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Planning & Building Services

RE: Mendocino Historical Review Board Composition

Dear Board of Supervisors and MHRB Members,

As a 36 year resident of the Historic District, and a four-term MHRB member, I think that the composition of the Review Board should reflect whomever the townspeople put forward. If there aren't enough residents willing to serve on a 5 member Board, then let the residents take the consequences rendered by a smaller group of decision makers. I'd rather have 3 people (a quorum) who actually live in town decide what color my house can be painted or if a dormer can be added to my roof, than by 5 people who do not live under the same restrictions imposed on me.

It would be beneficial having more business owners, architects, artists, educators and certainly more preservationists sitting on the Review Board, but only if their rulings apply to their property as well as to mine. Everyone loves Mendocino, and most locals refer to it as their home town. Their opinions are valuable and insightful, but at nightfall they go elsewhere to sleep.

Let the chips fall where they may if town residents don't step up and volunteer to protect the architecture and character of Mendocino. The results may eventually motivate more participation from its approximately 800 inhabitants.

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