Planning Commissioners,

In addition to my letter to you detailing the multiple reasons to reject the proposed Terry Mines Rezone request, I provide in bullet format the glaring mistakes and obvious cut a paste hurried reporting used throughout the EIS for the Mines proposed project.

The lead agency who did the EIS is not the planning department but a private contracted company named SHN.


This is not accurate: All 19 Acres of the Goodyear Property is zoned RR not HC and it does not lay between the proposed project as a buffer zone as the EIR implies. All the residences can view the proposed project rezone request.

2. Section 1: Introduction – Page 4
Full disclosure is required for all participants in the EIS and This was not provided to the public for the public comment period 3 Nov to 3 Dec 2018, nor is it evident now.

3. Section 2: Project Location, page 5 – States the proposed project is ¼ Mile from the Douglas City (DC) core area.
We are in the DC Core Area as indicated in the Planning departments own DC community and overall county Plan.

4. Section 2: Existing Conditions, page 5 – This paragraph misleadingly implies that the project site is a mix of industrial and multiple C-3 businesses, not truly representing the actual on site reality.

There is only one C-3 Zones property, a huge Propene storage tank improperly rezoned to C-3 as described in the DC and Trinity County Plan. According to the plan, no fuel storage should be allowed near residential areas.

The EIR strongly suggests the industrial zone across from Hwy 3 (East) is being used for that purpose. It is not: Cross Construction company uses it for equipment storage. As stated much later in the study the site can not be developed for industrial purposed do to hazardous waste found in the soil in and around the property site. In addition, both the previous attempt at a CEQA done by the planning department and presented in the April rezone attempt, and the current EIS, state a soil analysis on the specific proposed project site should be done prior to Rezone and proposed permit. This is still not done. The proposed Project site land was part of the DC Sawmill complex that was shut down in part due to environmental hazards found long ago.

Problem 2: Existing Conditions - Page 5

The statement that the Goodyear rezone (in 1996) established all the residences West of the project rezone is again, totally misleading the Commissioners. This misleading statement completely skews the study to indicate the lesser claim of residents established after the business parcels. The complete opposite is true. The entire neighborhood was there first with homes established from 1862 through the 1970’s.

Problem 3: Existing Conditions, page 6
Not addressed in EIS:
The Metal building on the proposed rezone site is a non conforming structure. Neither a building permit was ever applied for or issued by the planning department, and was constructed as per the EIS in multiple stages, long after the planning department was formed, and presenting zoning assigned.

Problem 4: Existing Conditions – page 6

Combined issues for parcel APN 015-490-11 – the residential property buildings exceeds the 25% occupied maximum space allowed for Commercial zoned property. A second garage/shop was constructed on the same parcel without a building permit, after the planning department was established, and after the planning department rezoned the property to HC. Non confroming building.
January 15, 2019

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My name below acknowledges that I do not support rezoning these parcels from HC (highway commercial) to C3 (heavy commercial).

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