



City of Fortuna

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October 29, 2025

Brendan Byrd, PE
Executive Director
Humboldt County Association of Governments
611 I Street, Suite B
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Letter of Support for Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) 7th Cycle Methodology

Dear Mr. Byrd,

The City has received your email dated September 29, 2025, regarding the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Cycle 7 Methodology. In response, on October 20, 2025, the Fortuna City Council reviewed a staff report concerning the RHNA methodology.

Following this review, staff have been directed to submit a letter of support for the Humboldt County Association of Governments' proposed RHNA methodology, which includes a 50/50 jobs-to-population split. This methodology results in a total jurisdictional allocation of 479 housing units for the City of Fortuna.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or feedback.

Sincerely,

Amy Nilsen
City Manager
City of Fortuna
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RHNA

1 message

Susan Nolan <snolan@humboldt1.com>
To: brendan.byrd@hcaog.net

Thu, Oct 16, 2025 at 8:54 AM

Dear Mr. Byrd,

I am writing to encourage you to emphasize housing development in already developed locations in the county, close to jobs, schools, and shopping.

Infill will support lower cost for government services. The county roads department already has a backlog that it may never catch up with. Also, more efficient, reliable, and lower cost utility distribution—I live at the edge of McKinleyville where the power routinely goes out in winter storms.

Other benefits include schools near by, shorter work commutes, walkable or bikable shopping, and more effective mass transit.

We Humboldters are proud of our local food production, but development often occurs on the county's limited acreage of quality ag soils.

Let's build the best Humboldt by concentrating growth near jobs and services, and preserving our ag lands and forests as they are. Thank you,

Susan Nolan.