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**To:** Planning Clerk  
**Cc:** Holtermann, Michael  
**Subject:** Tomorrow,9/16, agenda item for NorthForkMattoleFarms

This email is regarding the Special Permit application of North Fork Mattole Farms (Petrolia area) for APN 105-051-009, and Record #PLN-2020-16766.

I believe this grow is inappropriate for the "downtown" area of our tiny community. Although it is a relatively small proposed operation by many standards, its location is all wrong-- visible from the main county road used by locals and tourists from around the world who visit to enjoy the increasingly rare quiet, isolation, and natural beauty. And while it is true that after a while locals will not "see" it anymore, and will look anywhere but "over there" at the plastic monstrosities, the sounds of generators and fans will be inescapable.

I will keep this email short and to the point, as you have many to read. Let me make up in volume what i will skimp on in length: WE, THE RESIDENTS OF THE LOWER MATTOLE VALLEY, DO NOT WANT OUR LIVES DOMINATED AND DEFINED BY LOUD, UGLY, PLASTIC MONUMENTS TO AMBITIOUS INDIVIDUALS' MONEY-MAKING PLANS.

The majority of locals here live here for the peace and quiet-- to be away from the noise and industry of the modern world economy. And probably an even greater percent of tourists come here to enjoy the exceptional beauty, the sense of remoteness, and the down-home, small-town, friendly atmosphere. It's a unique place where a bunch of ornery individuals have somehow learned to get along, creating and maintaining a home environment that keeps most of us exquisitely contented most of the time; and we are proud of living outside the box.

I do not like this grow in the downtown Petrolia area both for its specifics and for the general symbolism of allowing a factory to represent us to the world and to become a visible part of daily life for most of us residents.

I do want to hold the line on this and similar future developments.

I do not accept the definition of "agricultural" for production requiring electricity and tons of plastic infrastructure, nor do i accept that people living in places zoned "residential/ag" should have to endure industrial-strength non-agricultural (by our definition) effects.

I do want more people to be alerted to such plans. When fans and generators can be heard and felt for a mile or more away, notifying only owners of adjacent parcels or those within 300' of proposed operations is woefully inadequate.

Thank you for your time. I plan to be heard via telephone during tomorrow's meeting.

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