



# HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

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Humboldt Bay Harbor Working Group  
6300 Parris Lane  
Eureka, CA 95503

Dear Humboldt Bay harbor Working Group:

It is a pleasure to lend the support of Humboldt State University and myself to your efforts to revitalize our harbor. An important issue that continues to trouble me is the high incidence of children living in poverty in our region. The California Center for Rural Policy, based on our campus, did a study of poverty in our area a few years ago (<http://www.humboldt.edu/ccrp/sites/ccrp/files/publications/CCRP%20Rural%20Poverty%20Report.pdf>). They found that more than 28% of children under five years old are living in poverty in Humboldt County. In Trinity and Del Norte Counties, the figures are near 35%. We desperately need to improve economic conditions on the North Coast if we are to ameliorate this terrible situation. Providing good jobs for people so that they can support their families is an important step. Your efforts to revitalize our harbor will do just this and in the long run, save our governments substantial amounts of money to care for people who are living in poverty.

The resolution you have developed identifies the important issues that we should support. I am particularly interested in the development of aquaculture that will become increasingly important both here and elsewhere as population numbers increase. You have also identified the development of alternative modes of transportation that will be critical for effective use of our harbor. Humboldt State University can work with you to ensure that we minimize environmental impacts and provide ongoing data about environmental changes that will allow us to assess the effectiveness of mitigation efforts.

It is important that all of our local government agencies work together to support this initiative and your success in achieving the support of the city of Eureka and Humboldt County are most encouraging. If there are other things the university can do to assist this effort, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rollin C. Richmond'.

Rollin C. Richmond, President