



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Merritt Perry, City Manager

PREPARER: Beth Redfern, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

DATE: October 15, 2025

TITLE: **Approve a Letter of Support Urging the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to Approve a Modification to the Conditional Use Permit Held by Ridgefield Events.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council consider approving a letter supporting the decision made on September 4, 2025, by the Humboldt County Planning Commission to approve a modification of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) held by Ridgefield Events; and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter.

INTRODUCTION:

This letter supports the decision made by the Humboldt County Planning Commission regarding a CUP held by Ridgefield Events and urges the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to confirm their decision. This modification will allow Ridgefield Weddings & Events to offer weekend packages to its couples. Introducing weekend packages may have a variety of positive effects on the City of Arcata.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Ridgefield Weddings & Events is a venue in the Humboldt region, prioritizing land conservation, locally sourced materials, and fostering low-impact events.

Council's endorsement of this letter would align with community values of economic vitality as well as a commitment to public safety and local businesses. The letter to be signed for Council's consideration is included as Attachment A.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This item is being brought to the Council for approval as it does not fall under a category for our legislative platform.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve letter of support urging the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to approve a modification to the conditional use permit held by Ridgefield Events; and Authorize the Mayor to sign the letter. Consent Calendar vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Letter of Support.