

Attachment VI
Citizen's Advisory Committee Letter to the Board of Supervisors

March 23, 2017

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 Fifth Street, Suite 111
Eureka, CA 95501-1153

Dear Board Members:

The resolution establishing the *Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures* (adopted by your Board on December 16, 2014) charged the Committee with several duties. One of these duties was "Working with the County Administrative Office and members of the public to address potential public concerns about expenditure of funds derived from the countywide local sales tax."

During our meeting of January 26, 2017 to review the year-to-date expenditures of the *Measure Z* funds, we were informed that there would be "diversions" of some of the awarded allocations at your Board's *Mid-Year Budget Report* meeting. This included a recommendation of funding the purchase of an auto from the staffing savings from an allocation to the Arcata Police Department instead of using the unused funds toward second-level projects already recommended by our Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC). Also, funding for an additional one-half deputy to patrol the City of Blue Lake instead was allocated to pay a portion of the current contract between the County and the City of Blue Lake for existing patrol services by the Sheriff's Department.

We requested that the following language be included in the *Mid-Year Budget Report*: "*The CAC was not supportive of utilizing funding for activities that were beyond the scope of the original funding application.*"

It is the Committee's understanding that this requested language was included in said report but not verbalized.

Then, in your March 7 meeting, the other City awarded funding for a one-half deputy to patrol the City of Trinidad was instead allocated to pay a portion of their current contract between themselves and the County after they submitted a formal proposal to you.

We would be remiss in carrying out our duties if we did not bring this to the attention of the Board and the Public. We wish to see the full support of the citizens of Humboldt County that *Measure Z* funds are used as intended with the passing of the Measure.

At our meeting of March 23, 2017, the Committee authorized me to sign this letter to you.

Thank you, Board Members, for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Flyer, Chair
Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures