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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO THE HIGHWAY 101 PROJECT THAT ENDANGERS THE RICHARDSON REDWOOD GROVE.

WHEREAS, old growth redwoods are an irreplaceable natural resource unique to California, part of California’s heritage and valuable wildlife habitat;

WHEREAS, Richardson Grove State Park is a major tourist destination and of economic importance to northern California;

WHEREAS, California residents expect their state parks to be protected from incursions by development projects.

WHEREAS, in a time of fiscal crisis, the project as proposed by Caltrans to widen highway 101 through Richardson Grove State Park would waste millions of tax-payer dollars.

WHEREAS, the larger (STAA) trucks that Caltrans claims would be served by the widening project already travel the 101 corridor many through an exemption process, with a spotless safety record and zero accidents on record.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council call upon the Governor to immediately rescind funding provided through the California Department of Transportation and direct Caltrans to rescind the project known as “The Richardson Grove Improvement Project”, which is the widening of highway 101 through Humboldt County.

Joanne Wile
Mayor