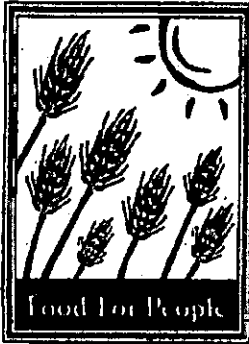


Attachment VII
Measure Z Letters of Support



Food for People, Inc.
The Food Bank for Humboldt County
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Eureka, CA 95501
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www.foodforpeople.org

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Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

Food for People offers its enthusiastic support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc. (AHHA) for an Outdoor Living Center for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. We have seen firsthand the issues created when thousands of people are without housing in our county and the impact it has on our community's health and safety. We have also seen the detrimental impact it has on physical and mental health status when individuals and families are homeless for extended periods of time.

AHHA has developed an Outdoor Living Center program that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. It is a model for how our county can invest in stabilizing the homeless and provide reliable needed services. AHHA has spent two years developing a program with the homeless and it is a program that respects the needs of the homeless and the larger community.

Food for People is committed to this cost effective and public health and safety solution of an Outdoor Living Center supervised by AHHA. Our organization will support the Outdoor Living Center by partnering with AHHA to provide food for the individuals served, either through our regular food pantry food distributions or as a member of our Nonprofit Network, accessing food on behalf the people AHHA is serving.

Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that the County has available permanent housing.

Sincerely,

Anne Holcomb,
Executive Director

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ARCATA HOUSE PARTNERSHIP

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Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

Arcata House Partnership offers its support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc (AHHA) for an Outdoor Living Center for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. We have experienced the issues created by a large number of people without housing in our County. AHHA has developed an Outdoor Living Center program that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. It is a worthy model of how our county can invest in stabilizing the homeless and provide reliable needed services.

AHHA has worked with the homeless for two years to develop a program that respects them and their needs and the needs of the larger community. Arcata House Partnership understands that there are many ways to serve the homeless and supports the efforts of the Outdoor Living Center supervised by AHHA. Arcata House Partnership will support the Outdoor Living Center by partnering with AHHA to provide Case Management services at our one Stop Center. These services may include: helping people get identification, connect them with services such as employment training, medical and mental health care, substance abuse services, budget development and money management, employment, permanent housing and more. Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that the County has available permanent housing.

Sincerely,

Darlene A. Spoor, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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The Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

PO Box 506

Bayside, California 95524

Phone: 707 822-3793

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Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

The Rev. Bryan D. Jessup of the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship offers his enthusiastic support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc (AHHA) for an Outdoor Living Center for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. We have experienced the issues created by thousands of people without housing in our County and the impact on our community's health and safety, and the impact on the health and safety of so many living rough.

AHHA has developed an Outdoor Living Center program that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. It is a worthy model of how our county can invest in stabilizing the homeless and provide reliable needed services. AHHA has spent two years developing a program with the homeless and it is a program that respects the needs of the homeless and the larger community.

The Rev. Bryan Jessup is committed to this cost effective and public health and safety solution of an Outdoor Living Center supervised by AHHA.

The Rev. Bryan Jessup will support the Outdoor Living Center by partnering with AHHA to provide volunteers, disseminate information, schedule AHHA events at the Fellowship and raise funds within his congregation for AHHA's programs

Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that the County has available permanent housing.

Sincerely,

Rev Bryan Jessup

The Rev. Bryan Jessup

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The Rev. Eric T. Moore Duff, LCSW
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California
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February 16, 2017

Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

I would like to offer my endorsement for the application of Affordable Housing Alternatives, Inc. (AHHA). They have submitted a proposal for an Outdoor Living Center to provide residential housing for 30 currently homeless members of the community.

As founding President of the Arcata House, and with many years of engagement with issues of homelessness and affordable housing, I think the model provided by AHHA is a worthy one to explore. They have dedicated the past two years to come up with a plan that provides not only housing but support to the thirty persons they propose to house in an Outdoor Living Center.

I am willing to partner with the program as requested, with counseling and management consultation.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Moore Duff

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Grace Good Shepherd Lutheran-Presbyterian Church
1450 Hiller Road (P.O. Box 2446), McKinleyville, CA 95519; (707) 839-3726

February 15, 2017

Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

Grace Good Shepherd Church offers its enthusiastic support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc (AHHA) for an Outdoor Living Center for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. We have experienced the issues created by thousands of people without housing in our County and the impact on our community's health and safety, and the impact on the health and safety of so many living rough.

AHHA has developed an Outdoor Living Center program that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. It is a worthy model of how our county can invest in stabilizing the homeless and provide reliable needed services. AHHA has spent two years developing a program with the homeless and it is a program that respects the needs of the homeless and the larger community.

Grace Good Shepherd Church is committed to this cost effective and public health and safety solution of an Outdoor Living Center supervised by AHHA.

Grace Good Shepherd Church will support the Outdoor Living Center by partnering with AHHA to volunteer as well as with our community garden and financial support.

Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that the County has available permanent housing.

Sincerely,

Rev. Deborah Hubbard, Pastor

Grace Good Shepherd Church

P.O. Box 2446

McKinleyville, CA 95519



HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Social Work

February 15, 2017

Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

Humboldt State University (HSU), Department of Social Work offers enthusiastic support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc. (AHHA) for an *Outdoor Living Center* for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. We have experienced the issues created by thousands of people without housing in Humboldt County, CA and the impact on our community's health and safety is profound.

AHHA has developed a demonstration program model for an Outdoor Living Center that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. Stabilizing people experiencing homelessness and providing reliable services and resources needs to be a priority for our community. AHHA has spent two years developing the program in collaboration with multiple community stakeholders, including the people for whom the program is designed to serve.

HSU Department of Social Work is committed to the Outdoor Living Center, which will be supervised by experienced AHHA staff. Additionally, the program offers dignity to the people it serves, increases safety and health in the community, and is cost effective.

The HSU Department of Social Work will support the Outdoor Living Center by partnering with AHHA to design BASW and MSW internship opportunities and/or MSW community projects aimed at helping to provide case management, program assessment and evaluation, and external fundraising.

Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that Humboldt County has available permanent housing for its residents.

Sincerely,

Jen Maguire
Assistant Professor of Social Work
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Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR)
P.O. Box 7365
Eureka, Ca 95502
707-601-6221

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February 15, 2017

Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR) offers its enthusiastic support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc (AHHA) for an Outdoor Living Center for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. We have experienced the issues created by thousands of people without housing in our County and the impact on our community's health and safety, and the impact on the health and safety of so many living rough.

AHHA has developed an Outdoor Living Center program that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. It is a worthy model of how our county can invest in stabilizing the homeless and provide reliable needed services. AHHA has spent two years developing a program with the homeless and it is a program that respects the needs of the homeless and the larger community.

HACHR is committed to this cost effective and public health and safety solution of an Outdoor Living Center supervised by AHHA.

Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that the County has available permanent housing.

Sincerely,

Brandie Wilson M.A.
HACHR Executive Director

Reducing harm through advocacy, education and services.

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Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

I would like to offer my support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc. (AHHA) for an Outdoor Living Center for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. We have experienced the issues created by thousands of people without housing in our County and the impact on our community's health and safety, and the impact on the health and safety of so many living outdoors. I am a citizen of Eureka and have lived in this county most of my life.

AHHA has developed an Outdoor Living Center program that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. It is a worthy model of how our county can invest in stabilizing the homeless and provide reliable needed services. AHHA has spent two years developing a program with many unhoused people and it is a program that respects the needs of the homeless population and the larger community. I also feel that this is a cost effective and public health and safety solution of an Outdoor Living Center supervised by AHHA. Many of the people living outdoors suffer from serious mental health issues and drug and alcohol addiction and we need to come together to address these critical social issues to help people return to a healthy lifestyle that starts with housing.

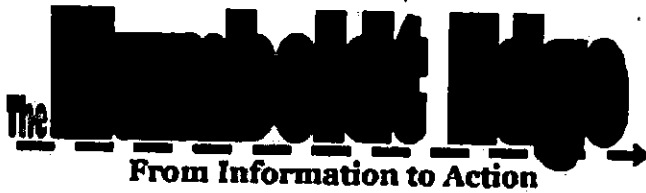
I also feel that the Outdoor Living Center model would be beneficial to this community and welcomed by many people that are looking for a hand up out of homelessness. Services such as basic life skills, case management, behavioral health, a community garden, employment training, and budgeting would be beneficial to the unhoused population to help them be successful when they do attain permanent housing.

Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that the community has available permanent housing.

Sincerely,

Candy Bryant
Eureka CA 95503

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PO Box 162, Arcata, CA 95518
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February 15, 2017

Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

The Humboldt Edge offers its enthusiastic support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc (AHHA) for an Outdoor Living Center for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. We have experienced the issues created by thousands of people without housing in our County and the impact on our community's health and safety, and the impact on the health and safety of so many living rough.

AHHA has developed an Outdoor Living Center program that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. It is a worthy model of how our county can invest in stabilizing the homeless and provide reliable needed services. AHHA has spent two years developing a program with the homeless and it is a program that respects the needs of the homeless and the larger community.

The Humboldt Edge is committed to this cost effective and public health and safety solution of an Outdoor Living Center supervised by AHHA.

The Humboldt Edge will support the Outdoor Living Center by partnering with AHHA to encourage participation in the publication and distribution of our street paper for the purpose of keeping the whole community informed of the issues surrounding our neighbors, their struggles and triumphs.

We feel that AHHA's Outdoor Living Center is an innovative and much needed solution to the growing number of people unable to find traditional housing.

Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that the County has available permanent housing.

Sincerely,

Katrina Martin

Co-Editor

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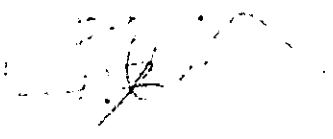
Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

As a resident of Humboldt County, I would like to offer my support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc (AHHA) for an Outdoor Living Center for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. In my professional work I have experienced the issues created by the extraordinary amount of those in our area without housing, and the impact of this situation on our community's health and safety. It is my belief that any and all sound strategies to address this core issue in our County should be considered.

AHHA has developed an Outdoor Living Center program that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. AHHA has spent two years in collaboration with the homeless and have developed a program that respects not only the needs of the homeless, but the community at large.

Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that the County has available permanent housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "S. J. ...".

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PARTICULAR COUNCIL OF THE REDWOOD REGION
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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Dear Measure Z Advisory Committee,

St. Vincent de Paul offers it's enthusiastic support for the Measure Z application of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc (AHHA) for an Outdoor Living Center for up to 30 currently homeless neighbors. We have experienced the issues created by thousands of people without housing in our County and the impact on our community's health and safety, and the impact on the health and safety of so many living rough.

AHHA has developed an Outdoor Living Center program that will create stability for up to 30 currently homeless persons. It is a worthy model of how our county can invest in stabilizing the homeless and provide reliable needed services. AHHA has spent two years developing a program with the homeless and it is a program that respects the needs of the homeless and the larger community.

St. Vincent de Paul is committed to this cost effective and public health and safety solution of an Outdoor Living Center supervised by AHHA.

St. Vincent de Paul will support the Outdoor Living Center by partnering with AHHA to provide food and transportation support to the Outdoor Living Program.

Please consider funding the AHHA Outdoor Living Center in the Eureka area as a model for stable, safe, healthy living until such time that the County has available permanent housing. It is a model that has the viability of being self sustaining once start up funding is secured.

Sincerely,

Russell Shaddix
Russell Shaddix

Vice President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul



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February 14, 2017

Measure Z Committee
Humboldt County Administrative Office
825 5th St.
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Measure Z Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for the Sheriffs' office proposal for a needs assessment and feasibility study to explore the creation of a Joint Emergency Communications Center and County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). As active participants in emergency operations and planning in the county, we are well aware of the antiquated facilities that house the current EOC and the fractured nature of emergency communications. Developing a new modern communication center equipped with the latest equipment, and located in an area least likely to be impacted by natural disasters or civil unrest, will ensure that the county will be able to effectively coordinate emergency response and recovery during a major event.

Emergency 9-1-1 calls in the county, depending on the origin of the call and whether a cell or landline phone are used, are received by one of 7 public safety answering points. Each dispatch center has its own staffing, radio hardware, and software that may or may not be compatible with the other centers. Consolidating these centers will allow for more efficient utilization of public resources, reduce the number of dispatchers an individual requesting help must talk to, and ensure that all appropriate responders can be dispatched simultaneously.

Funding this project would be a major step to improving an important aspect of public safety to the benefit of the entire county. I urge your support.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Bolleau, C.E.O.

Susan Strom, Community Liaison
Eureka Housing Authority
735 W Everding Street
Eureka, CA 95503

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Re: Measure Z Funding Request, Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods

For more than thirty years Eureka Housing Authority has hosted the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods' Club House on our property at 3117 Prospect Avenue in Eureka. This location serves elementary school aged children with professionally led after-school and summer programs.

In recent years attendance has soared and many of the children being served are residents of low income housing through Eureka Housing Authority. Now the number of "Club Kids" has grown to a dangerous level, where the facility will either have to expand or cap attendance and start turning children away to remain safe.

While there is space available nearby at Calvary Lutheran Church, funding is needed for additional staff and supplies so the Club House can expand to that location and continue to serve even more of our young, low-income residents. Therefore as Community Liaison for Eureka Housing Authority, I strongly recommend approval of Measure Z funding for Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, which is helping to keep our children safe now, and empowering them to become good citizens, leading to a safer community in the future.

Sincerely,


Susan Strom

Community Liaison
Eureka Housing Authority

January 30, 2017

Public Works Department
% Tom Madison
1106 2nd Street
Eureka, Calif. 95501

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Dear Mr. Madison:

I am asking Public Works to request a large portion of the \$53,000 Measure 2 funds that were not allocated in 2016.

I am also requesting Public Works apply for the much sought after Measure 2 funds for 2017.

All five districts should have a portion of the allocated funds, but the Wild Cat, Bull Creek and Wilder Ridge roads should be funded as soon as possible. The numerous deep pot holes and broken pavement present a safety issue.

We understand that the road through Bull Creek Redwood State Park will be resurfaced in July; thus increasing the use of this well traveled road from Eureka to Eureka.

Again, I thank you for the improvements you have made and do hope you can make even greater improvements in 2017.

Sincerely,

Mary V. Etter
P.O. Box 57
Hornbyden, Calif. 95545

CC: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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January 30, 2017

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Citizens Advisory Committee on Measure 2 Expenditures
925 Fifth Street
Eureka, Calif. 95501

Dear Members:

I attended two Advisory Committee meetings last year. I now better understand the process for allocating the Measure 2 funding.

I live in Honeydew. Like most who live in Honeydew, Wilder Ridge and Panther Gap areas, seldom if ever, travel the Wild Cat Road; therefore we do not see the improvements made with the allocated 2016 funds.

As I understand, there are \$33,000 Measure 2 funds that were not allocated. I am requesting that a large portion of these funds be allocated to the Public Works Department which could be used for "Overlays" on the Bull Creek Road.

The Bull Creek Road is the most traveled road in and out of the mid-Mattah Valley. (Large loads of supplies, hay, livestock, equipment, etc. use this road.) It is known to be the worst maintained county road with its numerous deep pot holes and broken pavement.

I am also requesting that a large portion of the 2017 Measure 2 funds be allocated to the Public Works Department. The poor road condition in the Mattah Valley is a safety issue for all, including the school bus and first responders.

We, who live here, know that we have some of the hardest roads to maintain due to our heavy rainfall, freezing temperatures and steep terrain. We do appreciate your past and continual support.

Sincerely,

Mary V. Etter

CC: Tom Madison, Public Works Director

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EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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From the office of Chief of Police Andrew G. Mills

February 13, 2017

Ms. Amy S. Nilsen
County Administrative Officer
825 Fifth Street
Eureka CA 95501

RE: Measure Z Funds

Dear Ms. Nilsen,

As you know the Grand Jury, as well as local policy makers, have been very interested in assessing the feasibility of a consolidated Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and Dispatch center. There are eight separate PSAP's that handle calls for service for 10 police agencies and numerous fire and medical services.

Retention of qualified personnel is difficult and is exasperated by the fact some are part time agencies staffed by volunteers. Others do not have the volume of calls for service to justify a PSAP, i.e. most fire and some police agencies. A consolidated PSAP may make sense fiscally and for greater effectiveness.

To conform to the desires of the Grand Jury a study needs to be completed. Measure Z affords us the opportunity and window to ensure this study is completed and done well. It is also relevant to note many of the local jurisdictions will be on the same Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) removing one of the most critical and costly expenses of a potential merge.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andrew G. Mills
Chief of Police

cc: Undersheriff Billy Honsal

Measure Z Citizens' Advisory Committee
C/O Humboldt County CAO's office
825 Fifth Street,
Eureka, CA 95501

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March 6, 2017

Dear Advisory Committee:

My name is Carol Rische and I am a resident of Fieldbrook. I recently retired from the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. I worked there for 19 years, most as their General Manager.

First, I would like to thank you for serving on the Citizens' Advisory Committee. You play an important role in reviewing applications, and providing a forum for public input prior to making your recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

I am writing in support of the Fire Chiefs' consolidated request for Measure Z funding. I was impressed to learn that the Fire Chiefs worked together to develop a five-year strategic plan which addresses their highest priority needs including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), safety gear, training, equipment which enhances their response capability, and apparatus. This plan is a tremendous asset for the community and for this committee. Their identified needs align with Measure Z goals put before and approved by voters:

I have seen first-hand the critical public safety role that fire departments play in our community. I would like to provide a few examples – one on the personal side, and one professionally.

Personal Side: I moved to Humboldt County in 1996 from the San Francisco Bay Area. Within four months of moving here, I had a house fire (at 4 am), the cause of which was determined to be faulty electrical wiring. It occurred over the Christmas holiday and I was in the Bay Area about to go on a trip with my parents. Luckily I had an operational smoke detector and a pet-sitter who called 911. Even luckier was that the Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department responded promptly and proficiently. They saved my pets and house.

In the Bay Area I knew only of large paid career fire departments. I learned first-hand the important role that volunteer fire departments play in Humboldt County. I also learned that to effectively serve our community and protect life and property, they must be trained and have the proper safety and response equipment.

Professional Side: I learned the importance of well-equipped, well-trained fire departments for our local governments and businesses too. Local governments need them to protect not only their own interests, but public safety more broadly. At the water district, we relied on the fire department (Arcata in this case) to not only respond to an event at our pumping and control facilities, but also to support our Confined Space Operation, and hazardous material response,

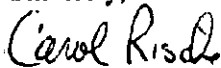
especially a gas chlorine leak. (Note – many larger water and wastewater providers have gas chlorine which is very dangerous to the public if it leaks.)

Another area that is often out-of-sight and mind is emergency planning and preparedness – unless there is an event. You undoubtedly have seen the recent failure of the Oroville dam spillway, and the evacuation of Oroville and surrounding communities. Fire departments play an important role in the development of emergency plans as well as in an actual response (like community evacuations). Several years ago, the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services partnered to prepare a Dam Break Contingency Plan for R.W. Matthews Dam on the Mad River. I am pleased to report that after a two-to-three year effort, the County has a response plan (it was approved by the Board of Supervisors last year). The cities of Blue lake and Arcata and their respective fire departments were involved in this effort, and their participation was critical to its success. I was pleased to recently read that work is continuing - the Arcata Fire Protection District is leading an effort to develop a more detailed evacuation plan.

As you know, most fire departments in Humboldt County are all-volunteer. These departments, as well as our combination and paid-departments all have high priority needs. Since my retirement, I have been volunteering for the Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) doing grant writing. I learned that FVFD conducted a needs assessment several years ago in which they identified a vehicle and 17 pieces of equipment needed to protect fire fighters and improve fire and medical response capability. I share this not to advocate for FVFD specifically, rather to highlight the need at just one volunteer department.

Thank you again for your work on this committee and your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carol Rische

Cc: Jack Sheppard, FVFD Chief
Ray Stonebarger, Blue Lake Chief
Justin McDonald Arcata FPD Chief

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
839 Fifth Street,
Eureka, CA 95501

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March 24, 2017

*Hi Amy,
I worked with Phil &
Loreta. Wish we had
met - heard great things
about you!
Carol*

Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Carol Rische and I am a resident of Fieldbrook. I recently retired from the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District where I worked for 19 years, most of that time as their General Manager.

First, I would like to thank you for leading the effort to put measure Z on the ballot to improve public safety in our community. I also want to acknowledge the Citizens' Advisory Committee that plays an important role by reviewing applications and providing a forum for public input.

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When I lived in the Bay Area, I knew only of large, paid career fire departments. I learned first-hand the important role that volunteer fire departments play in Humboldt County. I also learned that to effectively serve our community and protect life and property, they must be trained and have the proper safety and response equipment.

Professional Side: I have also learned the importance of well-equipped, well-trained fire departments for our local governments and businesses. Local governments need them to protect not only their own interests, but public safety more broadly. At the water district, we relied on the fire department (Arcata in this case) to not only respond to an event at our pumping and control facilities, but also to support our Confined Space Operation, and hazardous material

response, especially a gas chlorine leak. Many of the larger water and wastewater providers have gas chlorine which is very dangerous to the public if it leaks.

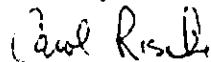
Another area that is often out-of-sight and mind is emergency planning and preparedness – unless there is an event. You undoubtedly have seen the recent failure of the Oroville dam spillway, and the evacuation of Oroville and surrounding communities. Fire departments play an important role in the development of emergency plans as well as in an actual response.

Several years ago, the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services partnered to prepare a Dam Break Contingency Plan for R.W. Matthews Dam on the Mad River. After significant work over several years, the County now has a response plan in place, which I understand your Board approved last year. The cities of Blue Lake and Arcata and their respective fire departments were very involved in this effort. Their participation was critical to its success. I was pleased to read that work is continuing on this front - the Arcata Fire Protection District is leading an effort to develop a more detailed response plan for Arcata and Blue Lake residents and businesses who are affected.

As you know, most fire departments in Humboldt County are all-volunteer. These departments, as well as our combination and paid-departments all have high priority needs. Since my retirement, I have been volunteering for the Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) doing grant writing. I learned that FVFD conducted a needs assessment several years ago in which they identified a vehicle and 17 pieces of equipment needed to protect fire fighters and improve fire and medical response capability. I share this not to advocate for FVFD specifically, rather to highlight the need at just one volunteer department.

Thank you again for placing Measure Z on the ballot, and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carol Rische

Cc: Amy Nilsen, County Administrative Officer
Jack Sheppard, FVFD Chief
Ray Stonebarger, Blue Lake Chief
Justin McDonald Arcata FPD Chief



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February 14, 2017

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Humboldt Measure Z Advisory Committee
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Measure Z Funding Request

Dear Humboldt County Supervisors and Measure Z Committee Members,

This letter is submitted in support of an application from the Sheriff's Office to conduct a feasibility study for a co-located county Emergency Operations Center and Dispatch Center, using Measure Z funds. The study is a first step in moving forward with a proposal to consolidate emergency communications centers serving Humboldt County to maximize efficiency, eliminate redundancy and 911 call transfer time among dispatch centers, and to plan for the Humboldt County Emergency Operations Center to move to a facility appropriate for emergency response.

The Humboldt County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) resides in the county courthouse basement and is maintained by the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services. Its original placement in a Cold War era fallout shelter may have met the county's disaster response and training needs at one time, but it has proved increasingly insufficient for the county's response needs over the years.

The total area of the facility is inadequate for a full EOC activation. Additionally, the Sheriff's OES is unable to provide training in the facility that is intended to house the county emergency response function, due to the layout, total space, and technology restrictions. The inability to practice activating the county's emergency response organization and exercise response protocols in the EOC is a clear indicator that the facility will also not work for an actual response to a local disaster. When the EOC is activated, space is a primary consideration when Command staff determines which positions are needed to support the field response.

Sheriff's OES is the only dedicated all-hazards emergency planning, response, recovery, and mitigation entity in the county, and is designated as the central coordination point for the entire county Operational Area. While many agencies and entities have a critical role in field response and recovery, and pre-disaster training, the EOC is responsible for ensuring an

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effective, efficient, coordinated response in partnership with all local, state, and federal responders. The existing EOC facility does not meet training and planning needs in advance of local emergencies, and will not meet response and recovery needs during and following our next disaster.

In addition to space restrictions, the placement of the EOC in a basement, surrounded by several feet of concrete, prevents the use of basic communications and wireless technology. Cell reception in the EOC is inconsistent at best, and generally poor. It is not unusual that I have to leave the office to receive calls or messages on my cell phone during emergency response, and return to missed calls and messages on office land lines. EOC and agency representatives are also unable to use cell phones throughout the EOC, significantly reducing the communications redundancies that are a standard part of functional emergency response procedures. Radios are another common communication tool during emergency response, and we are also unable to use handheld radios in the EOC.

A feasibility study will provide a starting point to plan for a new facility in the future, in compliance with laws, seismic standards, and established best practices for modern EOCs and Public Safety Access Points. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services asks for your support in bringing our 911 and disaster planning and response functions closer to modern standards. Thank you for considering the Sheriff's Office request for \$50,000 for a feasibility study, and investing in the future of Humboldt County and its residents.

Sincerely,



Dorie Lanni

Emergency Services Manager
Humboldt Sheriff's OES



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March 9, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you today in support of Measure Z funds being used to provide new lifesaving equipment to K'ima:w Medical Center (KMC) Ambulance Services. We at Willow Creek Community Health Center (WCCHC) work closely with KMC and rely on the ambulance service to assist with the care and transport of some of our most vulnerable patients.

Our community struggles with high levels of heart disease and many other chronic health conditions; couple that with our rural, remote setting and the critical importance of access to advanced emergency services and equipment becomes clear. Advanced response and monitoring equipment could mean the difference between life and death for patients.

Rod Johnson and his ambulance team are an invaluable asset to our community. They work tirelessly to help care for our citizens when most in need. They are kind, hardworking, and skilled at their jobs. Providing them with new technologies will augment their ability to care for our community members.

WCCHC supports the work of KMC Ambulance Services and fully supports the use of Measure Z funds to purchase important new emergency response and monitoring equipment.

Sincerely,

Norman Bensky, MD
Medical Director
Willow Creek Community Health Center

I have been a member of the Petrolia Fire Department since 1982 and currently hold the position of Fire Chief, a position I have held for 15 years. I have been a resident of Petrolia since 1973 and have never seen the roads in worse condition.

I am in full support of Public Works Director Tom Matson's application request for 3 million dollars of Measure Z funds for surface repair of our county roads.

This problem has become a major safety concern for emergency services, school bus routes and the general public. The deterioration of the county roads has not only made traveling dangerous, but slows response time of law enforcement, medical and fire personnel.

We appreciate and understand the recent Z funds appropriated to fire and law enforcement agencies. However, the necessity to fix and repair our roads is an urgent matter.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Cordially

Travis Howe, Chief
Petrolia Fire Protection District

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From the office of Chief of Police Andrew G. Mills

March 16, 2017

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Jon Flyer, Chair

Measure Z Committee

825 5th Street

Eureka, Ca 95501

Dear Mr. Flyer,

Jon

A penny's worth of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Nothing could be truer of public safety. The Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods submitted a proposal for Measure Z funding. This is the penny of prevention. Of all the submissions I have seen to this point, none are specifically targeted toward prevention youth from sliding into an unhealthy life style where drug addiction and consequently crime is prevalent.

The proposal is less than 1% of funding, but would serve 40% more children. They already serve hundreds. I can only imagine the impact on future generations of Eureka's and residents of Humboldt County.

Please give strong consideration to the Boys and Girls Club proposal as a genuine effort to prevent rather than incarcerate.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.G. Mills".

Andrew G. Mills

Chief of Police

c.c. Rex Bohn, 1st District Supervisor
Virginia Bass, 4th District Supervisor

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The Posse has decided to commit to contributing \$30,000 of Posse funds in addition to the balance of the \$25,000 that was allocated to the Posse from the private donation two years ago. According to posse records this balance is approximately \$12,500. The posse would like it to be known that this contribution of said \$42,500 is for the purchase of a Tucker 200xl snow cat and trailer, or some equivalent to the Tucker 200xl. The Posse will also contribute this money under the condition that the county assumes all responsibility for maintenance and repairs on the snow cat.

Respectfully,
Bryan Raskin Posse commander

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Raskin'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'B' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

2/16/2017

To whom it may concern:

I strongly urge you to approve Tom Mattson's Z application request for 3 million dollars to resurface our county roads. The measure Z ballot that went to the public clearly states that some Z money would go to our roads.

The reason the roads were on the ballot was because the county is 125 million dollars in the hole when it comes to our roads. Frankly this safety need is every bit as important as funding law enforcement and fire.

The winter rains have made our roads less safe than before. Law enforcement, fire and emergency response teams need to have our roads fixed so they can do their job. Our school children need safe roads and most important our young inexperienced drivers deserve better roads.

Tom Mattson and the hard working road and paving crews have shown the success of putting Z funds into the roads. We need a lot more money. The committee should consider awarding Public works more than the 3 million requested.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sonny Anderson
resident of Humboldt since 1973

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This message was sent using IMP, the Internet Messaging Program.

I am writing to encourage the Advisory Committee to seriously consider funding the request from Southern Trinity Area Rescue (STAR). I have noticed that the committee has placed the Fire chiefs request as high priority as well as ambulance service in the north eastern parts of the county around Willow creek. It is only fair to say then that the ambulance service in the eastern part of the county out Highway 36, should be considered equally as important, although it was not rated so in you last meeting. The funding they are requesting to help in there volunteer efforts to maintain ambulance service in that part of the county is a drop in the bucket compared to many other of the requests. Funding one EMT position for Southern Trinity Area Rescue could help continue an entire Ambulance service for an area of Humboldt that otherwise would have none. I live in this area as well as volunteer for STAR, and although much of the county does not know we exist until they need us, we respond to over 200 people who are in need of Emergency Medical serves every year and over 25 percent of them are Humboldt county residents.

There are many programs that would help make our county a safer and healthier place, from homes for people in need, to fully staffed law enforcement, along with well equipped fire departments and Ambulance services. It is a fact these days that most calls for aid from fire departments are medical emergencies but we need all pieces of the puzzle to make it work. Who will bring advanced care to these patients and transport them to the hospital if we do not maintain our ambulance service as well as our fire service. Please seriously consider recommending part or all of STAR's request be funded; 25 percent of there calls are in Humboldt county , and their area covers a very dangerous portion of Highway 36, they are not just serving a few rural residents, but all the people that travel through.

Thank you
Nick Entsminger
Humboldt Resident District 2

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Southern Trinity Health Services Southern Trinity Area Rescue

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March 22, 2017

Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Measure Z,

This letter is in support of the application submitted by Southern Trinity Area Rescue for Measure Z funding. I would like to impress upon the committee the effect Southern Trinity Area Rescue (STAR) has on Humboldt County residences. Part of our ambulance coverage area falls within the Humboldt County boarder, and approximately 23% of our total calls are run in Humboldt County; however, we serve many more Humboldt citizens than that. STAR provides emergency medical response and care for people who are traveling east and west on Hwy 36, many who are coming from or going to Humboldt County, along with all of the people who come to Ruth Lake and the surrounding areas for recreation, hunting and vacation, many of who are Humboldt County residents. Of the 77% of calls that we respond to in Trinity County, a large amount of those patients are Humboldt county residents that are traveling. STAR is not asking for new equipment or basic operating costs, we simply need a small amount of funding that we cannot afford on our own, to pay an EMT position at 15 dollars an hour to help save people's lives, quite often lives that belong to people who call Humboldt County their home. We appreciate all the time the committee puts in to these decisions, and would like to thank you for reconsidering STAR's application and position.

Thank You,

Amanda Huber
Southern Trinity Health Services/Scotia Bluffs, COO
Southern Trinity Area Rescue, EMT

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to vote to include 2-1-1 Humboldt in Measure Z funding for fiscal year 2017-2018. The intent of the Measure is to enhance and maintain public safety services, which aligns with the work of 2-1-1 Humboldt and VOAD [Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster] and which is a valuable public safety service.

In 2016, 2-1-1 received over 15,000 calls from local residences that covered everything from Homeless assistance to medical travel. They maintain over 2,000 community resources in their database and operate 24/7, providing a free lifeline to those who call regardless of age, income, religion or household status.

During times of emergency, such as, the recent Oroville Dam evacuation, 2-1-1 Humboldt was one of six Northern California 2-1-1s who assisted with the Oroville evacuation. There were over 600 calls in the first 24 hours with emergency and non-emergency questions. In instances like this, 2-1-1s throughout California can switch their calls so that any available 2-1-1 agent, anywhere, may receive calls from any location and receive access to the database of resources for that caller's location. This way calls are answered immediately and get the most current information that is shared with 2-1-1 from public works, OES, Red Cross, DHHS, PG&E and other governmental and non-governmental agencies, most whom are a part of VOAD or first responders. These connections are important to making sure that 9-1-1 is not flooded with non-emergency calls and that our community members can speak to an agent 24/7 to obtain the most current and vital information they are calling about.

2-1-1 Humboldt is where local governmental representatives will be asking callers to contact for those non-emergency calls after a disaster. The work they do is vital in making sure that after a disaster our community has a point of contact to be able to reach out to for answers about their concerns and needs. 2-1-1 Humboldt has a seat in the Office of Emergency Services after a disaster and is chair of VOAD, along with being a member of 2-1-1 California. Together they all work to make sure that we have the best plan in place to handle any situation, large or small, natural or manmade.

I am signing this letter of support and asking you to please consider the \$57,000 request for Measure Z funding for 2-1-1. It is a valuable service to Humboldt County that we need to strengthen and support so that it can grow and continue to meet the needs of all residents now and after a disaster. Thank you for your consideration and the work you all do to keep our community/home safe.

Sincerely,

Steven Isherwood
3405 Pine St.
Retired USN, Retired Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
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