

May 16, 2025

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Attn: 5th District Supervisor Madrone
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Dear Supervisor Madrone and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC), and the people of McKinleyville, thank you for your continued support for a vibrant future for McKinleyville. We appreciate the annual funding that enables the MMAC to carry out its mission of gathering community input and providing feedback to your Board and the Planning Commission on issues that impact the nearly seventeen thousand citizens who reside here. The Committee's **Rules Regulations and Procedures for Operation** state the following:

"Dedicated funding will be provided to cover materials, supplies, online meeting expenses and expenses related to MMAC hosted special meetings and events. Budgetary commitments of County staff and resources to the MMAC are at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors and shall be set by the Board of Supervisors in their annual budget process."

The MMAC requests that 2025-2026 funding continue at the same level as granted in the current and prior fiscal year, i.e. \$5,000 plus rollover of any unspent portion of current year funds. MMAC is sensitive to the fact that the County is facing very difficult financial times and hard choices, therefore we continue to keep this request minimal. At the same time, McKinleyville faces major decisions. This funding will cover costs associated with advertising and holding regular and special meetings including expenditures related to technical experts and impact reports on important issues such as: emergency preparedness, transportation, and incorporation. In addition, the MMAC would like to fund the annual fee for McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce and event fees to host information tables at local events, costs expected to be about \$150. This fiscal year funds have been spent thus far on advertising and space for larger public meetings (i.e. visioning session with Public Works for QuickBuild to Hiller Rd.)

The subcommittee of MMAC dedicated to exploring incorporation (MIESC) is working with LAFCO and the Planner's Emeritus Network (PEN), a pro-bono group of American Planning Association (APA) planners who will be assisting the MMAC with a community engagement plan. Community engagement is a critical piece of the work involved in

exploring incorporation. While PEN's work is gratis, they will request reimbursement for travel-related costs. While MMAC is hopeful this work will begin before June 30, 2025, it is likely to roll into the upcoming fiscal year. This expectation is the reason MMAC requires a rollover of unspent current year funds.

It takes a village to make a village. While we rely upon the County for a small amount of funding, there are significant additional resources expended, energetically and financially, paid and unpaid, which are provided by MMAC, MCSD, and community members, in support of this vital democratic process. The work of the MMAC would not be possible without contributions from all partners. Thank you for believing in the vision of a vibrant McKinleyville.

In collaboration,

Mary Burke

Mary Burke, MMAC Chair

Lisa Dugan

Lisa Dugan, MMAC Vice-Chair