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Director Krog,

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors directed you to look for ways to streamline your resource allocations to the Mendocino Historical Review Board and you provided suggestions including eliminating site visits, eliminating written minutes, and eliminating written policy guidance. These are steps to reducing your resources.

However, "Bylaw Amendment, Request #1" does not address YOUR resources but instead suggests that the MHRB itself should RELAX the interpretations of standards. This takes power away from the MHRB and is a slippery slope. The MHRB would then have to try to enforce a bylaw that is very open-ended and would no longer have the Planning Department providing guidance or written documentation.

I question the ambiguous language you have proposed in red and urge the Review Board to REJECT this change to the Bylaws.

To review all applications for development within the Historical Preservation District pursuant to Chapter 20.760 of the Mendocino County Code, **while balancing the historical style of architecture with modern building practices and supporting the local community with sensible regulation.**

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