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Planning &amp; Building Services

This comment is in response to letter I received from the Department of Planning and Building Services dated January 21, 2022 concerning the rezoning application of Brandy Moulton. I thank you for the opportunity to make this public comment.

1. I find it amazing that this application is still being given serious consideration by the County over the repeated objections of the neighborhood. I feel we are playing "Whack-a-Mole," with the same Mole appearing from the same hole over and over. As I said in my earlier response to the Department (email of May 27, 2021), I think it is completely unacceptable that the property owners of the parcels suggested for rezoning are not listed. Who are they? Have they been informed of this application and are they in support? Do you have signed authorizations from them? It seems wrong that they do not have to reveal their names to the public, but those of us who make public comments must make our names available and public. This is neither transparent or neighborly; it is poor governance and simply unacceptable.

2. The application was filed on October 30, 2019. This is now 27 months before the hearing date of February 3, 2022. During these 27 months, there has been no effort by these property owners to get to know their neighbors, to inform them of what is going on with their property, to engage them in a robust and rich discussion of how a cannabis accommodation would be of benefit to the neighborhood. In fact, there has been every effort to avoid such contact.

3. Surveys which were circulated within our neighborhood and all contiguous neighborhoods in this area two years ago were conclusive in their findings that the neighbors wished the county to enforce the sunset regulations. This neighborhood is residential, there is no desire for any commercial zoning of any kind. Nevertheless, the property owners in the application have spent effort during the past two years in building up their business in this location rather than looking at how best to sunset their business and move to an alternative site.

4. I find it disheartening that the county, at best, did not pay attention to the information gathered two years ago, and, at worst, deliberately ignored this information. The applicant and associated owners have not shown respect to the neighborhood nor integrity in their actions. The bottom line is that there are other areas of the county that are open to cannabis cultivation, and this residential neighborhood has consistently and appropriately expressed its opinion against this. The applicant has always sought to inflict her will on these neighbors and the county -- this is not how it should work.

5. Please deny the application.

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