

Clerk of the Board
Humboldt County
Board of Supervisors
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Supervisors:

Re: Public Nuisance Abatement, 2773 Spears Road, Eureka, Ca.

I am writing to comment regarding the proposed abatement order on the property at 2773 Spears Road. My wife and I reside at 4771 West Wing Lane, and have lived here for about 18 years.

West Wing Lane intersects with Spears Road just across from the driveway to the property at 2773 Spears Road, adjacent to our mailboxes. We had few occasions to encounter the original owners over the years except to wave as we passed on the road. This has always been a quiet neighborhood, mostly families, and we are familiar with our neighbors, their vehicles, pets and kids.

This all changed after the deaths of the previous owners. In the course of a normal week we can observe various unfamiliar people coming and going from the property on foot or in vehicles. While we have seen some vehicles several times, it is difficult to tell who actually resides there because some people appear for only a short time. Some of the young people seem to arrive on foot, because we have observed them on Myrtle Avenue or walking down Spears Road, while a couple of people have cars that always seem to be in a state of disrepair.

One car broke down Spears Road and was parked on the side for several days before it was moved. Another vehicle broke down at the bottom of their driveway and was stuck for several days before it was removed. Since the driveway is next to the mailboxes we can see that the road was damaged, and still remains broken.

Normally, as neighbors we would stop and ask if anyone needed help. The drivers of these vehicles never seem to interact with anyone except to glare at us if we look in their direction. Since we have sometimes heard loud verbal altercations between these same people, it seems safer to stay away.

We have also seen unfamiliar people walking on the road at all hours, or loose dogs on the road at night with no owner. This is a rural one lane road with no street lights so, while they may not be concerned, we don't want to see anyone injured or any vehicle damaged in an accident.

Based on what the Sheriff's deputies have told our Neighborhood Watch group and the abatement officers have described the garbage and squatters on the property, we think that these are unsafe conditions. We therefore request that the County abate this situation and require that the owners of 2773 Spears Road comply with the law.

Sincerely,

Jack Surmani and Suzanne Guerra
4771 West Wing Lane