

April 28, 2022

RE: Organic Humboldt LLC - PLN-2020-16475 - APN 205-231-029

Dear Humboldt County Planning Director John Ford,

I am writing to you as a concerned neighbor regarding the large cannabis growing project totaling 57,060 square feet of cultivation area proposed at 445 Stafford Road.

Although Stafford Road may “qualify” for the terms of the application, I do not think it is suitable due to several items.

The Stafford Road community is entirely residential. Stafford Road itself is a one lane road – no center stripe and not conducive to heavy traffic. Neighborhood children ride horses on Stafford Road visiting grandparents and accessing the Eel River. There is also a considerable amount of foot traffic on Stafford Road. There are many points along Stafford Road where two cars cannot pass each other. The kind of traffic (semi-trucks, etc.) this project will be adding to the rural nature of this area is inappropriate and liable to be dangerous.

My family has owned the 50 acre property where I reside on Stafford Road since 1927. As a lifelong agriculturist and rancher, I feel qualified to comment on some of the applicants proposed farming practices.

I realize the zoning classification “qualifies” for this type of use, but I disagree. I am very familiar with the soils and terrain along Stafford Road. I do not believe that a cannabis farm of this magnitude is feasible under the terms of the permit - explicitly under “dry farming” methods. The water storage capacity of the project are unrealistic for a project of this size. I have concerns that the applicants will be forced to pump ground water using the existing well on the property. For at least the past 3 years, myself and many of my neighbors have voluntarily been frugal with water usage due to the drought conditions. Considering that the US Drought Monitor has classified Humboldt County in a D4 Exceptional Drought, I think it is negligent for the County of Humboldt to approve the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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