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Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
266 Keisner Road
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Chair Ted Hernandez and Tribal Council
Wiyot Tribe
1000 Wiyot Drive
Loleta, California 95551

Subject: Apology

Dear Jason Ramos and Tribal Council:

This letter is written to express our sincere apology to the Wiyot People. At the Planning Commission meeting of August 18, 2022, comments were made that were inappropriate. We as a body recognize that these were insensitive, racist, and biased. The comments added to past injury and injustices resulting from governmental actions. We as the Humboldt County Planning Commission recognize we did nothing to address the problem in the moment and so are all responsible. We understand this has damaged the relationship between the Planning Commission and the Wiyot people.

We apologize for each of our roles in this event and ask for your forgiveness.

If you would be willing, we would like to schedule a meeting outside the Board of Supervisors Chambers to hear from you, grow in our understanding and seek restoration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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Thomas Mulder

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