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To: [Planning Clerk](#)
Subject: Submitting Public Comment--Please Vote Yes on Rezone, For the Kids!
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

As the main organizer of the Southern Humboldt Homeschool CommUNITY group, I am writing to urge you to support the rezone of approximately 80 acres of Southern Humboldt Community Park from exclusively Ag to Public Facilities with a Public Recreation Overlay on the remaining acres. I believe that this rezoning is, quite clearly, what's best for Sohum's kids.

As one of the parents challenged with organizing a weekly educational or outdoor activity for our multi-age group of several dozen toddlers, preschoolers, elementary-aged homeschool students, and teens, I am keenly aware of limited options for healthy, public, educational recreation in Southern Humboldt.

I care about the rezone moving forward because I have seen too many local kids -- with so little that's fun or fulfilling that they can access nearby to get involved with -- get involved in destructive habits, like alcohol abuse, instead. I was raised in Southern Humboldt, have watched similar problems and patterns wrecking lives for decades, and do believe that improved access to healthy, kid-focused, community-supported recreational options will represent a huge step forward towards preventing tragedies...and towards creating strong, connected, healthy individuals who will grow up to make us all proud.

Please vote in support of the rezone, so that the dedicated community members who care deeply about making Southern Humboldt a healthy place for kids to grow up in, can continue the wonderful work they have been doing, tirelessly, for years.

I would appreciate this letter being part of the public record for Thursday evening's Planning Commission meeting where this rezone will be discussed, since I cannot attend.

Thank you for your own service to our county. And thank you for your time in considering my perspective on this important decision--that a vote in support of a rezone would positively impact the lives of Sohum's kids for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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