



Date: June 13, 2019

To: Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission

From: Carolyn Hino-Bourassa
Southern Humboldt Community Park (SHCP), Board of Directors Treasurer and
Laura Cochrane, SHCP Executive Director

Re: GSD Outside Agency Service – Request for Waiver of Fees

As stated in our letter to you dated October 25th, 2018, the SHCP serves our community in multiple ways and continues to be a critical and needed asset in promoting the health and welfare of not only community members but visitors as well.

Unfortunately, the submission of the park's environmental impact report and successful rezoning has left the park in serious debt. To date, we owe two lenders a total of approximately \$475,000. Our dedicated and committed all-volunteer board is working hard to minimize expenditures and pay down our debt. But bills from this process continue to trickle in as last month, we received a bill from the County Building and Planning Department for time and services dated in 2014 totaling \$9,000. Fortunately, the planning and building department has offered a reasonable payback schedule.

We understand from your website link to 'schedule of fees and deposits' that the commission may waive a fee in special circumstances or if it finds that payment would be detrimental or contrary to the public interest. Fees may be waived or reduced for application filed in response to a condition imposed by or a recommendation made by the Commission.

With the help of generous donors and supporters, deferred maintenance is being tended to and projects are moving forward to help the park remain a viable community asset and financially sustain itself.

With your help and consideration of our request, we are confident that the SHCP will remain a community treasure now and for generations to come.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Carolyn Hino-Bourassa

Laura Cochrane