June 23, 2022

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

I would like to nominate Michael Richardson as the primary representative for the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (HCFSC). Michael Richardson would replace outgoing member John Miller who served the HCFSC for two years as Planning & Building's first-ever representative on the Council, and before that, a longtime advisor to Community Wildfire Protection Plan implementation and updates.

As the Supervising Planning for Long Range Planning, Michael offers a wealth of experience in developing, maintaining, and implementing planning documents and ordinances that have a nexus with the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan and influence land use decisions relevant to community wildfire safety. Michael's contact information is as follows:

Michael Richardson, Supervising Planner
Long Range Planning
Humboldt County Planning and Building Department
(707) 268-3723
mrichardson@co.humboldt.ca.us

In addition, I would like to nominate Karen Meynell to serve as Michael's alternate and act on his behalf if he is unable to attend meetings. Karen currently serves as the Code Enforcement Manager and as such, will be able to contribute this underrepresented perspective on the HCFSC, especially as it relates to the prevention of wildfire ignition. Karen's contact information is as follows:

Karen Meynell, Code Enforcement Manager
Code Enforcement
Humboldt County Planning and Building Department
(707) 268-3747
kmeynell@co.humboldt.ca.us

I believe that both Michael and Karen will be valuable assets to the HCFSC if appointed as official members. Thank you for considering these appointments. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

John H. Ford
Director of Planning and Building