

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION #1

For Board of Supervisors Agenda of:
March 16, 2021

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Re: Appeal of the Planning Commission action to deny the Rocci Costa Conditional Use Permit for 10,000 square feet of new cannabis cultivation in the Blue Lake Community Planning Area. File No#21-301

Attached is Planning Commission Resolution 20-18, which denied the Rocci Costa Conditional Use Permit on March 5, 2020. The Planning Commission resolution originally attached to the Board of Supervisors Staff Report is the incorrect resolution.

**RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Resolution Number 20-18**

**Record Number: PLN-12176-CUP
Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN): 516-211-025**

Makes the required findings for certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and denies the Rocci Costa, Conditional Use Permit.

WHEREAS, Rocci Costa submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit to cultivate 10,000 square feet of new outdoor cannabis cultivation, and a 1,000 square foot ancillary nursery cannabis cultivation to be unenclosed within the Blue Lake Community Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Division has reviewed the submitted application and evidence and has referred the application and evidence to involved reviewing agencies for site inspections, comments and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the matter before the Humboldt County Planning Commission on March 5, 2020.

WHEREAS, a substantial number of community members testified against the project and its potential adverse impacts on the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined, and ordered by the Humboldt County Planning Commission that:

1. The proposed project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per section 15270 (Projects Which Are Disapproved) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
2. The Planning Commission finds that proposed project's impacts of unenclosed cannabis cultivation to the Warren Creek neighborhood will be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.
3. The Planning Commission is unable to make the findings for approval in Section 312-17.1 of the Humboldt County Code.
4. Conditional Use Permit PLN-12176-CUP is denied.

Adopted after review and consideration of all the evidence on March 5, 2020.

The motion was made by Commissioner Levy and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.

AYES: Commissioners: Bongio, Mitchell, and Levy

NOES: Commissioners: Newman, McCavour

ABSENT: Commissioners: O'Neill

DECISION: Motion carries 3/2

I, John Ford, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the County of Humboldt, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the action taken on the above entitled matter by said Commission at a meeting held on the date noted above.



John Ford, Director

Planning and Building Department

Hayes, Kathy

From: Justin Garwood <justingarwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:06 PM
To: COB; Wilson, Mike; Madrone, Steve; Bohn, Rex; Bushnell, Michelle; Bass, Virginia
Subject: Regarding Agenda Item J: The Rocci Costa Cannabis Conditional Use Permit

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

Here we are again. Again having to oppose the cannabis farm proposed by Laura and Rocco Costa on Warren Creek Road. This project needs to be DENIED once and forever. The residents of the Warren Creek Road Community strongly oppose the approval of this commercial cannabis farm in our community. We are a strong knit community that many of us have lived in for generations. We know one another, look after one another, and care about where we live. We are not a bunch of NIMBY naysayers. We have a well used frisbee golf park in our neighborhood used by many, and will hopefully soon host a vital section of the Annie and Mary Trail on our roads. We oppose what commercial cannabis brings to every community in which it infects: increased traffic to rural roads that are not designed to handle them, blight on the view sheds, unwelcome smells, increased crime and break ins, garbage, light pollution, and unsavory workers and guards, amongst other things.

The project proponents have proven to be poor stewards of their land and have brought hardships to our neighborhood with unfriendly dogs, drug addicted tenants, and garbage. Now they claim they will do right by the neighborhood? They do not live here. They have no ties here on Warren Creek. They are just here to diminish our way of life and extract profits. They are just as foreign to our neighborhood as the Rolling Meadows Ranch owners from Florida. I noticed a Op Ed article published by a well known southern Humboldt blog about this proposed project where it mocks the Warren Creek community. they claim our annual 4th of July celebration is somehow unsafe on a private dirt road as they try to diminish their added traffic to the road. How many neighborhoods do you know of that are tight knit enough to hold annual celebrations and miniature holiday parades? This mockery shows just how little they care about our community.

We live here. My kids ride their bikes on the dirt portion of Warren Creek Road. We walk and run on this small narrow road that eventually leads to the proposed cannabis farm. We do not want this. They are welcome to cultivate in their own neighborhood and to leave ours as it is. There are many unavoidable significant impacts from this project. Vote it down.

-Justin Garwood

Begin forwarded message:

From: Justin Garwood <justingarwood@gmail.com>
Date: August 24, 2020 at 10:18:25 PM PDT
To: cob@co.humboldt.ca.us, mike.wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us
Subject: Regarding Agenda Item I: The Rocci Costa Cannabis Conditional Use Permit

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,
I am a resident of the Warren Creek community. I strongly urge you to deny the Conditional Use Permit as recommended by staff for the Rocci Costa cannabis project on Warren Creek Road. This project is a poor fit for our small tight-knit community centered around a narrow single entry and exit road. This project would bring significant unavoidable impacts to our way of life. We do not want it here.

Thank you,

Justin Garwood