



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-8

For the meeting of: August 9, 2016

Date: July 27, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass
Subject: Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum Restoration Project Letter of Support

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors ratify authorization for the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum is applying for funds through the National Maritime Heritage Act to restore the historic fishing vessel Stephanie, and has requested a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Aug. 9, 2016
By: Kathy Hayes
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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July 27, 2016

Kelly Sprangley-Kurowski
Historian and Manager, National Maritime Heritage Program
National Park Service
1201 I (Eye) Street NW, #2261, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Spradley-Kurowski:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of the Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum's application for funds through the National Maritime Heritage Act to restore the historic fishing vessel Stephanie. The Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum is well-known locally for its restoration and preservation of the wooden motor vessel Madaket. The motor vessel Madaket provides historical, current day and ecological information and education to over 16,000 people a year.

The Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum is a great supporter of our local community and youth. They provide reduce rates to schools, non-profits, participate in the "Get out and Play Day" for the city of Eureka, (where kids ride free) donations of tickets for Madaket and participate in every community event on the bay. The Madaket is also the corner stone for tourism on Humboldt Bay.

The fishing vessel Stephanie was built in 1917 and is a wooden pair trawler that fished out of San Francisco until 1941 when she was brought to Humboldt Bay by the famous Lazio Fish Company, located in Eureka, CA. Stephanie was the 61st commercial registered fishing vessel in California and was the oldest drag vessel in service until her retirement in 2003. The vessel's retirement was due to the owners opting into the federal Pacific Coast Groundfish Buyback program, which permanently removed its fishing permits making the vessel unable to fish. In 2011, the Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum started took ownership of the Stephanie and started her restoration process. The Stephanie will provide historical and ecological opportunities that are not currently available in our local community.

The Stephanie is an important piece of maritime history to not only our local community but to the country. She is reminder of the fishing practices of yesterday, the need of sustainability today and should be restored for future generations.

Please give the Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum's funding request your full consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lovelace", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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