



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**C-2**

For the meeting of: February 9, 2016

Date: February 1, 2016  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg  
Subject: Appreciation Letter to Barbara Caldwell for her Services on the Human Rights Commission.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter of appreciation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Board would like to thank Barbara Caldwell for serving on the Human Rights Commission. Ms. Caldwell has decided to step away from the Commission to focus on her health.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resignation Email and Letter of Appreciation.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature 

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 Bass Seconded by Supervisor Fennell  
Ayes: Sundberg, Fennell, Caldwell, Benn, 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: February 9, 2016  
By: Kathy Hayes  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Fennell, Estelle  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2016 9:40 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** FW: Human Rights Commission Resignation

Hi Kathy,

I responded already to Barbara. We will need to send her a letter of thanks too.

Thanks,

estelle

Estelle Fennell  
Second District Supervisor

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**From:** Barbara Caldwell [<mailto:caldwellb02@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2016 9:25 AM  
**To:** Fennell, Estelle  
**Cc:** Sundberg, Ryan  
**Subject:** Human Rights Commission Resignation

Estelle Fennell, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

825 Fifth Street

Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Resignation from Human Rights Commission

Dear Estelle:

I must resign my position as member of the Humboldt Human Rights Commission.

The primary reason is the need to focus attention on my health. The secondary, but related reason is the frustration and stress I feel in the way process bogs the commission down month after month. It could do so much more.

My sense is that there are two reasons for this: leadership and structure. I have three recommendations:

1. First, that the Commission become connected to a department of the county – perhaps the CAO’s office? Most of the other commissions have this connection, and, since the HRC is not totally separate from the County structure, it just makes sense.
2. Second, the commission needs a budget to fund activities, like Community Listening Forums. (The only alternative at this point is for activities to be funded out of individual commissioners’ pockets.) I would recommend at least a small budget (\$1,000) from the County now, to support current efforts.
3. Third, that the commission get some guidance and clarity on goals and process. It may help to pursue a Technical Assistance Project grant from Humboldt Area Foundation for the purpose of strategic planning. Once the commission is clearer on long and short term goals and on the best way to move through process issues, it will be easier to convince a funder of the need for financial support.

I do appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Human Rights Commission and do regret the need to resign. I wish you the best.

Sincerely,

Barbara Caldwell

cc: Ryan Sundberg

Humboldt Human Rights Commission



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February 9, 2016

Barbara Caldwell

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McKinleyville, Ca. 95519

Dear Ms. Caldwell:

On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank you for the time you have served on the Human Rights Commission and for the excellent job you have done in serving the citizens of your community. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

We wish you success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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