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Ms. Sidnie L. Olson, AICP  
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City of Eureka  
Community Development Department  
Eureka, CA 95501

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT – PROPOSED MARINA CENTER PROJECT**

Dear Ms. Olson:

Following careful review, please accept this letter as an expression of strong support for the above referenced project. The Board of Directors of the Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce believes that this project will serve the best interests of our business members as well as the employees and families that they support.

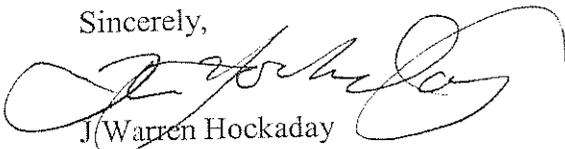
The proposed project will remove a longstanding blighted, brown field property and will create employment opportunities and significant economic vitalization for the entire community. The Board believes that this far-sighted proposal is comprehensive, responsible and combines environmental integrity with sound economic development planning.

Further, once completed the Marina Center will provide a vastly enhanced public value in an area that has otherwise been no more than an unhealthy public nuisance. This project will restore wetlands; provide expanded pedestrian and bicycle access and a regionally significant economic driver. The Board recognizes that additional potential impacts will be evaluated and possibly modified during the CEQA review and accordingly reserves the ability to comment further as the process moves forward.

The Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this project in principle and encourages your favorable consideration toward the goals of creating economic opportunity, preserving environmental and cultural resources and the restoration of a long neglected property on the Eureka waterfront.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



J. Warren Hockaday  
President/CEO

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