

April 28, 2022

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Record Number PLN-2022-17561

RE: HCFA Use Permit Modification Draft Supplemental MND

My name is Janet Carney, I am a resident of Ferndale and I live near the Fairgrounds.

I love the annual Fair. After the fair is done, I clean up the garbage that has been dumped in my bushes. I have replaced the post for my mailbox and replaced my recycling bin after careless fair attendees drove into, and over, my property. **And still, I support the fair – and I want it to succeed.**

When I bought my house 18 years ago, the annual fair was a disclosure. I accept these inconveniences because I knew what I was getting into.

But now that the noise level is going to be substantially increased from 90 to 99 decibels for these races, I say again, as I have stated previously, except even more strongly now - NO WAY. The County of Humboldt has a responsibility to do a proper CEQA, I insist they do their job as required.

The last Planning hearing included calls from commenters to 'Save the Fair'. I believe most of us want the Fairgrounds to survive. What I will not accept is loud events that negatively affect this entire community to be the answer to its financial problems.

I suggest we be forward-thinking, and perhaps host electric motorcycle races. The event could include tables for companies to showcase new technology in E-bikes, lawn mowers, farm equipment and other technologies that will cast the Humboldt County Fairgrounds as an innovator for a better future.

The Fairgrounds can also be a great resource for our local Colleges that are focusing on animal husbandry, regenerative farming, and new ways of making our community stronger, while turning a profit that does not pollute this small town with noise. Do an upgrade at the RV park, there are lots of things than can be done beyond blasting us to hell with noise.

Let's get with the times. The future generations of this County are already interested in these new and smarter ways to propel vehicles.

To the Planning Department and the County of Humboldt - perform a thorough CEQA as is required by law. Don't throw us residents of Ferndale under the bus.

Signed:

Janet Carney

Ferndale Resident