



Gateway to the Redwoods

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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Mendocino County Museum

Board of Supervisors:

It is with great pleasure that the City of Willits submits this letter of support for the Mendocino County Museum.

The City of Willits supports the efforts of the Museum to secure the funding from the generous donation from the William Bittenbender Trust Fund. The City of Willits also supports the decision of the Cultural Services Agency in creating an endowment that secures the donated funds for use in long term ongoing projects.

These funds would help support the Cultural Services Agency and the Museum which has sacrificed more than One Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars of its available budget from the prior Fiscal Year. By placing these funds in an endowment at the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, the Cultural Services Agency is signaling responsible long-term strategies for the ongoing projects and operations of the museum.

This cultural gem of Mendocino County has been constantly placed at risk due to funding issues at the County level for many years now. It is the hopes of the City of Willits that this endowment, with the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approval, will keep the dream of our past residents by continuing to develop our historical archive and keep the Museum open for the community. Our County Museum is the "pride and joy" of the Mendocino County Historical Society and the many residents of the County, past and present, whose donations helped build the museum.

The City Council of the City of Willits formally asks the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino to approve the recommended action from the Cultural Services Agency and help to secure the financial stability of the County Museum.

Sincerely,

City Council of Willits



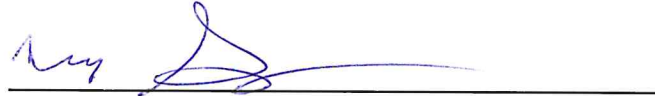
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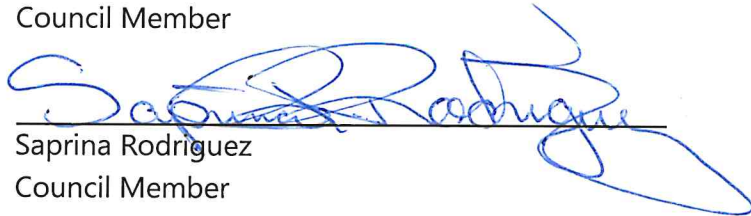
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