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Commissioners,

As a resident of Humboldt County, these are the potential harms I anticipate from motorcycle racing at the fairgrounds unless the Planning Commission does a complete job (sound study, event budget, etc.) of reviewing and governing PLN-2022-17561.

- 1) Setting a bad example to youngsters that will have ramifications for generations to come:
 - a) flagrant disregard for the impact of making noise in a residential area
 - b) clinging to antiquated combustion engine technology
- 2) Crowds:
 - a) more traffic and litter
 - b) the cost of increased policing
- 3) The potential loss of the fairgrounds resource entirely as a result of unsustainable funding methods
- 4) Then, an abandoned county property to deal with as a result
- 5) Unhealthy noise levels that:
 - a) limit my ability to engage in normal outdoor and indoor activities
 - b) result in stress-related illness
 - c) causes hearing loss to those nearby-a medical issue we all have to subsidize through higher insurance rates and taxes
 - d) has a negative impact on helpfulness and general community building
 - e) reduces property values and, consequently, tax revenues
 - f) makes irritable people more irritable
 - g) causes aggressive people to become even more aggressive

These harms with regard to noise are well documented in a US Department of Justice study of noise pollution.

I've not seen a budget for racing that includes the cost of adequate research into sound mitigation and the cost of instituting that mitigation. Honestly, I don't think this is a money maker, even if the cost of the crowds and noise are unfairly externalized to the nearby community.

All this really makes me wonder if there is some sort of mission statement for the fairgrounds. Do we know why it was founded? Do we know where we want to go with the fairgrounds in the future? Or, are we just applying bandaids with mindless momentum, hoping to make it through to another day?

The fairground facility is a resource held in common by all of Humboldt. It has tremendous

potential to serve the community-but not if a festering bandage of noise-polluting, air-polluting, obsolete motor sports is applied.

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