

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501
From: Bonnie Blackberry
Civil Liberties Monitoring Project
Date: August 10,2012

For: August 14, 2012 meeting
RE: Ordinance 2477

Dear Chairman Bass and members of the Board,

The Civil Liberties Monitoring Project(CLMP) again requests that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors rescind/repeal Ordinance 2477. CLMP believes existing laws can deal with the health and safety issues, and those laws should be enforced before creating more.

CLMP respectfully requests that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors follow the recommendations made by the Human Rights Commission which unanimously called on the Board of Supervisors to repeal the urgency ordinance and begin "working together on developing appropriate ways to deal with issues of free speech, public health and safety, and rights to assemble, speak, and demonstrate on public property."

If the Board chooses to move forward with any type of amended ordinance for all county properties, it is absolutely necessary for broader outreach throughout the county in the communities that would be affected before voting on such a controversial ordinance.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Respectfully submitted by,

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