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Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services
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Re:

CASE#: R_2021-0002

DATE FILED: September 7, 2021

OWNER: VARIOUS

APPLICANT: EASTSIDE RESIDENTIAL REDWOOD VALLEY

AGENT: KATHLEEN GILLEY

REQUEST: Rezone request to establish a Cannabis Prohibition (CP)
Combining District over 207 Assessor's Parcels in Redwood
Valley. See attached map.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Exempt – CCR Section 15061(b)(3)

LOCATION: 0.1± miles north of the Redwood Valley town center, bound
generally on the west by East Road (CR 230), on the north by
Madrone Drive (private) and Road I (CR 234), on the east by
Colony Drive (CR 232-A), and on the south by Road D (CR 232).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 1 (McGourty)

STAFF PLANNER: RUSSELL FORD

To whom it may concern,

My name is Anarbol Lopez, I am the applicant for a cannabis cultivation permit at 2270 Road E. I am always open to listening to any complaints that I may resolve. If they are not brought to my attention, I cannot make the changes in my operations necessary to satisfy my neighbors.

Recently, unaware of the proposed CP Zone, I submitted an application for a cultivation permit to Mendocino County. I have also applied for a cultivation license with the State. Because I do not yet have a permit and license, I am unable to operate, and there is not currently any cannabis being cultivated on my parcel. However, it cost me a great deal of money to complete all the prerequisites required to apply. If the CP Zone is passed, I will lose all the funds I expended in order to obtain a permit so that I can cultivate cannabis lawfully.

I was born and raised in Ukiah, and I am a long-time resident of Redwood Valley. Mendocino County has always been my home, and now I am raising a family here. I have seen, for decades, the fight between cannabis cultivators and the larger public, and I believe, when compliant with regulations, the two can co-exist peacefully.

My proposed cultivation site is compliant with all regulations. Further, my site exists within a larger vineyard; I converted vineyard space for cannabis, as I was informed that this is the most environmentally friendly site. In fact, I was told that CDFW prefers for cannabis cultivators to cultivate on already disturbed agricultural land.

My vineyard is operational; we use contract vineyard workers, as do many other vineyards in the area. The pond on my property provides irrigation and frost protection for the vineyard. We use Redwood Valley Ag water for the cannabis cultivation, and if/when that is cut off, we will purchase water for the cultivation.

In order to avoid a blight for my neighbors, I obtained a permit for 8 ft. fencing around the perimeter of my cultivation site. I am also open to planting odiferous plants around the perimeter of my cultivation site to lessen any odor.

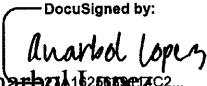
I do not have any dogs on my property at all. I have never seen loose dogs running around near my property. I am unaware of the source of these complaints. Further, there has never been anyone with a firearm on or around my property. If and when I obtain a permit, all the cannabis cultivated on my parcel will be done in compliance with all laws and regulations, and there will be no black market cultivation or sales.

I am also a business owner, as I own several businesses in Mendocino County. Therefore, I contribute a great deal to the local economy, not only from my cannabis cultivation, but also from my vineyard and other businesses as well.

I want to make it clear that establishing this CP zone will put me out of business. I have expended everything I have into obtaining these permits and complying with all of the regulations; if this zoning modification passes, my cultivation application will not be grandfathered in, and would be unable to move the permits and licenses I hope to obtain, to another location. Accordingly, I hope you will all consider this when rendering a decision. I am doing my very best to not only comply with the laws and regulations, but to be a good and attentive neighbor as well.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. Please vote against establishing a CP Zone in this area.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Anarbol Lopez

Applicant for Cultivation Permit at 2270 Road E

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2270 Road E
Letter from Applicant, Opposing CP Zoning
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