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Planning Commission  
Humboldt County  
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Dear Planning Commission Members:

We are writing to express our deep concern over the planned land use in our neighborhood at 2870 Nelson Lane, Fortuna (APN 200-062-026).

This "parcel of concern" is *not* in a rural area. It actually lies within the County but is bordered on two sides by City of Fortuna residences (9 parcels) and on two sides by County of Humboldt residences (8 parcels). Each parcel adjacent to the approximately 16 acre parcel of concern contains a home on about 1-2+ acres. Strangely, the county residences and parcel of concern compose a finger that juts into the City of Fortuna with only a tiny section (two parcels-worth) connecting it to the County. In other words, our neighborhood is in and/or is surrounded by City of Fortuna jurisdiction (see attached map). In addition to the 17 properties bordering the parcel of concern, there are about 35 homes in the to-be-impacted neighborhood.

The new owner (actually an LLC) of the parcel of concern has applied for a cannabis permit under the Humboldt County Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance (county permit numbers 12157, 12158 and 12160). Their plan is to develop a massive 50,000+ sf building complex right in the middle of our suburban neighborhood. The plan includes repurposing an existing barn and building one 5,000 sf processing building, three 10,000 sf growing buildings, and one 20,000 sf growing building. (Note: two of these buildings are retirement/remediation/relocation operations.)

We purchased our home in this specific neighborhood because of the proximity to town, city services, spacious lot size, quietude, beauty, incredible view, lack of through-traffic, and *safety*. This is a neighborhood of owner-occupied homes of mostly white-

collared workers and public servants. This is the place we chose to bring our young toddlers to grow up. It is the place we chose so our kids could play *safely* and could grow up *safely*; where they could walk or ride a bike to play with the neighborhood kids without fear of human predators or being run over. There is no residence they have to run quickly past or avoid. There are no maniac drivers because this is not a thoroughfare and everyone who is driving in our neighborhood, lives in the neighborhood. There is no litter or pollution. We enjoy watching deer and turkeys and an occasional bear meander through the neighborhood at will: it is their neighborhood, too.

Our concerns are many. Of course we are concerned about the effect on our view (both day and night) and odor. And we are concerned, too, for our neighbors (outside the city limits) who's only water source is a well. But we are most concerned about the *safety* of our children, *safety* of ourselves and our personal property, and the *safety* of the wildlife and pets that live in our neighborhood. Marijuana farming is not like other farming: you never see deadly booby traps or gun wielding security guards around an alfalfa field and the demographic of the marijuana seasonal labor force is not the as those who come to harvest wine grapes. This seasonal labor force, especially, threatens the safety of our children and neighborhood. We dread the thought of the increased traffic and the speed of that traffic driving through our neighborhood. We do not want the laborers' litter and pollution. We absolutely do not want weapons in our neighborhood or the presence of people in our neighborhood that cause the farmer to feel the need to have weapons. We don't look forward to needing to install security systems and register for concealed weapons permits in order to protect ourselves and homes from potentially nefarious clientele at the new "farm" operation.

We doubt that our suburban, residential neighborhood with a small, seemingly random pocket of unincorporated agricultural land was envisioned in the development of the Humboldt County cannabis ordinance. Our neighborhood of small, residential properties within and adjacent to the city limits is NOT an appropriate location for a commercial cannabis operation. We appreciate you hearing our concerns and look forward to anything you can do to support our assertion and protect our lives, property, current lifestyle, and continued quality of life.

Sincerely,



Mike Mayberry



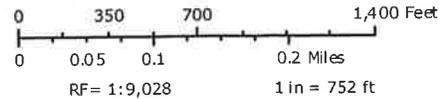
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## Neighborhood surrounding 200-062-026

Humboldt County Planning and Building Department

- Blue Line Streams**
- Perennial 1-3
  - Perennial >4
  - - - Intermittent
- Subsurface
- City Boundary
- Counties
- Parcels



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Map Disclaimer:

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