



June 4, 2019

Planning Commission  
City of Arcata  
736 F Street  
Arcata, CA 95521

**RE: Isackson's Affordable Housing Project**

Commissioners:

The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP) strongly supports infill affordable housing in Arcata, particularly when designed around active transportation and transit. As such, we support the Isackson's Affordable Housing Project and the associated transportation improvements for transit, bicyclists and pedestrians. We encourage you to grant the required approvals.

However, we ask that you consider adopting the following conditions of approval to ensure that the project lives up to expectations regarding its transportation impacts:

1. Require a minimum of one (1) secure, protected bike parking space for each unit.
2. Extend proposed sidewalk improvements to 7<sup>th</sup> Street between J Street and K Street, including the addition of a sidewalk where none currently exists on the north side of the block. Leaving a full block with no sidewalk so close to the project would discourage pedestrian activity.
3. Require that proposed sidewalk improvements include widening to allow a clear path (free of obstructions such as sign posts and mailboxes) of at least 8 feet. Narrow sidewalks with frequent obstructions in this part of Arcata discourage pedestrians, particularly people with mobility limitations.
4. Require that the project applicant enter into a legally binding contract with the Humboldt Transit Authority guaranteeing the provision of free bus passes to residents for at least 15 years. A contract with HTA will improve the enforceability of this condition.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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