

From: [Charlotte Carver](#)
To: [Fennell, Estelle](#); [Bass, Virginia](#); [COB](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda Item: H2 Legislative Platform
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 10:58:58 AM

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda item: H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform:

I urge you to remove your support of "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" (Page 11) In the 2021 Legislative Platform.

Richardson Grove State Park is our beloved redwood curtain. It must be protected and preserved.

This is a very personal issue for me. Every summer of my life I have visited Richardson Grove State Park with my family. My fondest childhood memories are looking up at the colossal redwood trees and swimming in the cool water of the eel river. I first learned to ride my bike at the group campsite loop and remember the first time I rode my bike without training wheels to the visitor center to buy ice-cream with my cousins. I remember attending the group campfires to learn about the wildlife in the area, and interesting facts about just how the trees are thousands of years old. I have always dreamed of raising my kids to have these same experiences.

Richardson Grove State Park is very special to me and my family. There are countless other people that also have a deep connection to this place. This road widening project would completely destroy the group campsite at Richardson Grove State Park, and could lead to the degradation of countless redwoods and the wildlife that live in the area. If Humboldt county allows this project to move forward, you will be robbing our future generations their ability to experience this special place.

Not only is this a personal issue for me, but this project would negatively impact Humboldt County in an irreversible way. Here are some of the reasons that this project will be harmful to our communities in Humboldt County:

1. This project will not benefit our locally owned businesses. This will largely benefit big corporations, and not our locally owned small businesses. The increased competition from corporations will likely hurt our small businesses. Now, more than ever, is when we need to protect our local economy and small business owners.
2. This project will negatively impact tourism, which is vital to our Humboldt economy. The expansion of this road will effectively destroy the group campsite at Richardson Grove State Park. The reason visitors travel to Humboldt county and spend millions of dollars each year, is to escape from the traffic, noise and chaos of cities. By protecting our state parks, we are preserving the tourism that our local economy depends on.
3. Richardson Grove State Park was established in 1922, and was one of California's first redwood parks. It serves as our redwood curtain, and is a part of our culture and history. To destroy this, you will destroy the soul of our community.
4. We have the responsibility to be good stewards of our environment. This project will not only impact the trees that will be removed, and the network of root systems that are beneath the road, but the wildlife systems that depend on this ecosystem. The bats that have peacefully lived in the hollow tree for as long as I can remember, are sensitive to noise, and will suffer with noises of construction and then increased traffic.
5. Our Old growth redwood forest is already nearing extinction. Only 4% of the old growth forests that once covered our landscape still stands. We cannot afford to loose any more old growth redwoods.

This decision is irreversible. If Humboldt County allows this project to happen, there is no turning back. We have been fighting this project for over a decade. If you support this project there will be outrage by our Humboldt County Residents.

Please remove any support for the Road Widening Project, or what is misleading labeled the "Richardson Grove Improvement Project".

Thank you for your consideration,

Charlotte Carver

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From: [Terri Carver](#)
To: [COB](#); [Fennell, Estelle](#); bass@co.humboldt.ca.us
Subject: "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" Public comment
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:02:22 AM

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda item:

H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform:

I urge you to remove your support of "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" (Page 11) in the 2021 Legislative Platform.

I have been visiting Richardson Grove State Park every summer for over thirty years. It is a very, very special place.

We must preserve our old growth redwoods. We are running out of time to protect our planet from the irreversible effects of climate change, and this project is a classic example of trampling the earth's natural resources for the financial benefit of corporate interests.

This project would hurt the environment, hurt the local economy, hurt the regional wildlife, and hurt millions of human beings who benefit from these redwoods.

The name "Improvement Project" is a complete misnomer. This project would not improve Richardson Grove, it would destroy it.

This decision is irreversible. If Humboldt County allows this project to happen, there is no turning back. We have been fighting this project for over a decade. If you support this project there will be outrage by our Humboldt County Residents.

Please remove any support for the Road Widening Project, or what is misleadingly labeled the "Richardson Grove Improvement Project".

Thank you for your consideration,

Terri Carver

From: [Ryan Carver](#)
To: [Fennell, Estelle](#); [Bass, Virginia](#); [COB](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda Dec 8th, 2020 Item: H2 Legislative Platform
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:39:03 AM

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda item: H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform:

I urge you to remove your support of "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" In the 2021 Legislative Platform.

This project will only hurt our small businesses, hurt tourism, and destroy our precious environment. Richardson grove State Park was established as a protected state park to prevent development projects like this.

There is widespread opposition to this project by Humboldt County residents, and if you move forward with this project there will be public outrage.

Thank you,
Ryan Carver

From: [Emily Carver](#)
To: [COB; Fennell, Estelle; bass@co.humboldt.ca.us](#)
Subject: Emily Carver - Public Comment Richardson Grove Improvement Project
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:25:47 PM

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on December 8th, 2020, item: H. Department Reports #2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform:

I am writing to urge you to remove your support from the “Richardson Grove Improvement Project” in the 2021 Legislation Platform.

I have a personal connection with Richardson Grove and its beautiful redwood growth. I have camped at Richardson Grove every year since I was born. It has been a place for my family to come together and reunite. Where we share our love, stories, and quickly forget about the time we’ve spent apart. It is what I look forward to most of all. When I am away from this magical place I dream about swimming in the water of the calm eel river, walking along the river bed, collecting special rocks, and looking up at the oldest and largest trees our world has to offer. The beauty and magnificence of these trees never ceases to amaze me.

If you approve this Project you will be taking this away from not only my family and I, but thousands of others who come to this place to experience the joy, love and peace the redwood grove has to offer. This project will not only impact thousands of lives but the lives of the animals that find shelter in the redwoods.

Our sacred redwood curtain must remain protected. Removing these old growth redwood trees will be detrimental for many reasons. Disturbing the roots of these ancient trees will disturb the interconnected habitat of many more than just the trees that are cut down. This will disturb the animals of which some are already threatened and endangered, giving them less hope for future survival.

Removing these trees and disturbing their roots it not worth the benefits that widening this road would provide. Although widening the road at Richardson grove will help ease the process of movement of goods to Humboldt county, is this convenience really worth the destruction of thousand year old trees and the animals that live among them? If we continue to allow projects like this to pass our future generations will have nothing left. Our natural environment will be destroyed. It is our responsibility to protect our natural world. By removing your support from this project that is exactly what you will be doing.

Thank you for your consideration,
Emily Carver

From: [Kelsey Reedy](#)
To: [COB](#)
Subject: BOS Public Comments - 12/7/20
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:47:37 AM

Good Morning Board of Supervisors,

Below are the items on the agenda that I am submitting public comment to:

C.9 - AHP Drop-In Center, Case Management and Supportive Services

C.10 - Professional Services Agreement with Arcata House Partnership to Provide Operating Support to the Adult Shelter on Boyd Road

C.11 - Professional Services Agreement with Arcata House Partnership, Funded by California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH), Regarding the Provision of Rental Assistance, Case Management and Supportive Services

C.12 - Professional Services Agreement with Arcata House Partnership Regarding the Provision of Emergency Shelter, Case Management and Supportive Services

C.13 - Professional Services Agreement with Arcata House Partnership, Funded by Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP), Regarding the Provision of Rental Assistance, Case Management and Supportive Services

-This comment is in regards to all of the above items on the consent calendar regarding Professional Service Agreements with Arcata House Partnership. I am really happy to see the county making moves to address homelessness immediately here. It is of great concern that all of these contracts are with the same organization, with that organization being one that I have heard and observed sub pare practices and treatment of our most vulnerable community members from. What went into the decision to choose AHP? Personally I have done a lot of on the ground work with folks who are experiencing homelessness and specifically people receiving services at Arcata House Partnership. I would be happy to go into specifics if anybody is interested but the point I want to make it that Arcata House Partnership is not the only organization providing resources to the houseless community and it should have been more of a community and stake-holder driven process of determining which organization was best for which form aspect of solutions for homelessness. We all know there are many causes and solutions, let's not put all of our eggs in one basket. AHHA is providing essential services to the houseless community and they are never the recipient of any of this money. AHP has been relying on them for showers for their clients, why can't some of these resources/contracts go to them?

C.17 - Grant Agreement with Harm Reduction Coalition for the California Harm Reduction Initiative to Expand Harm Reduction and Support and Services for Fiscal Years 2020-23 and Supplemental Budget

-This is really great to see on the agenda, please pass! It's fairly ironic that it is on the agenda today since HACHR is being threatened so much by the city of Eureka. Glad this is on the consent calendar, hope it doesn't get pulled. And I think it is also your responsibility to hold the City of Eureka accountable for trying to stop needle exchange services that are approved at a county level. This is a basic services that is provided by more than just HACHR and we should be standing up against the attacks by Eureka City Council .

C.21 - Professional Services Agreement with United Indian Health Services, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Community Outreach and Support Services Related to the CalFresh Program

-Happy to see this one as well!

H.2 - Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

-I request that the last 2 paragraphs of the section: "YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, JUVENILE JUSTICE" - See exact wording below.

-These two paragraphs are trying to provide a loophole for the county when it comes to being responsible for the youth who would have gone to DJJ prior to realignment. The intention of SB823 was to keep young people in their communities regardless of the extent of their charges because they are much more likely to rehabilitate and reintegrate back into society. Our Juvenile Hall sends about 1 youth a year to the DJJ. This community wants to do whatever is needed to support this young person while keeping the rest of the community safe. Please don't allow these paragraphs to be included because it not only waters down the impact of SB823 but it also puts our young people at risk.

"Funding should recognize the unique position, needs, and conditions of each county and include a growth factor so that future funding keeps pace with growing programmatic costs. **To the extent the state does not provide adequate funding for counties to be successful with youthful offenders, responsibility for the care and custody of the most complex juvenile cases should return to the state.**

Humboldt County supports evidence-based efforts to protect against unnecessary transfers of juvenile offenders to the adult system. However, these efforts should not reduce local flexibility or create unfunded costs for counties to build new, or retrofit existing, facilities."

H.4 - Request of the Auditor-Controller for Outside Counsel Representation

-I strongly recommend that the board approve the request of Auditor Controller Karen paz Dominguez. Mrs. Paz Dominguez has spoken out various times throughout the past year about her department as Auditor-Controller and it is clear that her department is understaffed and would benefit from hiring more staff through the auditor controller instead of using taxpayers money to purchase a contract with a private vendor. Purchasing a contract with a private vendor to do the responsibilities of the Auditor-Controller would take away oversight of the County's spending that has been granted to the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller. Mrs. Paz Dominquez was elected because we know she would be operating with complete efficiency and transparency. It is unreasonable for the Board of Supervisors to take power away from the Auditor-Controller's office as this is not something that we had the opportunity to vote on.

*I urge you all to Accept Mrs. Paz Dominguez's request to seek outside counsel as the Office of the County Council representing her would be a conflict of interest.

Thank you for listening to *We the People*

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From: [Rachel Phillips](#)
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Subject: "Richardson Grove Improvement" project
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:18:33 PM

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda item:

H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform:

I urge you to remove your support of "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" (Page 11) in the 2021 Legislative Platform.

Richardson Grove State Park is our beloved redwood curtain. It must be protected and preserved. My family has been coming to the group camp ground every year since the late 80's and everyone who i have brought to this sacred redwood grove feels the magic and sanctity of the surrounding trees and wildlife. You can ALREADY see headlights through the trees, hear the trucks roaring up and down 101... we are too close to the road already. My family has ashes scattered amongst these trees and believe it would be NOTHING LESS THAN A TRAGEDY if the road is widened and our beloved redwoods chopped to the ground.

This place is special. Please keep the park in it's current state. To widen the roads on top of an Ancient redwood forest, will be robbing future generations of this peaceful enclave of redwoods in Humboldt county. ENOUGH. This is STATE PARK land, meaning it belongs to all of us. There are other places that need resources and money. Nobody is asking for more concrete. The labeling of this project seems very misleading as well. Who will this benefit? LARGE INDUSTRY. Humboldt county has a long history of supporting local and independently owned businesses. A larger road means lots of money for the big businesses and disaster for locals and the environment. PLEASE AT LEAST LET THE PUBLIC VOTE on the proposition? This is not a RICHARDSON GROVE "IMPROVEMENT" Project, it is perfect as it is. And a larger road improves nothing for people visiting the park.

There are thousands of others that have a deep connection to this place. This road widening project would completely destroy the group campsite at Richardson Grove State Park, and could lead to the degradation of countless redwoods and the wildlife that live in the area. If Humboldt county allows this project to move forward, you will be robbing our future generations their ability to experience this special place.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Rachel and Cole Brzeczek

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From: [Melica Dunne](#)
To: [Fennell, Estelle](#); [Wilson, Mike](#); [Bohn, Rex](#); [Madrone, Steve](#); [Bass, Virginia](#); [COB](#); [COB](#); [efennell@co.humboldt.ca.us](#); [_bass@co.humboldt.ca.us](#)
Subject: Richardson Grove Improvement Project
Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:00:26 PM

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda item:
H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform:
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Richardson Grove State Park is our beloved redwood curtain. It must be protected and preserved.

There are lots of things we have the power and technology to create in this day and age. But making old growth, productive forests, is not one of them. Forests of this kinda take time. The type of ecosystem that would be destroyed is something we will not be able to get back. Once lost it will be gone forever. I urge you to protect this special place.

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Thank you for your consideration. I'd like to part with a quote from former British ambassador Lord James Bryce "*In Europe we have cities wealthier and more populous than yours, and we are not happy. You dream of your posterity; but your posterity will look back to yours as the golden age, and envy those who first burst into this silent, splendid nature, who first lifted up their axes upon these tall trees, and lined these waters with busy wharves.*".

- Melica Dunne

Sent from my iPhone

Hayes, Kathy

From: Nicolas Knoebber <knoebber@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:57 PM
To: COB
Subject: Richardson Grove

Save the trees! Widening the road is NOT an improvement.

Thanks and happy holidays,
- Nicolas Knoebber

Hayes, Kathy

From: Gillian B. <gb1331@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 3:48 AM
To: COB; Fennell, Estelle; Bass, Virginia; Wilson, Mike; Bohn, Rex; Madrone, Steve
Subject: Richardson Grove

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on December 8th, 2020, item: H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on December 8th, 2020, item: H. Department

I urge you to reject the road widening as it will adversely affect many Ancient Redwoods, especially their root structure. Instead of this destruction of the natural habitat that winds through that short stretch of Richardson Grove, the speed limit could be reduced and even traffic lights put in to slow down the traffic, as is seen in other parts of rural 101.

Thank you

Gillian Brown, Redway

Hayes, Kathy

From: Charis Arlett <paddle-on@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 3:38 PM
To: COB; mike.wilson@co.humboldt.us; Madrone, Steve; Bass, Virginia; Bohn, Rex; efennell@co.humboldt.ca.us
Subject: Richardson Grove Destruction Project

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on Dec. 8th, 2020 item: H. Dept. Reports #2. Adoption of the 2021 State & Federal Legislative Platform. I urge you to reject the "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" (pg. 11). First of all, I do not see this as an improvement! Why does valuable time & money continue to be wasted on this? It is like someone is whining, because they haven't gotten their way.

I have gardened for over 50 years, took the Master Gardener program & many other ones, there is no question of serious damage being done to the redwoods, if the road is widened. There are far too few Old Growth redwoods left & they are more important than ever. They help counter climate change by being vital carbon sinks. Also Singing Trees recovery center & the campground would be impacted by the additional traffic & noise. I have had several out-of-town guests comment on how much they enjoy that portion of their drive (being right next to the redwoods).

If companies want to ship things faster, they can use Hwy 299, which has worked for a very long time. We need to continue to protect a valuable asset in our county: Richardson Grove!

Thank you,
Charis Arlett
Eureka

Hayes, Kathy

From: Dorine Leisz <dor.leisz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 4:37 PM
To: COB; Fennell, Estelle; Bass, Virginia; Wilson, Mike; Bohn, Rex; Madrone, Steve
Subject: Richardson Grove "Improvement" Project

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on December 8th, 2020, item: H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform:

I urge you to reject the "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" (Page 11), more accurately described as the Richardson Grove Road Widening Project, in the in the 2021 Legislative Platform.

I can not believe this is still being debated/pursued. How much more time and money will we waste on fighting this? CalTrans needs to move on to more productive and sustainable projects.

Projects that do not undermine the very things that we need to be protecting. With climate change the health of our few remaining old growth forests is vital. Scientists and experts agree that trees and forests are one of the main ways of countering climate change. Old Growth forests are vital carbon sinks. Also the campground by the project site will be impacted by increased noise and traffic, as will Singing Trees Recovery Center, which I know has protested this widening in the past.

What is the monetary value of a peaceful experience in an old growth forest (which we might take for granted here, but it is extremely rare in the rest of the world) vs the ability to ship things a little faster? Once the 1010 is widened it will be even more rare and it will be impossible to recapture.

Additionally, with the pivoting away from fossil fuels that will need to be done in the next few years, we really should be looking at other ways of transporting goods, rather than widening roads for more and bigger trucks. The 299 has sufficed for this long, it will continue to work until we have forward thinking solutions.

Please do not waste any more resources on this.

Thank you for your time

Dorine Leisz
Eureka, CA

Hayes, Kathy

From: Laura Sullivan <lossullivan@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:56 PM
To: COB; Fennell, Estelle; Bass, Virginia; Wilson, Mike; Bohn, Rex; Madrone, Steve
Subject: Widening 101 through Richardson Grove

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on December 8th, 2020, item: H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform: I urge you to reject the "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" (Page 11), more accurately described as the Richardson Grove Road Widening Project, in the in the 2021 Legislative Platform.

The impacts of this project have been of great concern to me for the last decade. It is hard for me to fathom the need to put at risk the health and wellbeing of 78 Old Growth Redwood trees for increased truck sizes coming north. As if there aren't other places along the northern 101 route that are just as perilous to such large vehicles. This is an ill-conceived project and is very short sighted. It is time to move in a direction where the protection of living things is more valuable than their endangerment/destruction.

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Sullivan
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Hayes, Kathy

From: nfreier@aol.com
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 10:53 AM
To: COB; Fennell, Estelle; Bass, Virginia; Wilson, Mike; Bohn, Rex; Madrone, Steve
Subject: Re; The Richardson Grove Improvement Project

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on December 8th, 2020, item: H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform:

I urge you to reject the "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" (Page 11), more accurately described as the Richardson Grove Road Widening Project, in the in the 2021 Legislative Platform.

The old growth trees are NOT replaceable!!! These trees should be preserved !!! Putting in a new road through this forest is insanity. Please do not let this happen here - or anywhere else for that matter.

Think of the future of the planet!

Preserve the trees!

Thank you,

Nancy Freier

Sharp, Ryan

From: Alexandra DiMarco <abdimarco9@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 11:11 AM
Subject: Richardson Grove Widening Project

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on December 8th, 2020, item: H. Department Reports # 2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform:

I urge you to reject the "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" (Page 11), more accurately described as the Richardson Grove Road Widening Project, in the in the 2021 Legislative Platform.

This project potentially threatens an irreplaceable national treasure. Surely there are alternative solutions to this problem of commerce that do not endanger such a tremendous asset to our state, country and planet.

Thank you

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Hayes, Kathy

From: Stanley Binnie <stanbinnie1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 2:44 PM
To: COB; Fennell, Estelle; Bass, Virginia; Wilson, Mike; Bohn, Rex; Madrone, Steve
Cc: Trisha Lee; Tom Wheeler
Subject: Caltrans Richardson Grove Project

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,
I am writing to make a public comment on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on December 8, 2020, item:H, Department Reports #2: Adoption of the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform. I urge you to remove your support of "Richardson Grove Improvement Project" (page 11) in the 2021 Legislative Platform and here's why.

Before moving to California I was employed for 25 years by the University of Wisconsin Extension as the County Horticulturist for Waukesha County, a rapidly developing county just west of Milwaukee. As part of my job I advised communities, building contractors and homeowners on how to protect trees during the construction of homes. Many mature oak and maple trees died as a result of damage to their root systems during construction. Grading, filling, trenching and paving activities were very damaging to the tree's root system. This often led to the decline in the health and vigor and the eventual death of these damaged trees.

The same will likely be the outcome for the old growth redwoods that will have their root systems damaged by the Caltrans construction activities to realign Highway 101 through Richardson Grove.

Current and predicted future weather conditions will also have a detrimental effect on the survivability of these trees. With warmer temperatures, less rainfall and fewer foggy days it will be more difficult for these trees to recover from the root damage that will surely occur during construction activities.

As visitors drive up Highway 101 from the Bay Area, the trees in Richardson Grove are often the first up close and personal encounter they have with our iconic Redwoods. Why would we want to jeopardize the health of these trees when they provide such a large part of the experience visitors to our area come to see?

For the above reasons, I am asking you to oppose Caltrans' proposal for realignment of Highway 101 through Richardson Grove State Park.

Sincerely,

Stan Binnie
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