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Bob Merrill
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California Coastal Commission
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Re: Crowley Site & "Q" Qualified Combining Zone District Text and Local Coastal Program Amendments

Dear Mr. Merrill:

As you are aware, there is a homelessness problem in the State of California and most definitely in Humboldt County. In fact, as Governor Newsom said, "the state can and needs to do more to help local communities act with urgency to assess street homelessness and the society wide problems associated with the homelessness crisis." The County has been addressing these issues and collaborating on potential solutions with many local agencies and individuals. The lack of housing for low-income individuals and families is a health and safety issue that needs expedient attention.

The California Coastal Commission will soon be receiving the proposed Local Coastal Programs amendments that would allow the City of Eureka to consider a Coastal Development Permit for a housing project at the Crowley site in Eureka's Coastal zone. This would be the location of eleven donated trailers which would be converted to double rooms with capacity to house several individuals or families. This venture has proven effective as seen in Betty's Blue Angel Village which is the inspiration behind this project. Since the donation of the trailers in 2017, the City of Eureka has worked hard to complete the public process to make this project possible on the city owned parcel.

The County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors encourage you to be diligent in expediting this project. Working together on the homelessness issue is the only way to creating lasting solutions. Positive steps and the proactive approach will prove to benefit the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell, Chair
County of Humboldt, Board of Supervisors

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