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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010 Ukiah, CA 95482 Via Email: bos@mendocinocounty.org

RE: Support For Mike Howell To Be Appointed to Mendocino County Planning Commission To Fill The Vacancy For The At Large Timber Representative Seat.

Dear Chair Hamburg and Supervisors,

The Mendocino County Farm Bureau (MCFB) is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership, advocacy group whose purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout the county and to find solutions to the problems facing agricultural businesses and the rural community. MCFB currently represents approximately 1100 members. MCFB requests that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors support the appointment of Mike Howell for the currently vacant at large timber representative seat on the Mendocino County Planning Commission.

Since Roger Krueger stepped down as the at large timber representative on the Mendocino County Planning Commission, and the vacancy was posted on May 14, 2018, there has been at least one applicant that has applied to fill the vacancy. This applicant is Mike Howell and MCFB would like to notify the Board of our support for this candidate.

Mr. Howell is a self employed consulting forester currently living in Anderson Valley with expansive experience in the timber industry both on his family's timber property as well as for other clients. He has prepared timber harvest plans, negotiated log sales, performed reforestation services and other timber evaluation needs. Mr. Howell's full resume was submitted with his application for the at large timber representative position on the Mendocino County Planning Commission.

Government code allows for the Board to make an appointment for the vacant position ten days following the posting of the vacancy. Since this time frame is past, MCFB encourages the Board to consider scheduling the appointment to fill the vacancy for the at large timber representative on the Mendocino County Planning Commission and to appoint Mr. Howell to this seat.

MCFB appreciates the consideration of Mr. Howell for the appointment as the at large timber representative on the Mendocino County Planning Commission. If there are any questions regarding MCFB's support for this applicant, please feel free to contact the MCFB office.

Sincerely,

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CC: Nash Gonzalez, Interim Director, Mendocino County Planning and Building Services

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