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**Subject: Safety Concern Regarding Access Road for Holgersen Minor Subdivision and Coastal Development Permit Extension (Record Number: PLN-2024-19001)**

Dear Eureka Planning Department,

I am writing to express a significant safety concern regarding the proposed Holgersen Minor Subdivision and Coastal Development Permit Extension (Record Number: PLN-2024-19001), specifically related to the width of the

access road and its impact on the surrounding community, including traffic and trash collection logistics.

The proposed development would result in a substantial increase in the number of trash cans on Edgewood Road. With each of the four new duplexes having six cans (trash, recycle, and green waste), this would introduce an additional 24 cans in a small impacted area. Given Recology's requirement for cans to be spaced 3 feet apart, this would block through traffic, restrict access to existing homes' driveways, and obstruct the Edgewood drive lane, especially on trash collection days.

Furthermore, the access road's proposed width of 30 feet, already reduced from the required 40 feet, raises concerns about its ability to accommodate garbage trucks or emergency vehicles. Inadequate width could lead to dangerous situations where large vehicles struggle to maneuver, potentially leaving the entire neighborhood vulnerable in case of emergencies or service interruptions.

It is imperative that dedicated space for garbage pickup be provided on the access road to prevent traffic blockages and ensure that trash can placement does not interfere with the regular flow of vehicles. Without proper accommodations, the entire neighborhood will face increased congestion and potential safety risks.

I urge the Planning Department to carefully reconsider the impact of these access road constraints and the placement of trash cans on the functionality and safety of the neighborhood. Ensuring sufficient road width to accommodate essential services like waste collection, while

maintaining safe access for all residents, is critical to the success and safety of this project.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing how these concerns will be addressed in the ongoing review of the project.

Sincerely,

Suzy Smith