### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING December 8, 2015

### "For all items NOT on the agenda"

(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)

<u>Voluntary Sign-In Sheet</u> (Public Appearances – 1:30 pm)

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Date: 11/30/15

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and others

Subject: Real World Realities (outline)

With 70 years under my belt, learning to see for a long time a lot of world messes coming, I can see especially elected folks not paying attention to what older, wiser folks have learned. This has me wanting to give-up and look for a job of some kind (clean-up person or whatever).

I see messes in Rural America, rural Humboldt County, and the world coming. I have seen many blitzed areas heal. I rarely see good promoted by humans and done in blitzed areas I have seen speculation, theory, protectionism fail. I have seen where guns have saved more lives than gun restrictions. I see too much dependence on widely used, faulty, all over the place, often unavailable hi-tech information. I see innocents caught in the web of multiple laws now erroneously put in place. As in Humboldt County, by far number one industry, timber, is being destroyed with coal industry soon to follow.

I see "Working (I stress working), family, low, to middle income, producing folks" busy living their lives, not paying attention, and in general doing a lousy job exposing real world truths found in my books "Rest In Peace Rural America" and "We could Have So Much, Much, Much, More".

I have seen elected folks not understanding and experiencing what rural folks understand and experience, and this is letting a voting minority and polls control many species and human lives.

I have seen where many corners of the rural world and many species could be thriving if full and proper use of natural resources, properly run dams, proper control of fire, and healthy economies were not stopped by speculation, theory, and protectionism.

Elected folks are not listening to old farts who get their hands dirty in the ranching, farming, fishing, timber, and other natural resource businesses. These folks are disappearing, and elected folks are demonstrating they do not want to know what I and other old farts have learned

I see many species and humans headed to a bad place.

Date: 11/9/15

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and others

Subject: Real World Realities

Maybe I should just sit down and shut-up, but in my rural world, I am seeing more and more that verifies what I have learned and see coming. Unproven speculation, theory, and protectionism ideas which I see starting long ago running things. I can see rural folks (working, taxpaying, family, low to low middle income, producing farmers, ranchers, loggers, and other rural producers) who get their hands dirty are a shrinking backbone of this and other countries. Most elected folks do not understand what these folks experience and think. Words are nice; however, Teddy Roosevelt was right when he said words not backed by a big stick mean little. My experiences with the big stick in-play puts a lot of innocents in harms way. I keep saying minority of populous votes and controls. I am seeing more and more which verifies what I have learned.

Rural folks' big stick is the truth about full and proper use of natural resources in rural Humboldt County and other rural areas (properly run dams, control of fire, maintaining economical rural economies, and protecting open space landowners), and the rural working folks have done a lousy job of exposing real world truths.

O'Reilly, Limbaugh, Beck, and many media others are right about a lot of things, but these and other media folks have not experienced the life of most working rural folks. My book titled Rest In Peace Rural America and soon to be in-play book titled We Could Have Much Much Much More is coming true. Anyone who thinks the media and polls are doing right by Rural America especially in rural California needs to read and understand what is in my books.

Many messes in the world are driven by 50% of those who vote and polls, and I can see polls do not reflect what is experienced by my list of affected rural folks.

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An old tired field forester, who has lived the real world no one gives much attention)

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Having a short time to talk and no one listening to old farts like me, I present the following.

Living a rural life and with fifty years under my belt as a working person, I can see how speculation, theory, protectionism, and current mixed-up thinking about tolerance, guns, and diversity over a long time has lead to terrorism and world messes.

My handouts and books show how many lies are promoted using speculation, theory, and protectionism, and how many truths and good are ignored. Humboldt County's number one private economy, timber, is illogically being killed with country's coal industry soon to follow. Full and proper use of natural resources creates disturbance which creates more wood rats and leads to increased number of spotted owls.

My lifetime of learned realities are not identified by the media, those applying legalese, well-to-do voting minority controlling politics and elections, and regulatory Fourth Branch of Government.

Ignorance is taking species and humans to a bad place.

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Ms. Nina Y Greenberg 4893 Artino Court Eureka, CA. 95503 December 1, 2015

Board of County Supervisors,

This letter is being written in question of the Board of Supervisor's authority to install a speed hump on a major collector (Union Street, Pine Hill neighborhood) without receiving County Board of Public Work's staff recommendation, without the proper study as outlined in the Humboldt County Speed Hump Policy. Union Street is an Arterial street and under the current speed hump policy adopted by the Board, a three week posting and public hearing are required for speed tables on Arterial Streets.

In Mr. Bohn's letter to the Board of Supervisor's dated October 20, 2017(should be 2015) for the meeting of October 27, 2015 (Agenda item G1) he states that numerous residents have asked the county to install a speed table. He stated that the time frame for the three week posting and public hearing would be beyond the projected end of construction for the site, and thus requesting the policy be waived, so a speed table can be constructed. The contractor is still working on the project, and there has been ample time to do a proper study and notify residents know about the speed table idea, so they could have input. The meetings at Pine Hill Elementary were not billed as meetings regarding design changes. People in the general area were not notified that a speed table was being considered. When I spoke to folks in the neighborhood, 95% did not know of the speed table plan. All were upset about this, thinking that this is not the best way to deal with the speed issue.

If speed tables are only put in the travel lanes then speedy drivers will drive on the shoulder to avoid speed tables, making it more dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. I believe one of the main purposes of the project was to make Union Street safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Who will be liable if an injury accident occurs since the Board members didn't follow their own protocol?

Please do a proper study and let all of the people who will be affected have the opportunity to have input into the proposal.

I look forward to have more input in this matter.

Mina Green &

Sincerely,

# **END POVERTY WAGES @ ST. JOE'S!**



PLEASE SUPPORT hospital service & technical workers, members of NUHW, the National Union of Healthcare Workers. They suffer from substandard working conditions at St. Joseph's (Eureka) & Redwood Memorial Hospital (Fortuna).

Workers seek your public support. They are currently in a struggle for decent wages, better working conditions & ironically, affordable health insurance

St. Joe's Health System, which operates the Eureka and Fortuna hospitals, underpays its workers in Humboldt, with wages far below industry and regional standards, leaving caregivers unable to cover basic living costs.

These **poverty wages** cause significant harm to the hospitals' workforce and surrounding communities, and play a huge role in **impoverishing the local economy**.

Many St. Joseph caregivers, even with years of service at these hospitals, struggle to support families while working full time and rely on public assistance to make ends meet.

St. Joe's pays its top executive millions (equivalent to \$1,000 an hr). St. Joe's hospitals in Humboldt pay no taxes and reported almost \$100,000,000 in profit over the past 4 yrs.

The workers keeping these hospitals functional (i.e. nursing assistants, housekeepers, transporters, lab assistants), make **substandard** wages between \$10.90 and \$12 an hour.

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## **Ways to Support!**

#### Write Letters to the Editor:

- Express support for hospital caregivers/workers to get living wages and benefits
- Call out St. Joseph Health System for its greed, disrespect of employees, and corner-cutting
- Suppor the recommendations in the report "Uncompensated Care: How St. Joseph's Low Wages Leave Caregivers Behind"
- Express solidarity with hospital caregivers/workers in their negotiations for a fair contract!
- Share your criticism about St. Joe failing to appreciate its employees and understaffing its hospitals (Eureka, Fortuna)
- Voice your disapproval of St. Joseph Health Systems, as a non-profit, paying no taxes, but profiting off the hard work of 100's of workers and keeping them in poverty and precarity
- Urge local elected officials and organizations to publicly endorse the hospital workers in their fight for fair pay and work conditions

Tell your elected officials and your favorite organizations to support the hospital workers and to be vocal about it.

Donate time or money to the campaign.

Post a yard sign "End Poverty Wages @ St. Joes" visibly in your window or on your lawn.

Express your support for the hospital workers in Public Comment at City Council & Board of Supervisors meetings.

Contact us & 'like' our page

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