

September 5, 2019

Humboldt County Planning Commission
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE:

Michael Brosgart and Arielle Brosgart proposed Glendale Cannabis Facility at 1695 Glendale Drive.

Dear Commissioners:

Glendale's future is hanging in the balance and now is the time to proceed with caution. Glendale matters to its residents, but it also matters for the 80,000 people who rely on the Mad River for drinking water. What happens here ends up in our water.

The Humboldt County Planning Commission is currently under pressure to approve multiple conditional use permits that will open Glendale industrial areas to the Cannabis Industry. Just about every former mill site as well as other industrial locations are being sighted by the Cannabis Industry for cultivation and extraction. The Brosgart project is just the first of many. These projects will change the character of Glendale forever. Few of us want barbed wire and guarded compounds in our neighborhood, around our market, or near our bus stops.

In a county with an unemployment rate of 21%, it's easy to be excited about job creation. But, in addition to hundreds of jobs, this industry will bring secured compounds, increased traffic, and increased demands for social services. The cumulative impact will transform the nature of our community and will degrade our roads and require significant infrastructure improvement. These things require planning, and we were in fact promised a Glendale Community Plan by the Board of Supervisors as part of the rezoning process and completion of General Plan requirements.

The long debated HumCo General Plan update has been approved, yes, but zoning changes have not. Due to an overwhelmed HumCo Planning Department our "Glendale Community Plan" remains unscheduled and

zoning is in limbo. As a result, we will all have to wait.

~~In the meantime, the Planning Commission owes Glendale due process regarding our Community Plan. It's only prudent, and most likely a legal requirement, to plan based on our Land Use Designations and Zoning requirements. Without a completed Community Plan and without Zoning, Glendale is in flux and granting conditional uses permits at this time is circumventing the will of the community.~~

Until the long term planning process is complete, transformative developments that require conditional use permits and mitigated negative declarations should be denied or delayed. For Glendale, the "Glendale Community Plan" must come first, but for the greater good of Humboldt, our water supply and natural resources require protection.

Including the Brosgart project being considered, please consider a moratorium on significant developments until completion of Glendale's Community Plan and re-zoning completed. Plan, Zone, then Permit.

Thank you for your service to Humboldt,

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RE: Michael Brosgart and Arielle Brosgart, Special Permits
Application Numbers: 13319, 13328, 1339 & 13346
Case Numbers: SP16-868, SP16-870, SP16-871 & SP16-872
Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 516-111-064; 1695 Glendale Drive

Dear Commissioners:

During early May of this year I sent a letter to you in which I expressed concerns about the above referenced Special Permit applications. At that time my concerns were actually based on very limited information some of which I was seeing in the way of relatively recent changes along the route I travel nearly every day on my way to town or to the grocery store in Glendale and some of which were based on rumors as to changes that might be coming to the community.

I had hoped that, by now, additional information provided by the Humboldt County Planning Commission would have relieved my concerns, at least, to some extent. Unfortunately, though, after reading the Notice sent by the Commission I'm even more concerned now than I was in May. I think residents who would be forced into living nearby should be too.

It was only a few days ago that I received notice of this public hearing from the Planning Division of the Planning and Building Department of Humboldt County.

As I read through the notice, I was particularly alarmed to see there is any serious consideration at all given to issuing a Special Permit (SP-16-868) for what is described as a volatile manufacturing facility. The notice describes this facility as containing "pre-fab manufacturing pods surrounded by re-enforced concrete walls to be explosion-proof".

Such a dangerous facility, in my opinion, should not even be considered for placement anywhere near where people live. People actually live in houses in Glendale! Many of the people in these houses probably heat them with gas-

enforced concrete walls. I'm very disappointed that such a permit application has come to this point.

I have lived near the community of Glendale for nearly 40 years and was employed in the Forest Industry locally for 36 years. I have, therefore, grown very fond of the Glendale area and am hopeful that it remains a beautiful, peaceful and safe place in which to live. I think it should also be obvious I have absolutely no objection to industrial activity since I was employed in the local forest industry for so many years.

A second concern I have developed since May is that the Cannabis Industry seems to be an "attractive nuisance". I mention this because, over the years since I first arrived in Humboldt County, activities in and around Korblex (this is the general area in which Renner Petroleum now operates a card-lock facility) were primarily timber industry related. Within the last year or two, the primary activities have shifted to being cannabis industry related.

For all those years of timber related activities, never, in my memory was there any crimes of a major nature. I understand, though, that there has already been an armed robbery in the area since activities were taken over by the cannabis industry. I wonder when another will occur because it appears to me as though the cannabis industry attracts such behavior and I don't want that going on in Glendale let alone anywhere else. People deserve more safety than that.

I can only hope the majority appreciates my concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rydelius", written in a cursive style.

James A. Rydelius

Sept. 5th, 2019

Dear Humboldt County Planning Commission,

This project before you today, known as the "MichaelBrosgart and Arielle Brosgart Glendale Cannabis Facility", located at 1695 Glendale Drive, is Not in alignment with the proposed COMMUNITY Commercial Zone.

The Community Commercial Zone includes such things as retail shops, healthcare services, community assembly, essential services, professional offices, bed and breakfasts, social halls, clubs with needed upstairs Residential.

The project before you is not in alignment with the proposed zoning, as we ask that you do not approve the 4 special permits that will rob the community of the benefits the proposed Community Commercial will promote, which we need in Glendale, for our and the other neighboring communities of Blue Lake and Fieldbrook.

We ask that you do not approve the special permits. And instead, we ask you to put a hold on all such Community Defining Projects, such as this one in the center of our community and the only place possible for such community serving activities may take place., until Glendale's Community Plan Process is complete and the General Plan Update is finalized.

You may be aware, in 1984 the California Court of Appeal determined that "Local Governments must have a complete and valid General Plan before they can issue any Special Permits. (Civ. No.22468. Court of Appeals of California, Third Appellate District. June 8, 1984.)

This would allow there to be a subdivision of this lot into 2,000 sq ft lots to be used for small business, retail and other resident opportunities as the proposed zoning states, and for goods, services and upstairs housing as the proposed Community Commercial Zone promotes, and our Blue Lake, Fieldbrook and Glendale Communities so desperately need.

Thank you.,

Barbara Russell

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