



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/27/2026

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File #: 26-19

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Clerk of the Board

**Agenda Section:** Departmental

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Consider Making an At-Large Appointment to the Humboldt County Planning Commission

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Consider making an at-large appointment to the Humboldt County Planning Commission.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

**DISCUSSION:**

At the Dec. 16, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board was informed of a scheduled at-large vacancy on the Humboldt County Planning Commission due to the term expiration of Lorna McFarlane. The vacancy was posted, and applications were received from only Lorna McFarlane who would like to continue serving.

The appointee will serve a four-year term, expiring on Jan. 31, 2030. All appointed members of the Humboldt County Planning Commission are required to comply with the California Fair Political Practices Form 700 requirements and complete AB1234 ethics training every two years.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

General Fund

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact for this agenda item.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact to this agenda item

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

None

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board could wish to extend the recruitment period; however, this could cause quorum issues for the Planning Commission.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Lorna McFarlane Application

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Meeting of: December 16, 2025

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