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**Subject:** CORRESPONDENCE RE: April 22, 2026 Santa Cruz County Planning Commission Agenda Item #9 Hearing on Annual Code Update

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Dear Santa Cruz County Planning Commission,

I am writing to notify you that there has been inadequate public notice at the site of the Redman-Hirahara property, APN 052-271-04, scheduled on your Item #9 agenda to re-zone and remove all historic designation.

On Monday, April 20, 2026, I visited the property and inadequate visible information posted at the site for the public hearing.

View below is from Lee Road, Watsonville. This is a violation of Santa Cruz County Code 18.10.121 requirements for public noticing of hearings.

Therefore, I respectfully request that your Commission continue any action related to the Redman-Hirahara property re-zoning until there is adequate public notice provided and maintained at the site



This is the view from Lee Road at the driveway to the Redman-Hirahara property. The sign had NO information regarding a Public Hearing, only the map of the parcel area, and was not at all visible from the street.





I visited the sites of the other two parcels scheduled for similar re-zoning at your April 22, 2026 Commission meeting and found easily-visible and well-noticed information of the hearing, with all documents protected from rain by plastic jackets.

Below are photos also taken yesterday of the former Discovery School site (APN 026-261-17):





Below are photos of the former Seabreeze Tavern (APN 042-151-23 ) that are visible and include full information regarding the public hearing at your April 22, 2026 meeting.





Below is the information from the Santa Cruz County Department of CDI for signage requirements on site of proposed projects:

<https://cdi.santacruzcountyca.gov/UPC/DiscretionaryPermitsZoning/Publications/GuidelinesforNeighborhoodNotificationofProposedDevelopment.aspx>

## Project Site Sign

### I. Provide Sign Placement

- A. **Timing.** Your project site sign installation is confirmed by submittal of a sign installation certificate ([Attachment 1](#)). The sign certificate must be received by the Planning Department at least 10 calendar days prior to the first public hearing on the project. If the project requires environmental review, the sign certificate must be received no later than the Notice of Intent to Issue a Negative Declaration is issued. If an EIR is required, the sign certification must be received no later than the Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report is issued.
- B. **Visibility.** All required signs shall be placed on the property to be clearly seen and readily readable from each right-of-way providing primary vehicular access to the subject property. Corner lots should use one two-sided sign placed diagonally to the corner to be visible from both streets. Signs shall be located not to interfere with vehicular line of sight distance.

**Information required.** Each sign shall be printed with legible black lettering in Arial or similar standard typeface on a white background and shall include only the following factual information:

1. Header "NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT" (no less than 2-inch capital letters, bold)
2. Application Number (1-inch figures, bold)

3. *Description of proposed development on the site, including type of project, proposed use, number of units/lots, types of applications being processed with a description of each (½-inch to 1-inch letters, bold).*
4. *Footer with applicant's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address if applicable, on the left side and the project planner's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address on the right side (½ inch to 1 inch capital letters, bold).*

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission continue any review of the proposed re-zoning of the Redman-Hirahara property due to inadequate public noticing.

Please respond. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner

## Riley Rhodes

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**From:** Matthew Sundt  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2026 9:07 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION APRIL 22, 2026 RE: 2026 COUNTY CODE AMENDMENTS

Best regards,



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Dear Planning Commissioners,  
I am writing to ask that you NOT approve staff recommendations to re-zone and remove designation of APN 052-271-04, the Redman-Hirahara property as historic. (pages 228, 230, 214, 221, 224, 234)

I also request that your Commission NOT approve amendment (E) of Section XLIV 16.42.050 (page 205 in the agenda packet, Exhibit D):

*(E) Delisting of an Historic Resource that Longer Exists.*

*In the event of a natural disaster or calamity that destroys an historic resource, the structure shall be delisted from the County Historic Inventory.*

**The Director of Community Development and Infrastructure or their designee shall inform the Historic Resources Commission of the delisting at a regularly scheduled Historic Resources Commission meeting). The County Zoning Map shall**

*subsequently be amended to remove the Landmark "L" Combining District pursuant to SCCC 18.40.055)*

I oppose this amendment because it incentivizes owners of historic structures who would like to quickly remove any historic designation of properties to easily accomplish that, without the expense of providing any structural analysis or rehabilitation feasibility studies.

It also makes the de-listing ministerial, thereby removing all significant involvement by the County Historic Resources Commission.

Please protect our County's historic and cultural resources. Do not approve either of the two amendments discussed herein.

Please respond. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Becky Steinbruner