

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors (sent via e-mail)

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December 16, 2024

RE: December 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors Agenda Item re:

Resignation of Auditor Controller and Recommendation of Interim Appointment

Greetings Board of Supervisors Members,

I am writing in support of the agenda item regarding the resignation of current Auditor-Controller Cheryl Dillingham and an interim appointment of Mychal Evenson to said position.

Cheryl was happily working part-time for the City of Rio Dell when it became clear that the County needed her expertise in the Auditor-Controller's Office. She stepped away from her retirement job and ran for the A/C job. She did this not because she wanted to work full time again or needed the money, rather she realized she was uniquely qualified to help the County 'right the ship' and felt a sense of responsibility.

Cheryl has spent the last two years making significant progress getting the County's financial house in order. Simultaneously she built a cohesive, skilled team with Mychal Evenson as the Assistant A/C. Cheryl is a person of honesty and integrity; she would not step away from this responsibility until and unless someone else was fit to take the helm.

As a retired former County Department Head, I know the chaos that can result from a dysfunctional Auditor-Controller's Office. My hope is that you will honor Cheryl's recommendation upon her resignation by appointing Mychal Evenson to the interim role. Maintaining continuity is really important to the overall fiscal functioning of all of your departments. Mychal is a smart guy, mentored by the best.

Lastly, Congratulations to Cheryl for FINALLY getting to retire!

Kindly,

Lisa Dugan

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Greetings Board of Supervisors Members,

Please see my attached letter of support regarding your BOS Agenda Item tomorrow.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to working with you in 2025.

Kindly,
Lisa Dugan