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Dear City Council and Planning Commission,

I need to point out a couple of disconnects in the city's planning.

In this report you have an itemized Policy SF-2.7 which limits development in tsunami inundation areas on the mill site, while just last night you transferred eleven and a half acres to the Noyo Marine Center at the south end of Soldier's Bay, presumably to develop the new Marine Center facilities. Unfortunately, this area is directly in line of one of these tsunami inundation areas.

You are also considering a project called the Avalon Hotel that is similarly in a tsunami threatened area, as shown in the 2007 tsunami map in your report. The Safety Policies of limited development in tsunami zones needs to extend to all areas within city limits, that are not necessarily only on the mill site, as well as to projected projects on the mill site, such as the Noyo Center.

It is incredibly that ironic that we are talking about sea level rise on the mill site, which is owned by the Koch Brothers. Over the past 21 years, the Koch's have spent over 127 million dollars financing 92 groups that have ruthlessly attacked and discredited climate change science. Charles and David Koch have a vested interest in delaying climate action: they've made billions from Koch Industries, a huge oil corporation that's the second largest private company in America, with an extremely poor environmental record. The Koch's and their lobbying foundations were the primary political force responsible for the United States pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement.

I congratulate you on the resolution to clean up the mill pond, but this is something that should have been done 15 years ago. The Koch brothers are scofflaws, and should be fined many thousands of dollars for every single day they continue to delay a full and comprehensive clean-up of the GP property. The City should not be allowing behind the scenes real estate deals, in areas that are not properly zoned, before this clean-up is done. This delay in a proper clean-up has negatively affected honest and transparent development plans, and is encouraging unwanted urban sprawl in areas outside the mill site property, such as at Hare Creek and Mendocino College.

The Koch brothers have the money to clean up the rest of their mess. Please force them to do so immediately.

Signed,

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