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To The Attention of Megan Acevedo,

Attached you will find a letter regarding the draft ordinance to be featured in the workshop on April 18th at the regular Planning Commission meeting.

Please note: This email and the attached letter is intended to be part of the public record for the Draft Tiny House Village and Emergency Housing Village Workshop planned for Thursday April 18, 2024 at 6pm.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Nezzie Wade

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Attention: Megan Acevedo

This email is intended to be part of the public record for the Draft Tiny House Village & Emergency Housing Village Workshop planned for Thursday, April 18, 2024.

It is great to see that the County is moving forward with a potential solution to one of Humboldt's long-standing housing situations. However, in order to give the public time to review and participate fully, a draft ordinance, or at minimum an outline or the agenda should be provided well in advance of the workshop.

The County Planning and Building website and the flyer announcement of the workshop have links which do not contain a draft ordinance, an agenda, or any content for the public to review. The workshop flyer, posted April 5th on the Planning and Building website, clearly states Public Input is Sought for the Tiny House Villages and Emergency Housing Villages Draft Ordinance. The Background section on the same page refers the public to the 2022 Survey data gathered in order to gain an understanding of Humboldt County resident's views on tiny house villages. This section also indicates that the draft ordinance has been reviewed by relevant agencies including CalFire, Humboldt County's Public Works Department and the County's Building and Environmental Health divisions and any comments received have been incorporated into the draft document. This draft document should be available to the public now or as soon as possible.

A direct quote from the county webpage highlighting the workshop states, "The draft ordinance will be brought to the Planning Commission for a workshop at this meeting [April 18th]." The page essentially states the public may participate via zoom or attend the meeting in the Supervisors Chambers, and the agenda and staff report can be found on the meeting agenda webpage. The agenda and staff report are not found on the meeting webpage. It seems substantive draft ordinance language should be available to the public. This lack of information is not constructive for the public trying to engage, especially now that the workshop has been announced.

The web survey results have been posted since 2022, and the County has had at least two years to consider the project. Meaningful public participation would include a discussion of a draft ordinance addressing fundamental issues such as land ownership, support from the County in the form of land, leases, or grants, and the use of the Shelter Crisis Act in conjunction with the ordinance. If decisions regarding these issues have already been made, a draft should be made available to the public as soon as possible, minimally seven (7) days prior to the actual Planning Commission regular meeting on April 18.

Thanks for moving forward.

Sincerely,

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