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Commissioners:

I have watched both your two most recent meetings. I agree with our friends and neighbors who believe that Mr. Bongio has discredited himself and should be removed from public office. However, since that seems unlikely given Mr. Bongio's and Mr. Bohn's public comments, Mr. Bongio at least needs to be replaced as chair of the public commission.

What is evident in both meetings is that Mr. Bongio repeatedly abuses his role as chair to advocate for Mr. Schneider, despite Mr. Schneider's choice to ignore the rules and legal obligations involved in his project. Mr. Schneider is the definition of a scofflaw:

To summarize, Schneider veered from his original permit when he:

- Built his home in a different place than approved.
- Built his home closer to wetlands than he was supposed to.
- Bulldozed what's referred to as "environmentally sensitive habitat," an area where plants and animals are either rare or especially valuable to the ecosystem.
- Bulldozed over a Wiyot cultural site.
- Cut a road in an area he wasn't allowed to.
- Failed to get a required septic system permit before building and ignored the county's stop work order for many weeks.

Despite this record of Mr. Schneider's contempt, Mr. Bongio repeatedly employed his role as the chair to attempt to bully you into agreeing with his desire to issue a construction permit to the scofflaw.

Mr. Bongio has clearly violated the public trust and should be removed. At the very least, you should elect a new Commission chair, a commissioner will not use the chair's role to attempt to bully the Commission.

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