



CLERK OF THE BOARD  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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**APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE  
GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY BOARD**

APPLICANT NAME: Abe Stevens  
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OCCUPATION: small business owner

**PERSONAL REFERENCES:**

1. Will Lewis PHONE: 707-517-8039
2. Grace Archer PHONE: 707-358-0422

**PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE?** Yes

**PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED  
IN SERVING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

I'm working less hours for my business, and want to utilize the extra free time by increasing my civic engagement. I'm also a big advocate for more pedestrian access, and personally enjoy cycling and backpacking.

I can't wait for the GRTA to come to our community, but I know an undertaking of this size and complexity is going to have many challenges and potential delays. I have good problem solving skills, and would appreciate a chance to serve in a role that could help keep this project moving forward.

**PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.**

DATE: April 01, 2026

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Digitally signed by Abe Stevens  
Date: 2026.04.01 15:00:  
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

**Applications will be accepted via email at [cob@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cob@co.humboldt.ca.us) or by mail to Humboldt County Planning Commission, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth St., Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501**

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## Abe Stevens

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### Experience

#### **City Councilman** *City of Fortuna* | 2025 - Present

Currently navigating the challenges of a small municipal government, addressing community needs, and oversight of city operations.

#### **Business Founder** *Humboldt Distillery* | 2012 - Present

Managing a distillery producing certified organic spirits, including the best-selling Organic Vodka in California. Developed expertise in manufacturing, sales, marketing, and regulatory compliance at local, state, and national levels.

#### **Board Chairman** *Rohner Community Recreation & Parks District* | 2018 - 2025

Championed efforts to bring a public pool to Fortuna (currently under development at the Gene Lucas Community Center). Oversaw property acquisition for Newburg Park expansion and facilitated lighting upgrades at sports fields.

#### **Broker/Owner** *Stevens Realty* | 2004 - Present

Real estate broker and occasional investor, managing active licensees in California and Iowa.

#### **Formulation Development & Process Improvement Specialist**

*Biotech and Pharmaceutical Companies, SF Bay Area & NYC* | 1998 - 2003

Developed product formulations and optimized manufacturing processes for biotech and pharmaceutical companies. Six Sigma certified in process improvement.

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### Education

#### **BS/BA in Biochemistry/Chemistry**

*University of Chicago* | 1998

#### **Fortuna Union High School** | 1994

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### Personal Info

I'm an active user of local trails, including cycling on the Humboldt Bay trail segments. Additionally, for over 30 years, I've enjoyed backpacking in the Trinity Alps, Marble Mountains, and Pacific Crest Trail.

I have a daughter at Fortuna High that will likely leave the area for college. I hope that local amenities like the Great Redwood Trail will encourage her to return to Humboldt County after her studies.

I own property adjoining the trail route, and share concerns that are likely common with other landowners. My perspective may be helpful in balancing those concerns with the benefits for the wider community.