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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE PETITION

HUMBOLDT COUNTY
ELECTIONS

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the County of Humboldt for the purpose of protecting Humboldt County's Coastal resources and the local economy dependent upon it. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Humboldt County's coastline is one of California's most treasured natural and cultural landscapes. Its rugged shores, working harbors, wetlands, and marine ecosystems have shaped the identity of this region for generations. This initiative exists to protect that heritage from a new and growing threat: the proliferation of large commercial warehouse and distribution facilities in our Coastal Zone.

California's Coastal Act was enacted in 1976 with a clear mandate — to protect coastal resources and ensure that coastal land is used for purposes that serve the public and the sea. Marine-dependent industries, fishing operations, recreational access, and habitat conservation are the proper priorities of our coastal lands. Large-scale commercial warehousing and logistics operations are not. These facilities consume vast acreage, generate heavy truck traffic, produce noise and pollution, and offer little to no connection to the coast itself. They could be sited anywhere — and they should be.

The stakes are particularly high in Humboldt County. Our coastal communities depend on clean air, healthy fisheries, and vibrant shorelines for their livelihoods and quality of life. Once industrial facilities take root in the Coastal Zone, the damage is difficult or impossible to reverse. Wetlands are lost. Wildlife corridors are severed. Public access is diminished. The working waterfront character that defines places like Eureka and Trinidad is permanently altered. We cannot afford to wait until the harm is done.

This measure draws a clear line. Facilities under 20,000 square feet remain permitted, allowing for small businesses and local commercial activity to continue. Marine-dependent uses — the very kinds of operations the Coastal Act was designed to protect and support — are fully exempt. This is not a broad prohibition on economic development. It is a targeted policy that prioritizes the right uses in the right places.

Equally important is the measure's application to pending applications. By applying this prohibition to all applications for which no Coastal Development Permit has yet been issued, this initiative closes that loophole and ensures the will of the voters is not circumvented before the measure takes effect.

Finally, this measure places amendment authority where it belongs: with the people of Humboldt County. Coastal protections are too important to be quietly revised by future county boards responding to developer pressure. Requiring voter approval for any changes ensures

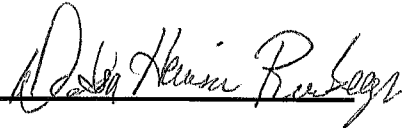
lasting accountability and gives residents a permanent voice over the public interest and coastal ecosystem.

Humboldt County has a rare opportunity to get ahead of a problem before it becomes irreversible. Communities up and down the California coast have watched industrial sprawl consume their waterfronts and wished they had acted sooner. We can act now.

This initiative will help protect Humboldt's coast — fishing families, our wildlife, our visitors, for our unique local economy.

Names, signatures, and business or residence addresses of the proponents are as follows:

Name.	Address	Signature
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Debra Rumberger	659 S. WESTHAVEN DR. #3 Trinidad, CA 95570	

The written text of the initiative is as follows:

Shall Humboldt County amend its General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and request Local Coastal Program certification to: (1) prohibit new commercial warehouse or distribution facilities exceeding 20,000 square feet within the Coastal Zone, except for marine-dependent uses; (2) apply such prohibition to all pending applications for which a Coastal Development Permit has not yet been issued; and (3) require voter approval for any future amendment to these restrictions?

I hereby request that a ballot title and summary be prepared.

Statement of Petition Proponent

Must be submitted with Notice of Intent and filed with County Counsel Elections Code §9608

The proponents of an initiative measure shall ensure that any person, company, or other organization that is paid, or who volunteers, to solicit signatures to qualify the proposed measure for the ballot shall receive instruction on the requirements and prohibitions imposed by state law with respect to circulation of the petition and signature gathering thereon, with an emphasis on the prohibition on the use of signatures on an initiative petition for a purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot.

I, Debra Harrison Rumbarger, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Debra Harrison Rumbarger
(Signature of Proponent)

Dated: June, 2026

This certification shall be kept on file by County Counsel for not less than eight months after the certification of the results of the election for which the measure qualified, or if the measure, for any reason, is not submitted to the voters, eight months after the deadline for submission of the petition to the elections official.

Failure to comply with this section shall not invalidate any signatures on a state or local initiative petition.