pollution and barriers to fish migration.

Maintain Floodplains: The GPU should encourage development out of floodplains, where houses and public infrastructure could be ruined in large storm events costing the county millions of dollars in storm damage.

Restoring Threatened and Impaired Water bodies:

The GPU should enact strict standards that would protect these sensitive water bodies from further degradation, and take steps to enforce existing regulations on development and land use activities affecting water quality.

I would also like to see a strong GPU that supports mixed-use neighborhoods and promotes alternative transportation modes like biking, walking, buses and, maybe in the future, light-rail. I support a GPU that promotes sustainable, livable development that is compact and community-oriented.

I support Alternative A and would like to see these policies reflected in the Draft General Plan as well as the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). Thank you very much for you time.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lou