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Esteemed Supervisors,

Thank you for considering my comments on the matter of filling the At-Large seat on the Planning Commission.

The views I submit here are of course only my personal opinion. But it is my view that Sarah West has been an outstanding addition to this body in the two years since she took this At-Large seat.

In many cases, it takes about a year after joining our body before new commissioners are sufficiently up to speed to make meaningful contributions to most of our discussions. In Sarah's case, that was not true at all — she became a very valuable voice in far less time than that. No doubt this owes partly her "day job" role with the City of Eureka, which gave her a level of familiarity with planning processes, concepts and jargon that most newcomers might not have.

She brings a set of knowledge and experience that differs somewhat from any other current members of the Commission. Moreover, she is thoughtful, communicates well, and takes respectful account of other views while being unafraid to offer a different opinion than other commissioners. It is partly based on those qualities that she was recently voted to be the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for the coming year.

In short, I urge you to reappoint Sarah West to the Planning Commission when you discuss this item at your meeting tomorrow.

Best,

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