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**From:** Nova Presley <nova.presley@gmail.com>  
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**To:** COB  
**Subject:** 6/25/24 Meeting Public Comment on Agenda Item #23

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To Humboldt County Board Of Supervisors,

My name is Nova Presley and I have a comment regarding agenda item #23 of Tuesday morning's meeting, the New Access Agreement with Half Moon Pictures, LLC.

I request the Board not approve the New Access Agreement. I'm incredibly concerned that televising law enforcement interactions with our community will have largely deleterious effects, and that those effects are not worth the boost in recruitment, which is entirely theoretical in its nature.

I can recognize why low recruitment numbers would be concerning to our Sheriff's department, but the answer should never be to treat our streets and people as a source of entertainment for a dramatic TV show.

Lower recruitment rates may very well be due to the lack of goodwill or faith between the general public and law enforcement agencies. A TV show that exploits, dehumanizes, and dramatizes our own people, many of them from vulnerable or sensitive populations, and their interactions with law enforcement officers will not repair any sort of relationship our people have with local authorities.

It is more likely than not to make the everyday people on the other end of these filmed interactions feel more uncomfortable, if not wholly unsafe. Higher anxiety situations are going to be, by their nature, harder to de-escalate. The consent forms are likely to be signed under perceived duress, as well. Authorities recognize the power they hold in their interactions with the public, and putting a camera behind them can easily make those members of the public feel pressured to make snap second judgements that may appear to appease the law enforcement officers. Humboldt county should not be responsible for inducing these situations on its people.

I don't want to live in a county where I feel like I'm under threat of becoming an exhibit if I may find myself interacting with the police. I'm sure many other honest, hardworking people in our county that may suffer a stressful mistake or situation in their lives would appreciate not being presented to the critical eyes of strangers at their low moments either. Should the people on the other side of the screen really be entitled to see those moments in our community's lives? Do we really think that showing all that is going to make more folks feel inclined to join the force?

Shows like these not only exist to create disingenuous (dramatic and one-sided) representations of everyday people, but also to theatricalize our law enforcement officers. The whole premise trivializes every person on the screen, not just the citizens. There have got to be other, better ways to address the concern of low recruitment than to sell our people to a TV show.

So I strongly believe the Board should not approve the New Access Agreement with Half Moon Pictures, LLC.  
Please preserve the integrity of our people and our officers of this county.

Thank you for your time,  
Nova Presley

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**From:** Gordon Clatworthy <clatworthy.gordon@gmail.com>  
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I would like this item pulled for extra comment. This agreement from an out of state production company needs to be addressed as a separate item. Shows like "cops" and other ride along shows have had a detrimental effect on policing, also no attempts have been made to hire local film crews for this series.

-Gordon Clatworthy