

WITH A COMMUNITY COMMENT, I'M BRIAN PAPSTEIN. ... THERE ARE TWO TOPICS I'D LIKE TO SPEND A FEW MOMENTS SHARING MY COMMENTS ABOUT. ... VETERAN'S DAY IS TODAY. THERE ARE MANY CELEBRATIONS AND CEREMONIES BEING HELD THROUGHOUT THE REGION TODAY – BEING HIGHLIGHTED BY SOUTHWEST EUREKA ROTARY'S ANNUAL EVENT IN EUREKA ... CRESCENT CITY'S ANNUAL PARADE ENDING UP ON FRONT STREET AND THE PARK .. AS WELL AS IN FORTUNA, AT THE VETERAN'S HALL ON MAIN STREET. IF YOU HAVEN'T ATTENDED ONE OF THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE PAST, PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING ONE OF THEM THIS YEAR. ... ANOTHER OPTION IS TO VISIT ONE OF THE LOCAL CEMETARIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY. THERE ARE MANY FOLKS WHO SERVED IN THE PAST WARS – FROM SOME OF THE MOST RECENT OR AS FAR BACK AS THE CIVIL WAR OR FRENCH-AMERICAN WAR. REGARDLESS OF YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT THE WARS THEMSELVES, THESE FOLKS LAID THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE. DON'T WE ALL OWE THEM A MOMENT OR TWO OF REFLECTIONS OR A QUICK PRAYER OF THANKS ON THIS DAY? ...

ON ANOTHER TOPIC, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A COUPLE OF MOMENTS TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES IN HUMBOLDT, DEL NORTE AND CURRY COUNTIES ON THE IMPACT YOU'VE MADE REGARDING THE LAST CHANCE GRADE IN SOUTHERN DEL NORTE COUNTY. ... I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN HEARING YOUR CONCERNS REGULARLY AND CLEARLY THAT THIS SITUATION NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED – THAT MEANS BEING FUNDED IN A TIMELY FASHION – OVER THE PAST MONTHS. ... IN FACT, IN CORRESPONDANCE I'M PRIVY TO, CONGRESSMAN JARROD HUFFMAN HAS ALLOWED “THERE IS GUARNATEED FUNDING FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THAT HAS SECURED FUNDING FOR THE REALIGNMENT AT LAST CHANCE GRADE.” THE CONGRESSMAN CONTINUES IN THE NOTE THAT QUOTE “THIS MEASURE WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ALONG THE NORTH COAST ...” ...

WE ARE SUCCEEDING IN THE EFFORT TO GET THE FUNDING IN TIME TO GET THE BYPASS AT LAST CHANCE GRADE. HOWEVER, YOU CANNOT SIT BACK AND RELY ON YOUR NEIGHBORS TO CARRY THE WATER ON THIS EFFORT. ... IN THE SAME NOTE, CONGRESSMAN HUFFMAN ALSO SHARES THAT HE HAS HELPED SECURE A 75% INCREASE IN CURRENT LEVELS OF FUNDING FOR

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – WHICH TRANSLATES TO \$3.7 BILLION DOLLARS IN BUS FUNDING NATIONWIDE. ... SO WHILE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, WE ALSO NEED TO DO OUR BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DOLLARS AVAILABLE GO TO THINGS THAT ALL OF US WILL BENEFIT FROM. ... AND THE LAST CHANCE GRADE BYPASS PROJECT CERTAINLY IS ONE OF THOSE AREAS THAT WE ALL WILL BENEFIT FROM.

CALL YOUR CONGRESSMAN. IN CURRY COUNTY, CALL YOUR COMMISSIONERS – PARTICULARLY THE TWO NEWLY ELECTED ONES. CALL YOUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS IN HUMBOLDT AND DEL NORTE COUNTY – THOSE SUPERVISORS CURRENTLY IN OFFICE AND THOSE NEWLY ELECTED.

YOUR EFFORTS ARE GETTING RESULTS. ... AND DON'T FORGET THE VETS TODAY – THEIR EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF ALSO RESULTED IN A BETTER AND STRONGER COMMUNITY.

FOR KINS' COMMUNITY COMMENT, I'M BRIAN PAPSTEIN.