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Good morning, Kaleigh

Please include this in comments to the BOS under non agenda items at the next BOS meeting.

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From: Kent Sawatzky <kentsawatzky@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 8:16 AM

To: Hayes, Elishia <ehayes@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: defunding;

Elisha,

Please see article in today's TS "Humboldt County, Eureka, Arcata make Homeland Security List" What portion of the County Budget is dependent upon direct Federal funding, and or Grants? What portion are dependent upon Federal/State trickle down funding and grants? Is the answer that a vast majority of DHHS funding is?

It is my understanding that the Amazon ETC. online sales tax no longer goes to the zip code jurisdiction if the "Hub" shipping point is within California. Is this true? If so that explains why LA and other So. Cal. port cities are providing Gigantic Carrots to promote hubs for all major online businesses. As Supervisor Madrone stated correctly "We have no major Hubs". What ratio of our anticipated sales tax is based upon online sales? What portion may be taken away if current out of State online Businesses establish "Hubs" within the State? As more sales of local brick and mortar companies are replaced with online sales, what is the forecast for sales tax revenue for measure "O" and measure "Z". It is our opinion that taking the above into account the Local revenue from the two taxes shall take a significant hit. What are your thoughts regarding these major concerns?

I appreciate the CAO's conservative budgetary outlook. Taking these two major concerns into account, is it possible we could face a approximate 70% decrease in funds available to keep the wheels on the County Bus turning?

I usually plan for the worst case, and pray for the best.

I await your response.

Kent Sawatzky