



Allen McCloskey, Assembly District (2) Delegate

January 16, 2017

Humboldt County Supervisors
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Board of Supervisors:

My apologies for not being able to attend your meeting of January 17, 2017. Unfortunately, other obligations called for my attention during this same time slot. I am sending this letter by hand delivery via my colleague and union organizer-steward Kelli Shaner of NUHW. Please accept this correspondence as my official statement on the matter of the appointment of Lee Ulansey to the Humboldt County Planning Commission.

After careful review and consideration and in conferring with the various community and political constituencies it is apparent that the re-appointment of Mr. Ulansey is one of great conflict. The conflict(s) brought to my attention are not purely conflicts based on differing ideologies but conflicts pertaining to Mr. Ulansey's political and financial connections/contributions to the vast majority of the Board of Supervisors. It is my understanding that Mr. Ulansey has intervened financially in the elections of the following Supervisors: Virginia Bass, Rex Bohn, Ryan Sundberg, and Estelle Fennell, with the latest intervention being an invitation only \$1,000 a plate dinner for Rex Bohn. In light of the conflicts and/or the appearance thereof, I can't imagine how the Board can move forward with this appointment without intentional disregard to the conflicts that exist. Aside from the conflicts for each of the aforementioned Supervisors there is also the conflict with regards to Mr. Ulansey's direct ability to influence policy with regards to the zoning and/or develop of properties under his ownership or the ownership of companies/subsidiaries of which he has a financial interest.

Many of the community members who contacted me to express their frustration with this appointment stated they found it difficult to understand how Mr. Ulansey could be considered, in light of all the conflicts, including the fact that Mr. Ulansey has previously litigated against the County of Humboldt. Of additional consideration is the fact that under Mr. Ulansey's leadership the Commission attempted to violate California Public Meeting Laws when they attempted to hold a vote of no-confidence against our County Staff.

I would encourage you to seek an alternate candidate for this appointment and that you confer with staff-counsel with regards to the looming conflicts surrounding Mr. Ulansey and that you carefully weigh the political outfall of confirming Mr. Ulansey to the Humboldt County Planning Commission.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen McCloskey", is written over a large, stylized, handwritten letter "J" that extends from the signature down towards the bottom of the page.

Allen McCloskey
CA Assembly Delegate, Dist. 2

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Hayes, Kathy

From: Sundberg, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 5:52 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: FW: Conflict with Mr. Ulansey

Public comment

Ryan Sundberg
Humboldt County 5th
District Supervisor
707-476-2395

-----Original Message-----

From: Joan Dixon [<mailto:jdlovelight@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 09:52 PM Pacific Standard Time
To: Sundberg, Ryan
Subject: Conflict with Mr. Ulansey

Dear Mr. Sundberg,

I write to you as a constituent of the 5th district. I have doubts that Mr. Ulansey is an appropriate candidate for you to be supporting for the Humboldt County Planning Commission due to the apparent conflicts raised by his financial contributions to your Supervisorial campaign plus several others currently serving, as well as other concerns in question regarding his potential mis-use of the position.

Humboldt residents need and deserve a Planning Commissioner who has the interests of the people at heart and holds protecting our environment utmost instead of increasing the size of his own pocketbook. This is about our FUTURE in this beautiful homeland.

I request that you postpone the appointment at your meeting tomorrow and find another candidate who truly represents the interests and well-being of the PEOPLE of Humboldt.

Thank-you, Joan Dixon

Hayes, Kathy

From: Mary Burke <maryburke95519@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:47 PM
To: Sundberg, Ryan
Cc: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: Re: Agenda item for Jan 17th

Hi Ryan and Kathy

I was rereading what I had written, can I replace the former email with the following? I simply wish the Board of Supervisors to be inclusive of diverse, well qualified points of view the appointment at hand.

Given the end of Lee Ulansey's term as at-large Planning Commissioner as of January 31, 2017 <x-apple-data-detectors://6> and the submission of an application from Nicole Sager, Assistant Director for the Yurok Planning Department as an alternative and well-qualified representative who is a resident of McKinleyville, I request that the Board of Supervisors reject the reappointment of Mr. Ulansey and allow time for all candidates to be considered for the at-large position. Unincorporated McKinleyville is a significant tax base for the County, yet does not have representation in the HCOG, and so to have the at-large position filled by a McKinleyville resident would provide for more attention to planning details in our community. I support one at-large Planning Commission position being held by a qualified representative from McKinleyville. The end of Lee Ulansey's term provides an opportunity for other qualified applicants to be considered for appointment. I believe it is time to turn our attention to planning for the over 15,000 residents of McKinleyville.

Mary Burke
McKinleyville resident

On Mon, Jan 16, 2017 at 8:51 PM, <RSundberg@co.humboldt.ca.us> wrote:
Hello Mary,
Thank you for the phone call and email.
My best,

Ryan Sundberg
Humboldt County 5th
District Supervisor
[707-476-2395](tel:707-476-2395)

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From: Mary Burke [<mailto:maryburke95519@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 01:11 PM Pacific Standard Time
To: Sundberg, Ryan
Cc: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: Agenda item for Jan 17th

To Ryan Sundberg

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Mary Burke
McKinleyville resident

Hayes, Kathy

From: Sundberg, Ryan
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 8:52 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: FW: Re-appointment of Lee Ulansey

FYI.

Ryan Sundberg
Humboldt County 5th
District Supervisor
707-476-2395

-----Original Message-----

From: suzanne2@fastmail.fm [mailto:suzanne2@fastmail.fm]
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 10:59 PM Pacific Standard Time
To: Sundberg, Ryan
Subject: Re-appointment of Lee Ulansey

I urge you to delay the appointment (re-appointment) of the Planning Commission seat held by Lee Ulansey. Mr. Ulansey does not hold the values that I would like to see in a Planning Commissioner, specifically the values of environmental stewardship, concern for community values, and respect for the GPU planning process. As a commissioner, Mr.

Ulansey wants to expand the scope of Housing Opportuntiy Zones from urban settings to rural areas - something that has the potential to degrade the environment and beauty that is Humboldt County. I and most other residents of Humboldt County do not want to see the roads, sewage treatment plants, gas stations, etc that will have to be built to support development in rural areas of the county. The GPU was created through years of public input and open debate. This has been abruptly replaced by a pro-development GPU which has seen little public involvement.

When Mr. Ulansey and others purchased TPZ land they must have been aware of the laws restricting the development of those lands at the time they made the purchase. Now certain people on the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors are trying to change the laws in order to allow developers to make a tidy profit on TPZ land. Please keep in mind that any decision that is made at the current time to allow the subdivision and sale of TPZ lands into 2.5 acre lots would be irreversible in the future. Our decisions should be made on what is best for our children, grandchildren, and several generations into the future, not on what will make an immediate profit for a fortunate few.

I urge you to postpone a vote on the Planning Commissioner's seat held by Mr. Ulansey until at least the next meeting so that a more appropriate candidate can be found.

Thank you,
Suzanne Cook
2584 Knox Cove Dr
McKinleyville, CA

Hayes, Kathy

From: Sundberg, Ryan
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 8:52 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: FW: Reappointment vote on Tuesday

FYI

Ryan Sundberg
Humboldt County 5th
District Supervisor
707-476-2395

-----Original Message-----

From: Ross Taylor [<mailto:rossntaylor@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 09:28 AM Pacific Standard Time
To: Sundberg, Ryan
Subject: Reappointment vote on Tuesday

Ryan:

I am concerned with the proposed vote (by Rex Bohn) at the Tuesday BOS meeting to re-appoint Lee Ulansey to the Planning Commission. I feel this re-appointment is being rushed through with little thought to the betterment of Humboldt County. I would like to see this reappointment put off for a future meeting and that other people are considered to fill this position. I am also concerned that Mr. Ulansey fails to fairly represent the "at-large" constituents of Humboldt County, and honestly, I think he has been a financial drain on the county with Hum CRP's lawsuits and the damage he has done towards unravelling the GPU.

Thanks for your consideration,
Ross Taylor



Allen McCloskey, Assembly District Delegate

January 23, 2017

Humboldt County Supervisors
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Board of Supervisors:

It is my pleasure to recommend both Nicole Sager and also Stephen Madrone for the open position on the Humboldt County Planning Commission. In speaking with the two applicants and in reviewing their professional experience and academic discipline and their work in the community, it is apparent that these two applicants would represent a historically under represented and underserved facet of the community, while also being conscientious of all other facets of the community and the need for environmentally sound development.

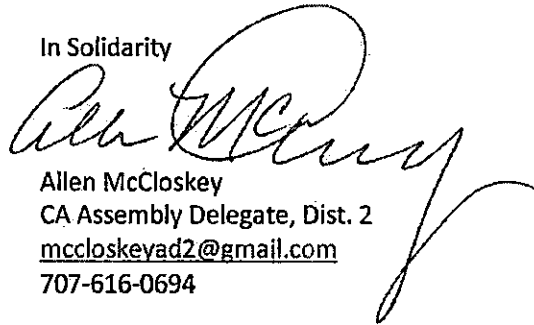
Overall, these two applicants have a demonstrated record of holding professional employment in the community that directly relates to the necessary disciplines one would expect from a Planning Commissioner. In reviewing the applicant(s) resume(s) and direct professional experience and academic disciplines and their collective contributions to community projects, it is very clear that each applicant consistently takes the initiative to go beyond the expected parameters both in the work place, the academic setting as well as in their services to the community by working on projects and/or serving in various capacities on local non-profit and tribal projects/programs. All the intangibles that lead to success in all aspects of one's professional and personal life are in order with both applicants. There will be no unpleasant surprises or hidden agenda with either applicant, and I am confident that either would make a great addition to the Commission. The lack of a personal agenda will be a fresh addition to the planning commission, given the divisive and politically charged tone provided by the current appointee, Lee Ulansey.

I volunteered to write this recommendation because I am very grateful for the contributions both applicants have made to the community and because it is imperative that a sound appointment is made with careful consideration to the content of the character of the applicant as well as the applicants ability to work collectively and inclusively with others.

It is also extremely important to the Community that an alternative to the current Commissioner be considered because of the public concern with the personal, financial and political indebtedness that the following Supervisors have to Mr. Ulansey: **Rex Bohn, Virginia Bass, Ryan Sundberg, and Estelle Fennell**. On the topic of political indebtedness, it has been brought to my attention that Mr. Ulansey has approached and threatened certain Supervisors with financial and political disengagement and/or that he would run for office against them or support another candidate, if they failed to bend to his demand to be re-appointed. This is highly inappropriate and is by my measure, more than enough to drop the consideration of Mr. Ulansey's application for re-appointment, in its entirety.

With regards to Mr. Ulansey's "demand" for re-appointment, I would encourage you to not consider his "demand" based on the multitude of categorical and ethical concerns. In closing, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or insist on additional amplification with regards to this recommendation and/or any matters pertaining to the controversial and highly contested re-appointment consideration for Mr. Lee Ulansey.

In Solidarity

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen McCloskey", is written over the typed name and contact information.

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