



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

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For the meeting of: October 10, 2017

Date: September 27, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Resolution in Support of Humboldt State University (HSU) Athletics

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Humboldt State University has been struggling with an ongoing budget crisis for the past decade and has begun the process to address the fiscal crisis. One of the programs being considered for elimination is the intercollegiate football program. While the Board fully understands the need to address ongoing budget deficits, the loss of the intercollegiate football program at HSU would be detrimental to the community and Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature [Signature]

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Bohn Seconded by Supervisor Fennell

Ayes Wilson, Fennell, Bohn, Bass
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent Sundberg

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: 10/10/2017

By: [Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Resolution in support of HSU Athletics

WHEREAS, Humboldt State University's (HSU) mission supports a belief in an environment of free inquiry where learning occurs both inside and outside the classroom. As a community of learning, the campus curricular and co-curricular encourages intellectual discourse, aesthetics, and appreciation and significant opportunities for involvement and service; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt State University is annually incurring a financial deficit and has begun the process of exploring options for addressing this fiscal crisis; and

WHEREAS, as HSU moves forward with options for addressing their budget shortfall, one of the programs being considered for elimination is the intercollegiate football program; and

WHEREAS, while the Board of Supervisors fully understands the need to address the ongoing budget deficit, the elimination of intercollegiate athletic opportunities at HSU would be detrimental to students, the community and Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County has long-supported HSU academics and athletics and believes that maintaining all of the athletic offerings at HSU is extremely important to the Lumberjack Nation and Humboldt County's economy; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt State University, in partnership with the community, has requested the community raise \$2,500,000 over the next five years to help support the athletic program at HSU.

THEREFORE NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that our community, in partnership with Humboldt State University is committed to raising sufficient funds to retain the current athletic offerings at HSU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors encourages Humboldt State University to establish and implement an internal funding model that will fully support all present athletic offerings including NCAA Division II intercollegiate football going forward, and that any donated funding raised by the community in the future be used for scholarships and other program enhancements at HSU.

Dated: October 10, 2017

Virginia Bass
Virginia Bass, Chair