

Sharp, Ryan

From: Catness Kittenstein <redpathkat@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 3:25 PM
To: COB
Subject: Laura and Rocci Costa permit statement

To whom it may concern,

I have known the Costas for years, they are more than just dear friends. At this point, they are cherished family. They are amazingly supportive members of the community and have helped give me council and wisdom on many occasions throughout my life. They are exceptionally responsible farmers and care deeply about the land, environment, and the local community in which they live. I can't think of anyone better to put in a sustainable cannabis farm in the local area. The residents of Warren Creek would be lucky to have such wonderful human beings living amongst them.

With the utmost sincerity,
Katerina Hogstrom

Sharp, Ryan

From: Desirae Zuniga <desiraezuniga@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 1:30 PM
To: COB
Subject: Laura Costa Rocci Costa PLN 2020-16376

Hello! So I want to say to you all how supportive Laura has been in my life. I had a son with cancer who has since passed away and I needed friendship and someone to teach me about safe cannabis use. I still go over to her house she's befriended me and I don't have a lot of friends. She listens to me and encourages me despite all the health problems she is currently facing. Through the hardest time in my life I never once relapsed to drugs despite the grief because of safe cannabis use. It's a blessing to have a person reach out to me because she knows how to heal people with love friendship and cannabis. I know my daughter has a better mom and I can work steady now , my life is just better and having a farm around like the Costas can benefit many people from the past and the future. They're the real deal community people. A god sent friend for sure.

Thanks for listening to me

Desirae Zuniga
Oliver and Jazzies mom

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Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Sharp, Ryan

From: carla carroll <carla@carrollco.net>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 5:39 PM
To: COB
Subject: Legal Cannabis Farm in Blue lake

Legal Cannabis Farm in Blue lake

To whom it may concern.

I'm writing to express my support for Rocci Costa in his bid to get a permit for a legal cannabis farm endeavor. I believe it is a necessary natural medication for many issues we suffer from. He has worked tirelessly to achieve the highest standards in integrity, honesty and quality of product. He and his wife have been a part of this community from their parents legacy to today. I have known Rocci my entire adult life and know he is honest, hard working, dedicated, informed and willing to help his community by running an environmentally safe and completely structured business that will benefit the people of your community and beyond. I believe in this human being and am proud of the continued professionalism and his friendship.

Sincerely, Carla Carroll

Sent from my iPhone

Friday, August 14, 2020

From Cara Cordoni, Asherah Consulting
on behalf of

Rocci Costa, Roc Squatch Farms

- PLN-2020-16376
- APN 516-211-025,
- Permit PLN-12176-CUP
- APPS 12176

To the Planning Department, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and
Concerned Neighbors,

Attached are two documents to **clarify** the Appeal submitted on Thursday, March 19,
2020, appealing the decision of the Planning Commission on March 5, 2020.

We understand the importance of some of our Planning Commission and neighbors
concerns about our proposed project and we want to assure everyone that the
problematic history of the property does not reflect the future. *The property owner,
Rodney Costa, will not be involved in property management, nor will he be physically
present on the property. Lastly, he has no involvement with the running of Roc Squatch
Farms. (see **Exhibit I - Rodney Costa Landowner Letter**).*

We've also included a letter from our road engineers at Green Road Consulting advising
us to direct the commission's attention towards the second, updated report as many of
the specific issues brought up by neighbors in the last hearing refer to the earlier,
inaccurate report. (see **Exhibit II - Letter from Green Road Consulting Engineer**)

In addition, Rocci and his son intend on participating in Humboldt County's Cannabis
Appellations project. Appellations of origin for agricultural products protects intellectual
property such as traditional farming practices while promoting environmentally ethical
farming standards. By providing a scientifically-derived environmental, geographic and
cultural baseline for the delineation of Humboldt's Cannabis Appellations, this project will
support local economic stimulation through increased value of locally produced
cannabis.

We have every intention of helping to maintain the special character of the Warren
Creek area and watershed and contribute to it's health and sustainability. We hope that

you can understand the importance of thoughtful reflection on the positive value this project will have for our local community and County.

Attachments:

EXHIBIT I Rodney Costa Landowner Letter

EXHIBIT II Letter from Green Road Consulting Engineer

Thank you for your attention,
Cara Cordoni

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Regarding Roc Squatch Farms

- APN 516-211-025,
- Permit PLN-12176-CUP
- APPS 12176

To the Humboldt Planning Department and the Board of Supervisors,

I, Rodney Costa, am the owner of the land on which my brother, Rocci Costa, would like to farm. My brother was denied a permit on March 5th, 2020 based on 'fuzziness' about responsibility for the land, and concerns of public safety which I will address here.

At the hearing [approx timestamp 1:58:35] Committee Member Noah Levy said, that "the current applicant was not really in charge of the property for most of that time but some of that time it's a little bit fuzzy where that responsibility took over."

I'd like to clarify what was referred to as 'fuzzy' by Mr. Levy. My brother and I signed a lease agreement in December of 2016 expecting that he would be approved to begin his farm within a few of months. We never imagined that this process would last almost 4 years. No money exchanged hands as our verbal and handshake agreement was that he would begin payments once he was permitted.

Rocci then pursued the eviction of the squatters who were on the property. Now whether he did that as an exceptional tenant or if the lease is disregarded he did it without any responsibility for the property, either way he pursued resolution and improvements to the public safety through evicting the squatters.

Mr Levy continued, "I am not confident that approving this project wouldn't be detrimental to public health, safety and welfare. I sympathize with the owner who I would like to take it as word is earnestly and genuinely trying to do the right thing. I take the point Mr Edrington that this ordinance is intended to retroactively improve properties that have been neglected, and this one surely is, but I also feel that the history associated with this property makes me not inclined to trust that all the commitments that we're requiring could be met."

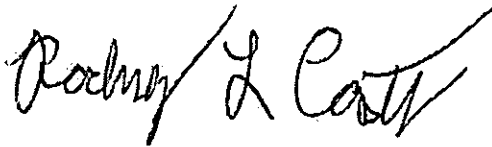
How Mr Levy would arrive at that conclusion, when my brother does not own the property, has not been responsible for any of the documented issues on the parcel, and has taken earnest and genuine action to make improvements, is a mystery to me. My

brother is not responsible for the history of the property, I am. I have no financial stake in Rocci's farm except to collect rent once that's possible. Rocci has been and wishes to continue being part of the solution for the Warren Creek agricultural area. I would expect the Commission and the Board to distinguish between substantiated issues with the neighbors, which ended with the eviction of the squatters, and those that are unsubstantiated claims and disregard the latter.

The County has repeatedly taken the position and has the evidence to support that permitted grows increase public safety, as well as property values. The Warren Creek Road agricultural area would be well served to have a legal cannabis farm in it's community.

I therefore ask the Board of Supervisors to consider the facts and to rule in favor of permitting RocSquatch Farm.

Rodney Costa
Address

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney L Costa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Costa Hearing Meeting Minutes -

Steven Breitenstein <Steve@greenroadconsulting.com>
To: Cara Cordoni <cara@asherahconsulting.com>

Thu, Aug 13, 2020 at 12:40 PM

Cara,

I certainly agree that there is a certain degree of bias involved in the handling of this project. It is clear to me that many members of this neighborhood do not want this cannabis farm in their midst. I do not believe that the real reason for this is related to the traffic issue, and I doubt that any reports will convince them otherwise. My one comment is that the attention of the commission should be directed to the second, updated report only, as many of the specific issues brought up in the last hearing refer to the earlier, inaccurate report. This report speaks for itself and I do not believe I can improve upon it at this time.

Steve Breitenstein

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