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Planning &amp; Building Services



January 28, 2022

Mendocino Planning Commission

Re: Case#: R\_2019-0012 Agenda Item February 3, 2022

Dear Commissioners:

As longtime owners of property very close to the proposed project, we must once again object to any commercial Cannabis Cultivation operation being permitted in this Fort Bragg area zoned Rural Residential. We purchased our property at the intersection of Jade Court, Emerald and Amethyst in 1974 which is very close to the proposed project site.

A Cannabis Commercial Operation cannot by any stretch of the imagination be considered a 'cottage industry'. This raises the question as to why a Cannabis cultivation business is currently being allowed at the Jade residential site.

It should be noted that the longtime home owners at the corner of Jade Court and Amethyst whose back property faces the Jade residence in question, sold their property within the last six months and left Fort Bragg. Whether that was due to the current Cannabis controversy is certainly a consideration as we had discussions about the potential impacts on them and surrounding neighbors. It is very unsettling to have protested this same application R\_2019-0012 in June, 2021 only to be revisited six months later with the same application.

We believe the applicant's request to Rezone 16 parcels of Rural Residential for private business purposes and also to request to 'Suspend the Sunset Provision' for Residential Districts is simply out of the question. It seems to us that the intent is for the benefit of the

applicant with yet unknown and possibly very detrimental future challenges to the neighbors and character of this residential neighborhood.

Moreover, this could be setting a dangerous precedent both for other areas of Fort Bragg and for the Cannabis Growers! Is it simply a matter of increased revenue that is driving this very unusual application with its unknown and potentially negative impacts that could occur were it to be approved?

It is reassuring that the Staff Recommendation to the Planning Commission is "that the Board of Supervisors deny the requested Rezone due to inconsistencies with Chapter 20.118 of County Code in regards to the size and shape of the proposed district

We respectfully urge the Planning Commission and The Mendocino County Supervisors to deny this application and relieve Rural Residential property owners in this area of potential future problems associated with Cannabis Cultivation.

Lee Willoughby on behalf of the Willoughby Family

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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors



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