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Dear Prospective Board Member,

We are delighted that you are considering becoming a member of the Board of Directors of Access Humboldt. As Chair of the Board Development committee, I am writing to thank you for your interest and describe our process for filling the upcoming open seats on our Board.

The Board of Directors of Access Humboldt is designed to represent the broad base of community interests as reflected in the variety of nonprofit organizations and institutions serving Humboldt County as well as access producers and persons with knowledge and expertise related to the mission of Access Humboldt.

The By-Laws state that six Directors are elected by the membership; two Directors are "Appointed Directors", appointed by the majority of the Board; and seven are "Designated Directors" consisting of one Director appointed by the Humboldt County Office of Education representing K-12 schools, one Director representing post secondary educational institutions (appointed on an alternating basis by Humboldt State University & College of the Redwoods), one Director appointed by the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County, one Director designated by Northern California Association of Nonprofits (NorCAN) to represent public benefit nonprofit organizations, one Director appointed by the Mayors' Select Committee to represent Cities of Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, Blue Lake, Ferndale and Rio Dell, one Director appointed by the Eureka City Schools, and one Director appointed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to represent the County of Humboldt.

There are two seats available to be filled by election of the members in 2010. Both are for 3-year terms.

As you are aware, we are a young organization that has been formed to manage cable access channels, network connections and other resources by agreement with the County of Humboldt, the cities of Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Blue Lake and Ferndale, in collaboration with area school districts, other public education institutions, and nonprofit organizations. In simplest terms, directly from our Articles of Incorporation and By Laws, we are formed to "support, manage, produce and distribute non-commercial, community-based media content, materials and services."

If you choose to apply for a seat on our Board please submit a completed application with a cover letter and resume to the Access Humboldt Board Development committee. Please include names and contact information for at least three references. ***Application materials must be received by Access Humboldt no later than Saturday, July 31, 2010.***

All applicants are invited to attend the regular meeting of the Access Humboldt Board of Directors on Tuesday, September 28, 2010. You are welcome, and encouraged, to introduce yourself during the Public Input session on the Agenda.

All members in good-standing by September 10, 2010 will be eligible to vote.

The Board Development committee will finalize the ballot and ballots will be mailed to the membership of Access Humboldt on October 1st.

Newly-elected Board members will be formally seated on October 26, 2010. This new board will then determine preferred qualities and identify potential persons to appoint to the two additional remaining board seats. *Applicants may also be considered for those 1-year appointed positions.*

Again, thank you for your interest in this innovative, growing community asset!

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Member, AH Board of Directors
Chair, Board Development committee