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**To:** [Planning Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Letter to the Planning Commission members, Planning Commission meeting June 2 2022  
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- > For your attention: Planning Commission meeting Thursday June 2.
- > Mezzrow Farms, LLC; Special Permit
- > Record Number PLN-2020-16621 (filed 09/01/2020)
- > Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 104-121-020, 104-281-004, and 104-311-020 Petrolia area.
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We are among the many long-time volunteers, board members of Mattole Camp and Retreat Center, which is adjacent to the proposed project.

The Camp has been operating for over 60 years, due to the fortunate location of a spring on the property. This is the only spring on its 9 acres. If for some reason, due to the massive proposed cannabis farm directly adjacent and above the church property, the spring was diminished, polluted, or even ceased to flow, the long-established Camp, with all its infrastructure and structures would no longer be viable.

If there was a way to have the proposed Mezzrow Farms grow above us, guarantee our water would not be impacted, it would be within their rights to proceed, as long as there was hyper-vigilant constant monitoring. Since a guarantee will probably never be provided, it is just too risky to allow this venture to go forward as proposed. If our water was impacted, it's likely they'd say "You can't prove it was our fault ..." They would still have their mega-industrial factory farm and we would lose our beloved camp.

We appreciate that the Planning Commission works to serve the community making fair land use decisions. The stakes are so high in this particular case, that we could suffer a catastrophe if water and erosion issues arise. It threatens our 60 years long legacy of providing the community at large, retreats and education along the beautiful Mattole River. Our dedicated stewardship and this grassroots non-profit could also be called a kind of rare "critical habitat" "... set aside and providing respite for all ages. It's worthy of saving for generations to come.

Please take these facts into consideration as you deliberate.

Sincerely,  
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