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Planning & Building Services

May 16, 2023

Dear Planning Commissioners,

We wish to respond to a few statements made by Ms. Lerman, Esquire, Emerald Law Group, in her letter dated March 22, 2022.

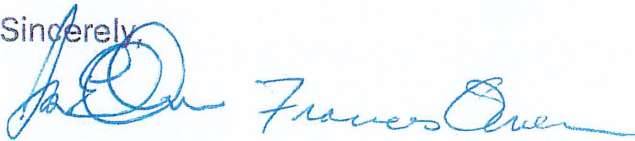
Ms. Lerman states: "The applicants concede that properties within the RR-1 zone are not qualified to commercially cultivate cannabis. Therefore none of the RR-1 properties will be affected by the Establishment of a CP Combining District."

**Our response:** We concede no such thing and will address the point at the hearing. However, please remember that this is an "opt-out" application which was inserted into the ordinance by the Board of Supervisors to protect residents who might be in proximity to commercial cannabis operations and it is those who live there whom the ordinance conferred an option to prevent commercial operations. Also, the objectors reference to 55.8% is a manipulation of the data and runs contrary to the purpose of the opt-out provisions. Based on our submitted signed petitions in favor of this CP rezoning, we defer to the Planning Department for their determination of legality, allowances, disallowances and calculations.

Ms. Lerman also states: "This application reeks of fear and racism."

**Our response:** There is no racism, plain and simple. We find these accusations to be highly offensive and perhaps a ploy to distract from the real discussion we need to be having here.

Sincerely,



James and Frances Owen  
Petitioners in favor of CP zone