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#### **New Headquarters for Environmental Groups**

*November 23, 2016* – On December 1, the Northcoast Environmental Center, Humboldt Baykeeper and Californians for Alternatives to Toxins (CATS) will have new headquarters in the Cooper Building at 415 I Street in Arcata. This new location will be more accessible and visible for volunteers, interns, and interested community members. It will also enable NEC to continue to provide meeting space for the California Native Plant Society, Redwood Region Audubon Society, and other member groups.

With the move to 415 I Street, volunteers will have a convenient location to drop off their collected cigarette butts for the NEC's Adopt-a-Block program or get info about the NEC's Adopt-a-Beach program, stop in to discuss environmental issues, peruse the collection of environmentally focused books, brochures and pamphlets, drop off donations or purchase NEC and Baykeeper logo'd shirts and hoodies for holiday gifts.

"We are excited to launch this new chapter in a better position to engage the community in what will certainly be challenging times for environmental advocacy," said Jennifer Kalt, Director of Humboldt Baykeeper.

The NEC also welcomes CATS as a new Associate Member group.

An Open House will be held on Thursday, January 26th from 5-7pm for all to celebrate the new headquarters. Until then, members and the public are welcome to stop by for a peek at the progress.

The NEC was formed in 1971 to promote understanding of the relations between people and the biosphere and to conserve, protect and celebrate terrestrial, aquatic, and marine ecosystems of northern California and southern Oregon.

Humboldt Baykeeper was formed in 2004 to safeguard coastal resources for the health, enjoyment, and economic strength of the Humboldt Bay community.

Californians for Alternatives to Toxics (CATs) was founded in 1982 by community groups from throughout northern California who wanted a regional resource center for information and action about hazardous chemicals and for promotion of organically produced products.

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