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From: emily herman <emilyjherman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: Re: North Fork Mattole Farms, LLC

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the North Fork Mattole Farms, LLC, record number PLN-2020-16766, APN 105-051-009 application for cannabis cultivation. Hearing date 9/16/21. Although I deeply care for the people involved, I also deeply care about the quality of life in the Mattole Valley. Greenhouses and fans and water tanks and PG&E power and backup generators and loads of soil amendments are all necessary ingredients to make cultivation possible- you don't have to look very far to see evidence of this all around us. However, when a farm of this potential size wants to take place in a centrally located, residential area, I have concerns about how this will further impact the residents, the animals, the quiet and darkness of nighttime, and when do we, as a community, draw the line of how much is too much?

Two of the applicants graciously addressed some of the community's concerns yesterday. Although they were very willing to hear what their neighbors had to say and were willing to think about making accommodations touching on the neighbors' concerns, I left the meeting wondering: Why? Why would they want to put in ANOTHER scene in downtown Petrolia? Why spend an exorbitant amount of money on a brand new project when the industry is supersaturated? Why have more plastic greenhouses, more truckloads of materials coming in and out of the valley? More noise and light pollution, if not right away, then eventually? What about all of that water?! We have been in drought for several of the past years (40" measured nearby last year). Although it was stated that they do not plan to start out with as much as is listed on the application, what happens when they do need to grow more to pay off the land debts? What happens when they sell the land and the permit?

I do not feel like this project should be approved.

Thank you for your time.

Emily Herman
Petrolia neighbor