

## Delo Freitas

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**From:** Rita [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 01, 2022 10:57 AM  
**To:** Delo Freitas  
**Subject:** SFChronicle : This part of California has the fastest sea level rise on the West Coast. Here's what's at stake

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Dear Delo Freitas | Senior Planner -

Here is Saturday—1 October 2022 article in the *SFChronicle*—that may be of interest to the City of Arcata and pending *Gateway Plan*, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors' recently approved *Nordic Aquafarms* project located in Samoa, the greater Humboldt Bay Area, as well as our county's long term environmental, housing and economic concerns.

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/climate/article/california-sea-level-rise-17478689.php?cmpid=gsa-sfgate-result>

Additionally, are some thoughts regarding the current Arcata concerns, that include Cal Poly Humboldt and Gateway, specifically. Perhaps there may be something within this offered tome, of merit upon review.

With every good intention - Rita Pender Arena  
*Resident of Humboldt County since 1975 / BA from HSU in 1979*

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### Context

Humboldt County's population from 1970 - 2022:

1970 : <100,000 / - 4.96%  
1980 : 108,500 / + 8.85%  
1990 : 119,000 / + 9.77%  
2010 : <135,000 / + 13.02%  
2022 : <137,000

Population growth averages approximately .14% annually over the twelve year period between 2010-2022.

### Presently

HSU | Cal Poly Humboldt

- . HSU is rebranding and transforming into Cal Poly Humboldt (Cal Poly).
- . It could be said Cal Poly is behaving like one who has recently received a windfall inheritance or lottery win.
- . Currently Cal Poly is buying swatch's of property in and around Arcata, allegedly above market value.
- . Under ownership of California, property is no longer under local jurisdiction, nor does it remain a tax base.
- . Inquiries of potential land on M Street where small businesses like Commercial Print Shop and a storage facility are located are occurring—whether allegedly by Cal Poly or the recently out-bid and displaced elder development looking for another viable option.
- . One wonders what are the urban-centered California State University intentions for our greater agrarian community.

- . Plans for campus expansion to accommodate the greater Cal Poly distinction and the projected near-double the current campus enrollment, are a few declarations from our local Cal Poly representatives.
- . A multiple (up to) eight-storied student housing complex—on now State of California owned-land, west of campus and freeway, is one proposal.

## Gateway

- . Additionally. One wonders the same regarding Gateway.
- . Several designated properties are being proposed and considered for up to eight-storied housing units—generally located within Arcata’s western and southern boundaries. This is problematic for nearby neighbors’ quality of life and property values.
- . With an understanding of the perceived changes of an empty lot verses a building, the finished construction and lacking street setbacks along the southside of the Coöp and the more recent Sorrel Place are of concern. Both have resulted in the neighbors of these once daylight-plentiful environments—to now exist in the considerable shadows of massive, block-long multi-storied and mixed-use complexes. In addition to loss of aesthetic and view.
- . It could be said, the proposed housing+business design and construction options—of over three stories in the proposed, determined locations may be counterproductive, as do not integrate into existing neighborhoods, infrastructures and looming climate realities relating to our greater unique, rural community.

## Questions

- . Who is responsible for the infrastructure upgrades required to Arcata’s renown sewage treatment facility—that was planned for our agrarian region prior to Cal Poly expansion and California State University mandates—Arcata, Humboldt County or the State of California—taxpayers?
- . Who is responsible for the infrastructure costs for upgrades to Arcata and Humboldt County’s water and treatment, roads and transportation, fire personnel and equipment, policing, hospital and schools that will accommodate the population increase?

## Suggestions | Think outside of the box

### 1

The elected public servant employee-representatives on the City of Arcata Council—please:

- . Remember what makes Arcata and Humboldt County unique.
- . Do not re-create urban conditions, developments and sprawl in our northcoast environment—whether Gateway or Cal Poly.
- . Remind Cal Poly that it is a neighbor—not an entitled land baron.
- . Take a leadership position with Cal Poly (and urban-centered State of California and StateUniversity policy makers) when determining our rural region’s collective present and future concerns.
- . Contact our County Board of Supervisors, State Assembly and Senate representatives in regards to rural civic rights and polices.
- . Integrate best land usage concerns and newer housing within the unique gestalt of our existing indigenous, historical and agrarian community and quality of life.
- . Advocate designs that reflect the existing vernacular of quality, building materials, human-scale designs and co-existence within existing wildlife-habitat—with 21st century (and beyond) design innovations and solutions.
- . Advocate new building (Gateway or Cal Poly—whether commercial or housing) does not undermine, but enhances, the quality of life of what makes Arcata appealing. This is not an urban-Center—keep it human scale, un-obstructed and green-landscaped.
- . Advocate any new building (Gateway or Cal Poly—whether commercial or housing) prioritize our local and-or pacific-northwest professional designers and builders that reflect the reality of the climate crisis and the requirements of the 21st century. Rather than random, urban-centered designers that create generic structures for anywhere USA. Examples: the Arcata Community center and Wildlife Department building-addition on the Cal Poly campus.
- . Advocate neighbor Cal Poly creates \*satellite campuses of academic-related facilities and residential housing, rather than within the immediate neighborhoods of the town.
- . Advocate \*\*coöperative housing for larger complexes—whether Gateway or Cal Poly.

. Advocate for compatible businesses within mixed use neighborhoods.

## 2

### \*Cal Poly Humboldt

. Advocate creating new campus satellite sites that are academic-facilities-and-*cooperative*-residential-eco-centered communities established within sustainable and self-sufficient environments—where students live, study and recreate in a cohesive environment.

. Possible location options:

The greater Valley West—north along St Louis Road (east of the freeway)

West End Road

Giuntoli Lane and the property north of road

Indianola and MidCity

. Satellite campuses would be accessible to the main campus with fuel efficient buses, bike lanes and pedestrian access.

. Uncertain of the status of the Eureka waterfront campus. But years ago there was a discussion of a combined eco-housing and education facility along Eureka's waterfront that was being proposed by a private individual.

. Keeping satellite campuses close to the main campus—rather than in Eureka—and constructing them with quality, sustainable materials and footprints—would be cost-efficient and advantageous for our collective long term (climate) concerns.

. Though only a distance of six miles, Arcata to Eureka seems further, physically and mentally. Especially when relying upon limited public transportation. Satellite campuses that are too distant, takes away from the overall university experience.

## 3

### \*\*Coöperative Housing:

. For future housing complexes—including Cal Poly students and community members—advocate for coöperative, instead of private corporate university housing ownership that determines price-rates and or private developers' management contracts that raise annual rents and fees.

. Agreement—adult residents work five hours per week on community determined tasks that need attending—towards the maintenance and upkeep of residence. This encourages lower overhead costs, as well as fosters a sense of pride and ownership. When people are committed to their living environments, people take care of them.

. The coöperative community is DEI—and may include elderly and disabled individuals who, when capable of contributing their skills, do want to participate.

. Reduced cost of living and determination of policies are great incentives for a sustainable community.

. I have traveled extensively and observed a common result of housing in large complexes—whether vertical or horizontal. With the absence of ownership (or coöperative agreement) residents will not treat or voluntarily participate in the care and upkeep of the property. If Arcata's Gateway is advocating public housing, please be mindful.

## 4

### Creative solutions | Regarding Cal Poly Humboldt and Gateway construction

. Recommend link to a recent NPR | Here&Now radio program broadcast on 21 September 2022—that featured:

[Vishaan Chakrabarti](#)

Former Dean of the *College of Environmental Design* at the University of California Berkeley

Founder of the New York-based *Pau Studio*.

Included is a link to the program (red button) along with the Chakrabarti TEDTalk:

<https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2022/09/21/urban-planning-more-housing>.

Though clearly (sub)urban-centered, Chakrabarti presents valid points that our rural Arcata community and neighbor, Cal Poly would be encouraged to take into short and long term consideration, to best integrate newer housing into existing communities.

The following is an excerpt of the recent NPR conversation, with a few points *highlighted in italics*:

**By the year 2100 earth will have 3 billion more people. How will we house them?**

Vishaan Chakrabarti:

“Our democracy's in trouble because I think there's just a lot of tension in the air about all of these converging crises. ...The concerns center around both the building materials that can cause pollution and, once built, the energy the buildings will use. *Sustainable materials like wood and brick would knock out the need for building towers. And solar panels can provide more environmentally friendly electricity.*

*Solar power won't work if the building is too big or has too many occupants.* If it's too small, like with single-family homes, more people would lean into car dependency, creating more pollution. The plan needs to hit a *Goldilocks*sweet spot.

...Hitting that sweet spot also means using materials in the right place. Wood works for a number of places in the U.S., while humid climates like India would benefit from using brick. *International building codes say three-story buildings also don't require elevators*, so long as there is wheelchair access for ground floor units. *Eliminating elevators would further reduce the use of concrete and building costs.*

With the right kind of systems... *three-story housing could also produce carbon-negative technology, meaning the buildings would create more energy than they use.”*

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**From:** Lisa Pelletier < [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2022 10:29 PM  
**To:** Stacy Atkins-Salazar; Sarah Schaefer; Meredith Matthews; Brett Watson; Alex Stillman; Kimberley White; Julie Vaissade-Elcock; Judith Mayer; John Barstow; Dan Tangney; Christian Figueira; Scott Davies  
**Cc:** David Loya; Karen Diemer  
**Subject:** Please pay attention to sea level rise!! (re: Wastewater Treatment Plant, Gateway Plan)

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Dear Members of the Arcata City Council,

Former Arcata Mayor and Councilmember Michael Machi said it best: "Stop the bureaucratic sleepwalking - sea level rise will doom our plans; Ma Nature has clearly warned us to relocate the Wastewater Treatment Plant" (Mad River Union, Sept. 29, 2022). I strongly urge you to read his piece and give serious thought to his warning.

Here's the link:

<https://www.madriverunion.com/articles/stop-the-bureaucratic-sleepwalking-sea-level-rise-will-doom-o-ur-plans/>

A number of people have spoken out about SLR at the Arcata PlanCo and city council meetings, including recently. We have beseeched you to do more to address this issue. And like Mr. Machi, many of us fear you are sleepwalking your way towards a car crash of a disaster that could make our town unlivable.

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury released its report on sea level rise this year ("The Sea Also Rises"). The report confirms what Michael Machi has to say, namely that mega-flooding events are already with us! We don't have 30 years to wait before deciding on where to relocate the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The time is NOW!

From the report:

"Even now we are witnessing 'bomb cyclones', extreme weather events like the massive storm that hit the Pacific Northwest last year resulting in major flooding. And as if this isn't enough, the earth has a "moon wobble" problem. News reports in 2021 informed us that the moon wobbles back and forth on an 18-year cycle. At one side of the cycle the moon's gravitational pull on oceans is stronger than the other side. We are presently in the trough of the cycle where tides are mildly affected. By 2030, we will begin witnessing the peak of the cycle when tides will be larger and stronger resulting in more flooding along the earth's coastlines."

That's in as little as 7 or 8 years, if not sooner! Not to mention that King Tides and heavy rains are already causing problems with our aging treatment plant. Mega-floods are occurring more frequently all over the world due to climate change. Don't think it can't happen here!

So do you have a plan for where to relocate the Wastewater Treatment Plant? Community Development Director David Loya says that you do. And I respect David, but when I asked to see the maps where the buildings, infrastructure and sewage plant would be relocated, he confessed that the City hasn't gotten that far yet. Maybe it's time you did, because we have very little time, and that infrastructure may need to go in the southern half of the Gateway Area, if that's feasible.

We need an advisory board made up of experts on sea level rise (like Aldaron Laird) to study this, then move as rapidly as possible to come up with a plan for relocating the plant.

Your first duty as a council member is to look out for the health, safety and well being of your constituents. Please resist the temptation to kick the can down the road until it's too late! Seize the day on this or go down in infamy for failing to act in time. It's your choice and your responsibility, not something to be taken lightly. Thank you and Carpe Diem!!

Respectfully,  
Lisa Pelletier (Arcata resident)

**TO** Scott McBain  
McBain Associates

**FROM** Dave Metz and Miranda Everitt  
FM3 Research

**RE:** Arcata Community Survey Scope of Work

**DATE** July 28, 2022

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Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) is pleased to submit this short scope of work to conduct a community survey to help inform a large-scale planning effort in the City of Arcata. We are proposing a methodology similar to the one we used in 2019 for our survey to inform the passage of the City's Measure A in 2020.

### **Company Background**

FM3 is a California-based company with 23 full-time employees located in our Oakland and Los Angeles offices. We have been conducting public policy-oriented opinion research since 1981 on issues of major economic and social concern, such as education; budgetary issues and taxation; constituent satisfaction with public services and support for policy proposals; transportation; healthcare; growth and property development; environmental protection; natural resource conservation and development; communications technology; energy development; and organizational branding.

In any given year, FM3 conducts hundreds of surveys and focus groups (as well as other types of opinion research), which we use to provide strategic insights and advice to our clients. All key FM3 staff members have advanced degrees in public policy, research methods, and/or extensive experience working in state and local government, and every FM3 project is personally led by one of our firm's Partners.

More information can be found at the firm's website at [www.fm3research.com](http://www.fm3research.com).

### **How FM3 Conducts Voter Surveys**

The past few years have seen significant changes in the ways many Americans use communications technology. The dramatic rise in the use of caller I.D. and similar features has led to an unprecedented increase in individuals screening their calls. At the same time, use of the internet has exploded as an increasingly greater proportion of the population has access through their smartphone or another web-capable device.

These changes have had a significant impact on the discipline of public opinion research. While the traditional methodology of conducting randomized telephone surveys continues to provide highly accurate data on public sentiments, the rise of call-screening behavior presents growing challenges. As a result, we recommend

conducting a dual-mode voter survey using a combination of telephone calls and online interviews, drawing a randomly selected and demographically representative group of participants. (Alternately, we could conduct an online-only voter survey as a more cost-effective option.)

The process will begin with an initial kickoff meeting (likely via teleconference) between FM3 and the key members of the project team. The meeting will provide a comprehensive discussion of major issues that should be explored in the survey. FM3 will then present a first draft of the questionnaire for review and comment. After collecting feedback on the first draft, we will revise and refine the survey. We foresee proceeding through several drafts, incorporating feedback from the project team before each revision, to develop a research instrument that will obtain all desired information. Before interviewing commences, FM3 will secure approval from the appropriate representative on the final version of the questionnaire.

A dual-mode approach includes interviews conducted via telephone (landline and wireless) and online. The process begins with a list of voters obtained from voter registration records; the email addresses available on the voter file are matched to commercial databases to strengthen increase their accuracy. Then all respondents with an email address are invited to participate in the survey online. The remainder of interviews are obtained by phone, capturing responses from those less likely to have publicly available email addresses or to be likely to respond to an email request for an interview and ensuring a demographically representative sample. Calls and text messages are used to round out the interviewing, with a goal of getting roughly 50% of interviews by phone (on landline and cell) and 50% online (by email and text).

The survey instrument will gather relevant demographic information from respondents, enabling response analysis by gender, age, party registration, ethnicity and other demographic groupings. Relevant geographic data about survey respondents will be provided by the voter file, as all voters are required to provide a current residential address when they register to vote.

Within one to two days after interviewing has been completed, FM3 will deliver topline results that show the overall percentage of respondents that chose each answer, for all of the survey's questions. Within two to three days, FM3 will then provide a comprehensive set of cross-tabulated results. The cross-tabulated results will include a table for each question or demographic variable in the survey, with a series of up to 200 columns indicating how various subgroups of the surveyed electorate responded to that question. The cross-tabulated results will make it possible to detect how responses differ among various subsets of the population. For example, it will be possible to compare men and women, residents of various age categories, responses based on party registration, ethnicity/race, homeowners and renters, voters living in different geographic areas, and many more subgroups of the voter population.

Upon conclusion of the survey project, FM3 will provide all of the documents listed below. All documents can be provided in hard copy or electronic form (or both), depending on your preference.

- ✓ ***Final survey questionnaire***
- ✓ ***Topline survey results*** (the survey questionnaire filled in with the percentages having chosen each response code)

- ✓ **Full cross-tabulated results** (responses to every question in the survey, broken down by dozens of demographic, geographic, and attitudinal subgroups of the population)
- ✓ **PowerPoint presentation** (graphs of topline results, additional key survey findings, conclusions and actionable recommendations)
- ✓ **Public Summary Memo** (this may take the form of a press memo, or executive memo highlighting important survey results, key findings, conclusions and relevant actionable recommendations)
- ✓ **Raw data from the survey in electronic form** (if requested)

FM3 will remain available to answer follow-up questions and present results to key stakeholders. We view each survey as an ongoing data resource; if the need arises, FM3 can do further analysis to follow-up questions that may be posed, and FM3 will continue to provide strategic consulting to assist in the development of public communications.

### PROPOSED RESEARCH SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATED COSTS

<b>Methodology</b>	Dual-mode voter survey using a combination of telephone calls and online interviews <i>(Cost-saving alternative: Online-only voter survey)</i>
<b>Respondent</b>	Dual-mode: Telephone calls, email invitations, and text invitations
<b>Contact Method</b>	<i>Online-only: Email and text invitations</i>
<b>Population &amp; Sample</b>	200, 250, or 300 registered voters in the City of Arcata
<b>Margin of Sampling Error*</b>	<p>±6.9% for a sample of 200 interviews      ±6.2% for a sample of 250 interviews      ±5.7% for a sample of 300 interviews</p> <p>*At the 95% confidence level (i.e., in 95 out of 100 cases)</p>
<b>Questionnaire</b>	10-20 minutes
<b>Deliverables</b>	<p>Following the completion of the survey, we will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A questionnaire with the topline results of the survey for easy reference</li> <li>• A complete set of crosstabs in an easy-to-read, comprehensive format</li> <li>• Verbatim responses to any open-ended questions</li> <li>• A complete analysis of survey results in PowerPoint</li> <li>• A presentation of the survey results</li> </ul>
	FM3 will also be available for ongoing consultation and any further analysis of the research.
<b>Cost</b>	Figure 1 contains the total estimated costs to conduct a dual-mode survey. These prices are comprehensive and include all costs for questionnaire design; sample acquisition and

preparation; programming; email and text invitations; survey hosting; telephone interviewing; data entry and analysis; and reporting.

**Figure 1: Estimated Survey Costs (Dual-Mode)**

Survey Length	Number of Interviews		
	200	250	300
10 minutes	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$21,500
15 minutes	\$21,000	\$22,750	\$24,500
20 minutes	\$23,500	\$25,500	\$27,500

Figure 2 contains the total estimated costs to conduct the same survey, but using an online-only methodology.

**Figure 2: Estimated Survey Costs (Online Only)**

Survey Length	Number of Interviews		
	200	250	300
10 minutes	\$16,000	\$16,625	\$17,250
15 minutes	\$17,250	\$17,875	\$18,500
20 minutes	\$18,750	\$19,375	\$20,000

We would welcome the opportunity to work with you on this research, and if you have any questions or if there is any further information we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Dave Metz**

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# Petition for the L Street Pathway to Become a Permanent Linear Park

We support the existing L Street bicycle-pedestrian pathway be officially designated as a Linear Park, from Alliance Road to Samoa Boulevard, and that this Linear Park be preserved and enhanced as a green space for recreation, play and community.

We also support the spoken recommendation from the Chair of the Arcata Transportation Safety Committee at its August 2, 2022, meeting: "Revise the circulation plan that eliminates L Street as being considered for new streets and car traffic. This area is recommended to become a car-free Linear Park that prioritizes people."



arcatalinearpark.org

**For the website and to sign this petition:**  
[www.arcatalinearpark.org](http://www.arcatalinearpark.org)

Contact us: [arcatalinearpark@gmail.com](mailto:arcatalinearpark@gmail.com)



Send us an e-mail

## More information:

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Instagram: arcatalinearpark

L Street Articles: [Arcata1.com/linear](http://Arcata1.com/linear)



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**David Loya**

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**From:** Nicole Holland <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** COM DEV  
**Subject:** Gateway Plan

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Hi, I'm very much in support of the Gateway Plan, and my input is to be sure that the sound between apartments is not passing through into, below, or above the adjacent apartments. If you want residents to be happy with where they live, they need to not hear their neighbors coughing, snoring, or other noises. This is a real problem with apartments, that makes it difficult for residents to feel comfortable and that the contractors are using appropriate materials to give residents the kind of homes they want to live in. Please take this real concern under consideration when finding the contractor, and discussing mandatory construction necessities.

Thank you,  
Nicole Holland

## Delo Freitas

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**From:** Alex Stillman  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 23, 2022 8:01 AM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Please consult with Aldaron Laird on SLR!

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Begin forwarded message:

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Dear Arcata City Council Members,

I sent you a letter on Oct. 3 with the subject heading: "Please pay attention to sea level rise (SLR)!" And not a single member of the council responded! So I'm left scratching my head. Is it that you're not concerned about this issue (SLR)? I'd like to think that's not the case, but I'm starting to wonder.

Instead of putting the cart before the horse by rushing ahead with the Gateway Plan, you would be wise to consult with professionals about SLR, like Aldaron Laird, and come up with a plan for where to relocate the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) as soon as possible. Don't you think?

On Sat., Oct. 8, I attended a Zoom class on SLR with Aldaron Laird, who is the foremost expert on this issue in our area. He said that most of the Gateway area will be inundated by 2120 (a hundred years from now). In fact, it could happen a lot sooner! He said that almost all of the sea level rise will happen in the next 20 years as the dikes are overtopped. By 2120, it will just get deeper.

Even if you shore up the dikes, we are also going to have rising ground water and salt-water intrusion into wells. According to Aldaron, this could happen within the next 10 to 40 years, which when combined with the King tides will lead to more frequent and chronic flooding.

In about 20 years, the WTP will be an island surrounded by water, so you will need to insulate all the piping and infrastructure leading to the WTP, then build a causeway out to it, which will be very

expensive - not to mention the difficulty of performing maintenance when most of the surrounding area will be under water!

So we should be planning for where to relocate the plant NOW! It's likely that the only viable place to relocate it is in the southern section of the Gateway Area, such as the Barrel District or in Valley West. The Barrel District falls in the Coastal Commission's area, so it's foolish to even think of building there for more reasons than one.

Then there's the little matter of building high-rise structures on mud flats. Aldaron doesn't think this is such a bright idea. As I mentioned, we can expect salt-water intrusion and rising ground water levels in this area. Aldaron provided an illustration of what can happen by pointing to the beachfront buildings in Florida that collapsed due to salt-water intrusion into the foundations of the buildings.

He also mentioned that we need a plan for where to move the residents, businesses and infrastructure south of Samoa and West of Old Arcata Rd. "Why add to the problem?" he said, "It doesn't seem prudent."

Another Arcata resident who attended the class asked if, given these conditions, it was viable to build in the GAP at all. Aldaron responded, "Does it make sense to invest public money on a part of the city that will ultimately be part of the bay?" So I put that question to you, and I'd appreciate a response this time.

Now I know that David Loya and staff have assured you that they do have a plan for SLR and the WTP. He also attempted to reassure me. So then I asked to see the maps for where the WTP will be relocated, and he said, "Whoops, I forgot to answer that question." As it turns out, there are \*no\* maps for that because there is \*no\* plan for that! I respect David, but this is exactly the type of interaction with city officials that generates mistrust, and leads people to the conclusion that you're being less than fully transparent with the public.

At the last PlanCo meeting, David said that the staff has decades of "institutional knowledge", but he realizes that the public doesn't have this knowledge and recognizes that you all need to do a better job of outreach and bringing the public along. I agree with that and that's why I support the suggestion for a survey and an advisory committee, so you know where people truly stand and what the experts say. You pretend to know, but then you ignore letters like mine and the voices of 85 prominent Arcatans who asked you to form an advisory committee. Aldaron Laird was one of the signatories. He's also one of the first people you should have reached out to, and been consulting with. Why haven't you? Or if you have, why are you ignoring what he has to say?

Aldaron also mentioned that the state releases guidelines every few years with projections for SLR. He had a graph that showed that every time the state releases the new guidelines, the projections for how much SLR to expect is revised upward. So even if staff has the "institutional knowledge", it's not adequate. They need to be keeping up with these projections.

I don't wish to bash your planners. I know they work very hard, and I appreciate all their work. That said, Aldaron didn't appear to have much confidence in them. He said that the Community Development Director likes to "play games with probabilities." And he said that he doesn't care to "play games", but prefers to "look at the science." And the science says that we can expect up to 10 feet of SLR, if not more, and we need to prepare for it now. So I respectfully request that you start the process for deciding where to relocate the WTP, and please stop putting the cart before the horse!

There are alternatives to tall buildings. Susan Ornelas has an excellent plan, which is "outside the high rise box" thinking. (That's another letter, so I won't belabor it here.) Anyway, her piece has been in all the papers, so hopefully you've seen it. The point is, we really need you folks to get more creative in

your thinking than just thinking stuffing folks into monstrous buildings that could catch on fire or collapse through liquification. I hope you recognize that you are potentially playing with people's lives and that's unacceptable.

Have you all had a chance to read Michael Machi's piece in the Mad River Union (Sept. 29). I included the link in my previous letter, and I'll include it again (see below). He said it best, "Stop the bureaucratic sleepwalking - sea level rise will doom our plans; Ma Nature has clearly warned us to relocate the Wastewater Treatment Plant!"

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Finally, I'd just like to repeat the question that Aldaron Laird posed, because I'd like to hear your answer. He said, "Does it make sense to invest public money on a part of the city that will ultimately be part of the bay?" How do you respond?

(He also said that we need to elect some sensible people to the city council. Amen to that!)

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Pelletier  
Arcata resident

## Delo Freitas

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**Cc:** Karen Diemer; David Loya  
**Subject:** Please Support the L-Street Linear Park

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Dear Members of the Planning Commission and the Arcata City Council,

The Gateway Plan touts "community benefits" like parks as an amenity to the community. But we haven't seen much specific detail about where the parks and trails are supposed to go in the GAP. It's almost like the City has overlooked that part.

We already have a beautiful linear park along the L-Street corridor that just needs a bit of enhancement ss to landscaping.

My mom and I just walked it recently, and it's such a peaceful oasis. So why on earth would you want to destroy a park (or "community benefit") that already exists just to create a noisy, soul-destroying highway that would fundamentally change the character of this arts/parks district?

It sounds like more of the same plan to enrich developers that won't benefit the residents of Arcata. Please rethink this! If you truly want an arts district that attracts people, best not to turn it into a noisy, congested corridor, don't you think? We love this linear park district and want to preserve it for future generations to enjoy. Please, please, please preserve what we already have in terms of "community benefits" - our beautiful linear park - and don't go about destroying it!

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Lisa Pelletier (Arcata resident)

## Building height maximum - per January 2022 Open House engagement

Poster title	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
Arcata's future multi-family...	2	1	11	0	0	0	0
Built environment and Architecture	0	0	16	1	2	0	0
Gateway Area Amenities	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
How did we get here?	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
What have we heard so far?	0	6	7	0	0	0	0
Final thoughts/ feedback?	0	2	19	0	0	0	0
Full list of Plan topics	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Arcata is Growing...	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
Built Environment Streetscape	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
Equitable Housing	3	0	7	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	