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Hello to the Clerk of the Board,

My name is Nick Saris.

I am submitting public comment for the April 14th Board of Supervisors meeting. I would like to comment on Agenda Item 27 "Authorization to Negotiate Terms for the Purchase of Real Property Located at 3300 Broadway Street, Eureka, California, Assessor Parcel Number 007-130-014"

My comment is as follows:

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Hello to the board and staff.

My name is Nick Saris. I am a Eureka resident. I'm writing today about the plan for the county to acquire the Sears property in the Bayshore Mall.

There are a couple of reasons why I think this plan is really frustrating.

The small frustration is the idea of a "One Stop Permitting Center" to begin with. We have a "One Stop Permitting Center" already, it's called the Internet. The idea of spending millions of dollars to turn a physical location into the equivalent of a giant website is absurd and completely backward thinking. Or if the county needs a motor pool, I would suggest they look for a location that isn't prime retail in an already struggling city. There is no world in which this concept is a good use of money for the county.

The big frustration is that the local government of the City of Eureka is not being included in this process to the degree that they should be. Perhaps not at all according to some reports.

This location is important to Eureka both economically and culturally. Yet the Board has decided to move forward on plans without consulting the Mayor, the City Manager, or the Council. This is deeply troubling, and in my opinion hints that there may be issues "under the hood" with this plan.

By subverting the City's authority - by shutting them out of the process, you aren't just excluding them but you are excluding the people of Eureka whom our local leaders represent. The City's leaders are not an obstacle to your process but a group who are looking out for the best interest of the City and its people.

Your decision to exclude us has led me to believe that this plan itself is not in the best interest of the City or its people. I call upon you to scrap this plan and put together a new plan, one built through a collaborative process with the government of the City of Eureka and its people.

Thank you for your time,
Nick Saris
Eureka Resident

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