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Clendenen Suggests Oversight of Code Enforcement

Noting that there have been a number of citizen complaints regarding the county's Code Enforcement Unit (CEU) actions, Second District county supervisor candidate Clif Clendenen has suggested that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors consider establishing an oversight committee that can monitor the actions of enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.

For instance, enforcement officers are required to announce their intentions to property owners and have inspection warrants before they take a step on private property. Oversight can assure that these requirements are followed in every inspection. The CEU was established to prevent serious environmental and public health issues such as making sure sewage is not dumped in our rivers.

"An oversight committee could assure residents that the work priorities and policies of the CEU are clearly established and scrupulously followed," Clendenen said. "The many sides of this issue need to be heard. I will be attending the April 4 public meeting sponsored by the CLMP in Garberville and will be looking forward to hearing first hand from the stakeholders. I encourage everyone to come to this meeting and begin the dialogue. I suspect new answers that are long-term and workable can be found if we all work together."

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