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Written Public Comments Received as July 2, 2019

1. June 18, 2019 email and letter from Janelle.
2. June 30, 2019 letter from Cathy Harris.

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Subject: RE: Housing First in the Humboldt County 2019 Housing Element
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 11:32:00 AM

Hello Janelle, and thank you for your email and the accompanying attachments. I'm responding to you in the capacity as the lead planner on the County's 2019 Housing Element.

- I'll double check the date of the Resolution 16-30. Thank you for pointing that.
- Interesting comment for replacing the references to the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness contained in H-S7 with Resolution 16-30. Perhaps we could marry them together into the standard. Please note that the Planning & Building Department's area of experience is zoning, land use regulation, and development of structures, and it is in these same areas where our regulatory authority resides. Moreover, the zoning and land use regulation of emergency shelters is very much prescribed by state law, and must be objective. In other words, by State law, our review of proposals for shelters is purposefully limited and narrow to remove discretion on the part of the County planner.
- We are continuing to engage and collaborate with DHHS. The Housing Element is looking to continue this partnership, and to create new ones with community organizations and developers.

Thanks again for your comments. Please let me know if you have further questions. Have a nice day, Michelle

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Subject: Housing First in the Humboldt County 2019 Housing Element

Hello, Here are some suggestions for the County Housing Element update discussion. I will have hard copies at today's meeting. I also wanted to send you a copy of information I used: Sam Tsemberis' "Pathways Housing First, A person-centered approach" from the 2018 Housing First Partners Conference.

janelle

Jun 30, 2019

Dear Michelle,

Thank you for coming down to Redway to talk about the Housing Element in early June. I was there and appreciated your demystifying some of the information about the Planning Department, rules, limitations, powers, etc.

I am on the board of the **SoHum Housing Opportunities, (SHO)**. Our ultimate goal is to be able to end homelessness in Southern Humboldt. Pag Anderson, Yashi Hoffman, and Carol & David Ordonez, who are on this board all volunteered in the winter of 2017-2018 at a temporary extreme weather shelter and know the needs of the homeless firsthand.

My husband and I started a non-profit in 2015, the **Eel River Clean-up Project, (ERCP)** that supports the work he has been doing as a volunteer since 2011. He and 2 to 6 volunteers, go to homeless camps, pass out trash bags and ask the campers to fill them with the trash in their camps and leave the filled bags at their trail head where our volunteers pick them up a few days later and transport the trash to the dump. Without their work SoHum would be totally covered in trash and our river would be polluted as well. Through this work, my husband has gotten to know the scope and depth of our homeless crisis here, and helps SHO as well. ERCP with SHO did the POINT IN TIME COUNT last January in SoHum. The official total given was 220 homeless down here but we believe it is more like 260 because not all homeless participated and there are even more from mid-summer through December. We have been consulting with Jim Glover, Sally Hewitt, Robert Ward of DHHS and others in the North and South County to achieve our goals.

So **SoHum Housing Opportunities**, is very motivated and able to do whatever we can do to provide housing for local longterm homeless people. We are actively looking for a property to build tiny a homes village with a central building that we can use for showers, washer and dryer, etc. We are basically looking at any and all possible solutions to this housing crisis. Our town is seriously overrun by permanent homeless and seasonal homeless workers.

We are mostly retired people who held responsible positions in our former occupations. I sincerely hope that you will recommend that we receive the funding and permissions we will need to go ahead with the projects we'd like to proceed with. We are the group in Southern Humboldt to get it done.

Thank you for your attention to this, Michelle and thanks for the important work you do at the Planning Department.

Sincerely,

Catherine Miller