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To: Planning Clerk
Subject: The Humboldt County Collective

The Humboldt County Collective, Record number PLN-2020-16620. Parcel number (APN) 015-011-005. Myrtle Towne Shopping Center.

Dear Sir/Ma'am;

Hello. I lease a commercial storefront at 1670 Myrtle Ave, Suite A, in Eureka, for the last 22 years. I share the same building where the Humboldt County Collective is now. I am in front and they are in the back facing west. Their plans are to move across an alleyway to 1662 Myrtle Ave. facing the street, Myrtle Ave. There has never been full occupancy at this shopping center since I have been here, until now. There is also an adult housing development behind the shopping center, with around 40 units, I believe, who use our parking lot as an access road to their apartments. In addition we also have one or two food trucks every day with their customers using our parking lot. Consequently traffic has increased significantly. Most of the businesses here have relatively short stay customers.

My main concern is traffic! People drive way too fast in the shopping center parking lot. The alley traffic is even more dangerous, folks drive through the one way alley going east into the front parking lot having to navigate a blind intersection. There is no way to tell if cross traffic is moving across their path. This shopping center was constructed in the early 50's I believe, before modern traffic designs. I believe the alleyway traffic is a safety hazard to pedestrians walking on the sidewalk crossing the alleyway. I myself have had several near misses with people driving too fast and/or using their phones while driving.

Personally, I would like to leave the alley open for pedestrians and bicycles and emergency personnel but closed to vehicles. That would eliminate the blind intersection and also protect pedestrians walking from store to store.

We could also use some speed signs and speed bumps to slow traffic down. I invite Planning to come out to see for themselves, it's a big disorganized mess!

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. Please don't hesitate to call or stop by my office with any questions.

Sincerely;

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