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RE: Proposed Traffic Impact Fee

Dear Mr. Bohn and Board,

The Humboldt Association of Realtors® shares the concerns of the Humboldt Community Services District and those of the Greater Eureka Area Municipal Advisory Committee with regard to the draft interim traffic impact fee report presented by City and County staff at the GEAMAC meeting on March 8, 2016.

The Association is not disputing the necessity of the traffic mitigation fees. We are concerned with the current proposal, which exceed those originally presented for the Martin Slough Interceptor Project in 2016.

Impact Fees recommended from the TJKM on February 5, 2016 to the March 15, 2017 reports had many of the land use category fees almost doubled. For instance, the fee for Single Family went from a recommendation of \$1,194 to \$2,065 per unit and Multi-Family Units went from \$740 to \$1,280 per unit. How are the County and local municipalities going to encourage new building to meet our state RHNA numbers? Especially, when the fees will be additional burden on top of the expenses for solar at approximately \$15,000 and sprinkler systems for approximately \$10,000 per a residential unit.

We feel the Proposed Traffic Impact Fees need to be revisited or we will see a very negative impact to our community in the future. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact us at (707) 442-2978.

Sincerely,

Victoria Copeland
Board President

Elizabeth Campbell-Chase
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cc: Robert Morris, Humboldt County Planning Commission
Bob Bronkall, City of Eureka Public Works Department

