

September 27, 2021
APN 516-211-025
PLN 12176 CUP
Roc Squatch Farm

Re: The seasonal smell of the flowering cannabis plant in the Warren Creek AG Zone:

Our application for our 10,000' Dry Farm on prime AG property will soon come before the Board of Supervisors again, and the controversy about cannabis farm aroma will be argued.

The Warren Creek AG valley is rich in agriculture smells. The most malodorous of these is from livestock and dairy, and the least from fruits, vegetables and herbs. The existing livestock pens that run parallel to the road in the right of way across from the nearby residence and near the entrance to our property are examples of high level livestock/agricultural emissions.

Although much attention has been paid to a fallacy that cannabis smells like a skunk, it does not. Most of the terpenes from cannabis are fruity, floral, spicy or citrus.

Just as a agricultural community cannot pick and choose between the curses of skunks, raccoons, foxes and bears, they should not choose what another farmer legally grows or raises in that AG community.

The prevailing winds of the Warren Creek valley are from the west almost all of the time. The odors from the livestock pens will predominantly blow away from the nearby residence and blow towards the Costa farm.

In the event that the wind changes course, or becomes stagnant, the year around odors from the nearby livestock will greatly overpower the seasonal cannabis flowers.

If AG odor truly is the problem, then surely the pigs and chickens are at the top of the list and seasonal cannabis odor from a 10,000 square foot dry farm, when filtered by the neighbors livestock pens is likely non-consequential.

Thank you for your time
Laura Costa

Director Ford,

Please see the written statement regarding the community meeting in Warren Creek.

I was asked by the applicants Laura and Rocci Costa to attend the community meeting in Warren Creek,

My interpretation of the events that transpired are as follows ,

The applicants went to the meeting under the pretense that there would be some form of negotiation regarding the current proposed project size which at the time was 10,000 ft² of mixed light cultivation to be constructed in greenhouses on a property under the ownership of the applicants family member .

Very quickly it was realized that the opposing community members we're not interested in negotiating any reduction in square footage other than the minimal allowance of 2000 square feet of cultivation area which would require a domestic residence .

This was a non-starter for the applicants and negotiations immediately broke down due to the unrealistic expectations from the community members opposing the project .

There was much discussion between both parties about the public comment process regarding the project and how from the applicants perspective the comments, some of which were outright lies, negatively impacted the applicants project approval.

As a witness I realized that the meeting was rapidly deteriorating and in an attempt to reach some common ground and provide for both parties to walk away from the meeting with a positive outcome, I personally suggested that there might be a possibility for the applicants to relocate their proposed project to another location, with the understanding that this was an opportunity that needed to be pursued for viability.

It was understood that if secondary locations for cultivation for the applicant could not be obtained the applicant would still reserve the right to pursue cultivation opportunities at the Warren Creek location.

Community members we're hopeful that other opportunities would pan out and agreed to support the applicants in their endeavors to rehome the applicants project to another location in the Honeydew area.

The meeting shortly thereafter came to an end with director Ford present, he asked both parties if there were any additional items that needed to be addressed.

At this point in time, applicant Laura Costa voiced her frustration with present community members in attendance, regarding how the applicants were attacked

publicly and slanderized to the community from the numerous public comment letters that were submitted in opposition to the project.

The community members at the meeting acknowledged that the members let their emotions get the better of them and may have taken things too far because they didn't want to see the applicant get approval for their project because of previous issues out of the applicants control regarding previous tenants of the property.

The community members additionally made statements that they were not in general opposed to cannabis cultivation, they were just opposed to cannabis cultivation occurring in their neighborhood.

It was at this time that the applicant Laura Costa additionally requested a formal apology recanting the statements made about the applicant and their family in the public hearing process.

It was clear for my interpretation that this was a condition that needed to be honored by community members as part of the relocation deal that was discussed that day at the meeting.

I'm available at any time to discuss my recollection of the meeting further in depth if necessary .

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you,

Brian Shields
Six Rivers Development LLC
707-498-1791

Yandell, Rodney

From: Laura Costa <minervacirca2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 8:58 PM
To: Natalynne DeLapp; Pebbles Trippet; p lai; pinsky@eaze.com; Susan Rutherford; Shakti Nichole Norris; Tyrin Stevenson; Scottball@sisuextracts.com; sara@sarapayan.com; Teja Watson; Yandell, Rodney
Subject: Costa Permit Support

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Agricultural Gentrification

Dear Friends and Family,

As you may already know our family is trying to permit a 10k dry farm at the end of Warren Creek Road on our family property, which is prime AG land in a sparsely populated area, and we are asking for your support.

Recently The Planning Department attempted to relocate our farm off of our prime AG land to a remote mountain cultivation site under a RRR procedure. After ultimatums of denial were served to us by The County we conceded to attempt the move.

The neighbors had previously convinced the members of The Planning Commission that we are of poor character and that our presence would be a threat to the safety of the community.

This was done with communications, emails and phone calls that were based on untrue sensationalized claims against myself, my husband and family. These documents were circulated to governing officials prior to the hearing, they were undisclosed to us and had a detrimental effect on the outcome of the hearing.

The RRR program that was offered to us is intended to bring farmers out of less desirable cultivation opportunities and place them on AG lands. In our case The County has attempted to use the RRR in a reverse fashion, removing us from our prime AG, and relocating us elsewhere.

The RRR program was not created to pacify a rural community who have personal objections to cannabis and the provisions set forth for cannabis farmers in 2016 with Proposition #64.

Proposition #64 did not give the community the right to slander and persecute farmers and it did not give the community the right to hold their family values over ours.

We are one community, and the law of our State did not seek to allow small geographical hold-outs of the law due to a NIMBY culture.

A Prime Ag parcel is no one's back yard... it is Ag land.

If the available AG land in Humboldt County is held hostage by semi-rural neighbors with personal values that they feel over-ride due process, established procedure and Prop #64 and if they are allowed to exclude cannabis farming in their geographical AG zone, then the RRR program is a deceitful manipulation of small farmers lives and opportunities to compete fairly in a open and regulated market.

Just as the trauma and PTSD generated by events before 2016 are now being addressed by equity programs, a new harvest of trauma from the permitting process is emerging.

The system that local government uses to approve cannabis farmers is a poorly moderated process. Persons opposing a cannabis farmer or their project are allowed to make claims that they do not have to prove in chambers. They are allowed to slander and accuse applicants in public forums where the applicant is not allowed to answer. The public records of these applicants are filled with these accusations and the officials have no desire to right the wrongs until pressured with legal action.

Ag communities should not be allowed to gentrify Ag parcels with NIMBY tactics.

In light of the exposed documents and timeline of events that lead to our 3-2 denial from The Planning Commission, and our newfound support from The Planning Department we are optimistic that we will be approved after a 5 year struggle.

I am asking for your support by email to ryandell@co.humboldt.ca.us before October the 15th, and via zoom or phone at the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors meeting on 10/28/2021.

Thank you for your time and support for our family and small farmers everywhere

Laura Costa

09-29-2021
APN 516-211-025
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RE: Neighborhood meeting

Rodney,

I would like for The Planning Department to make a statement that acknowledges that the previous 3-2 Planning Commission denial was gained with claims about the applicant that were circulated between the community and the governing bodies before the hearing, without disclosure to the applicant.

These are the comments by which we were judged and denied:
“Shooting dogs, shooting firearms, yelling at kids, brandishing firearms at concerned neighbors, speeding trucks, huge piles of garbage, domestic violence, and saying ‘Fuck You’ to county abatement orders”.....“They do NOT deserve to be rewarded with a cannabis permit, both because they don’t deserve to be, but also because they will give conscientious growers a bad name.”

None of these claims hold up, but the sensationalism of the charges swayed the officials long before the hearing date arrived. The community themselves have admitted that “it got out of hand”.

Under these circumstances all the claims have questionable merit.

The community should also be aware that the covenant was filed prematurely, and expedited, without due process. Crucial documents were provided only after the recording, which happened 9 days before the Board of Supervisors heard our case.

Thank you,
Laura Costa

From my 09/26/2021 email (edited) to John Ford:

“As was mentioned in our last conversation, my goal is not to dredge up the unpleasantries and illegalities that got us here.....”

Honestly these claims seem to be more likely from the documented long term heroin issues in the Warren Creek neighborhood. During this time a minimum of eleven pounds of heroin was seized on this road by Humboldt County DTF. It had absolutely nothing to do with anyone in my family.....”

Here are the exact words that circulated throughout multiple counties of the community. This is the quote from which my denial was based and none of it is applicable to my family.

“Shooting dogs, shooting firearms, yelling at kids, brandishing firearms at concerned neighbors, speeding trucks, huge piles of garbage, domestic violence, and

saying 'Fuck You' to county abatement orders"....."They do NOT deserve to be rewarded with a cannabis permit, both because they don't deserve to be, but also because they will give conscientious growers a bad name."

If I am to deliver a narrative about the undisclosed information it will surely get messy. If a representative from the county accepts responsibility for the lack of communication, multiple failures to disclose, failures of due process, failure to follow procedure and destruction of records that would help immensely.

The email also also suggests that we are not conscientious growers.

Conscientious Growers are the Dry Farmers. Other farmers can be conscientious, but with Dry Farming it is essential, it is the most conscientious method we have. It is a choice we make for our family, our community and our Earth.

Please do everything you can to slow or stop the potential for further public traumatization of my family in the upcoming meeting. We have suffered enough already from the process.

Choosing to Dry Farm is choosing Earth First. It is low yield, low profit and low impact, we should be celebrated, not slandered.

As you suggested, my son will be available for farming questions."~LC

APN 516-271-025
September 09, 2021

Dear Director Ford,

As per our conversation this morning about information sharing and contact with elected officials:

I would first like to point out that if the “quasi-legal” boundaries had been maintained between The Neighbors, the Planning Commissioner, The County Supervisor and the HUMMAP Community that Robert ‘Woods’ Sutherland would not have been put in a position to further exacerbate the scandal.

I am fortunate to be well grounded in decades of activism myself, which is how I was alerted to these claims against my family.

From what I can tell, the correspondence between The Neighbors, Supervisor Wilson and Commissioner Levy started previous to March 2020, before the planning commission hearing, by word from Mike Zeppengo.

If I had been cc’d on these emails I could have answered to this, but we were excluded.

The contact was fairly consistent throughout the duration of the process.

03-06-2020 Planning Commission denial....

03-09-2020 M Zeppengo contacts Supervisor Wilson, thanking him for a previous conversation on the matter

03-19-2020 Costa’s file Appeal

06-00-2020 Neighbors send emails and calls to elected officials (per MZ)

06-00-2020 M Zeppengo refers to ‘other exchanges’ he had with Supervisor Wilson

08-24-2020 Robert Sutherland editorializes negatively about Costa Family after speaking with a planning commissioner, presumably Noah Levy.

08-26-2020 Pebbles Trippet forwards Sutherland’s claims to Laura

08-27-2020 Mike Zeppengo contacts Supervisor Wilson again, (990 words)

09-04-2020 Pebbles Trippet asks Robert Sutherland for his support

09-11-2020 Robert Sutherland says to Pebbles that Costa’s claim of being RRR’d off of AG land doesn’t add up.. He makes assurances that

everything he has heard, third hand at best, from the Blue Lake Planning Commissioner is true. (Shooting dogs, shooting firearms, yelling at kids, brandishing firearms at concerned neighbors, speeding trucks, huge piles of garbage, domestic violence, and saying 'Fuck You' to county abatement orders)

The property has never been abated, nor the other claims. These documents were not disclosed to us, and they had significant weight in our denial.

Thank you

Laura Costa
707-496-4612

The following emails are evidentiary support:

From: Mike Zeppegno <zkayaker1@gmail.com>
Subject: Warren Creek Community Response to Proposed Meeting with the Costas

Date: August 27, 2020 at 11:23:11 AM PDT

To: Mike Wilson <mike.wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Cc: rbohn@co.humboldt.ca.us, efennell@co.humboldt.ca.us,
vbass@co.humboldt.ca.us, smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us

Mike as a follow up to Tuesday's hearing we wanted to let the Board of Supervisors know that we would be willing to attend a meeting as proposed by the Board.

In the meeting Mr. Ford said we had refused a meeting with him. Also, I think it was Supervisor Bohn asked you if you had heard from your constituents. I believe you said only a few. I am forwarding some of correspondence we had about this matter. It may be my fault that I did not make it clear that I was reaching out to you on behalf of all of our community. There **are other exchanges we had in June** about Mr. Costa's appeal which I have not included. I did relay to our community that I had been in touch with you and out of respect for the **quasi legal** nature of the appeal I would not be contacting you. You would be calling me if you had any questions.

Regardless of the "quasi-legal" no contact understanding, this neighbor continues the conversation for additional 820 words. LC

I would like to point out that of your Warren Creek constituents 42 people signed our petition to deny the permit which was provided to the Planning Commissioners. 35 members of our community attended the hearing in March to show their opposition to the permit. Of the 35, 20 members used their 3 minutes to register their opposition. At Tuesday's hearing we had several people who voiced their opposition. Many watched the hearing and at least 3 people that we know of had technical difficulties getting on the line. At one point the clerk said we have already heard from this number which was true, however, it was the husband of the woman who called from the same line that was trying to gain access to express his opinion.

I do want to make it clear that we did not refuse to meet with Director Ford. I had received an e-mail from Cliff Johnson in late May asking if we would be willing to attend a meeting with Mr. Costa and his family. After consulting with our community, I sent Cliff this response: Cliff I did get more feedback from our community. Frankly the opinion is that, having made our opinions regarding the permit clear at that hearing, our position has not changed regarding Costa's permit. We commend Commissioners Levy, Bongio and Newman for using the provision in the CUP for looking out for the safety and welfare of our community. There is an ongoing process in place so, as a result, we do not see a community meeting between the parties to be appropriate at this time. We respect Mr. Costa's right for his appeal and obviously hope the members of the Board of Supervisors will back the ruling of the Planning Commission. Should that not be the case, then a meeting between the parties might be advantageous to resolve ongoing conflicts. It is also important to point out that at the hearing Mr. Bohn acknowledged that he heard a woman state during the public testimony that we had not been unwilling to meet. The woman who spoke was Kathy Lee. A week or so after I sent my response to Cliff I called him. We had a good conversation about the proposed meeting by Mr. Ford. I told him that we were not being disrespectful of Mr. Ford, however, our concern was based on information taken from Mr. Costa's appeal application. In the application Ms. Cordoni is asking Director Ford to set up a meeting with us so that we could meet Rocci and his family, and discuss the turnouts and the road improvements. Please note that the two topics to be discussed were irrelevant as the road and turnouts were conditions specified by the Planning Department that would have to be met before Mr. Costa could be issued his permit. The following is taken directly from the appeal

application:

Creating Positive Relations with Neighbors

The Applicant would like to establish relations with the neighbors and has taken the following steps to do so:

1. The Applicant would like to participate in a public meeting hosted by the Planning

Commission, with Public Works and the neighbors. The intention of the meeting is

to bring the community together, meet Rocci Costa and his family and address

concerns about the placement of turnouts and road improvements. Director Ford

offered to coordinate such a meeting once the threat of COVID19 has passed.

2. An email was sent to the neighbors per participating in and/or assisting with the

organization of a road association - Exhibit J. The Applicant would like to pursue

win/win solutions to improving the road with the neighbors. Costa Appeal

I would like to make one other point. In the documentation and the appeal application the Costas state that the bad behavior on the property stopped in 2017. Mr. Rodney Costa's letter makes the case that the bad behavior did not happen on Rocci's watch. We contend this is not true as we experienced incidents up until Sept of 2019. In the joint letter that Kathy Lee and I sent, which was in your hearing package, we had attached a 13 second video clip. The video clip was removed by Planning Staff as they thought they could have it played at the hearing. Obviously, this did not happen so I have attached a copy. The video shows Rocci talking about his un-permitted grow in 2016 and the fact that "his neighbors never complained." My intention is to not use this letter to mitigate the incidents we experienced in 2017 and 2019. The people that reported these incidents at the hearing in March and via the letters and public comment on Thursday stand by what they witnessed and reported. We look forward to the meeting you asked us to attend.

Respectfully,

Mike Zeppegno

1740 Warren Creek Road

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Zeppegno <zkayaker1@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Warren Creek Road Cannabis Permit

Date: March 9, 2020 at 1:27:19 PM PDT

To: Mike Wilson <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Mike thanks for your response. I was going to contact you earlier but felt it best to let the process work and the Planning Commissioners do their jobs. I have the same respect for what you said about limiting interactions. Thanks for talking with Noah. At the meeting Noah said he knows our road as he rides his bike out this way. He said he always turns around at the point where Warren Creek goes from a County road to a private road. I had people tell me after the meeting that Noah should know he is welcome to ride anywhere along our road. The road is open to cyclists.

I thought you might find the following response from Cliff Johnson to be of interest:

Thanks Mike, it's always great to hear this kind of feedback.

Elizabeth is a great asset to the County.

The findings for a Special Use Permit or a Conditional Use Permit do require that the Commission determine that it will not negatively impact the public health, safety or welfare, which is where the effect on the neighborhood can become so important to look at. This is actually the first cannabis permit that was denied for this reason and I believe that it is because you all did such a thorough job of explaining the neighborhood's values and how this application would be inconsistent with those values.

On Mar 9, 2020, at 1:10 PM, Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us> wrote:

Thanks for this. In general, I limit many interactions regarding appeals do to the **quasi-judicial** nature of the process. I will however, talk to Noah (my planning commissioner) and staff before it gets to our level, assuming it gets appealed. I will let you know if I have questions.

Mike

Mike Wilson P.E.

Humboldt County Supervisor, District 3

707.476.2393

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 9, 2020, at 11:52 AM, Mike Zeppegno
<zkayaker1@gmail.com> wrote:

Mike I left you a voice mail this morning and per your instruction I wanted to follow up with an e-mail. This past Thursday approximately 35 people from our community were at the Planning Commission hearing to voice our opposition to a Conditional Use Permit for Rocci Costa for a 10,000 square foot outdoor cannabis grow. As part of the package that Planning staff put together for the Hearing included many letters from our neighborhood and a petition signed by 43 people.

We had 20 neighbors come to the podium to speak about our opposition to this project. Our message was well organized and followed a story line. We were very happy that Noah Levy, Mike Newman, and Alan Bongio voted in our favor to deny this permit. Their decision was based on protecting the health and safety of our neighborhood. For this we are very thankful to the three Commissioners.

I wanted to give you a heads up on what happened as Mr. Costa may decide to appeal this decision to the Board of Supervisors. We hope he does not appeal the decision, but we will be ready to present our case to the Board of Supervisors if he does.

I would be happy to talk to you about this. My cell number is 707-616-0016.

Best regards,

Mike Zeppegno

1740 Warren Creek Rd.

Arcata, CA 95521

September 28, 2021
APN 516-211-025
PLN 12176-CUP
RE: Agreements of 09-09-2021, failure to meet terms

Dear Director Ford,

Per your request Brian Shields has submitted to you his recollection of the 09-09-2021 neighbor meeting of which your notes were destroyed. You have assured me that Brian's word is above reproach and you trust him 100% to give an accurate testimony.

He has confirmed my earlier statements regarding the community, made at Ron Borges house on 09-09-2021, with you moderating.

Please also see the attached document Procedure For RRR and recognize that the applicant "shall be prepared to record a covenant" not "record covenant before BOS meeting"

I am also including our previous correspondence from 03-07-2021.

When we went before the BOS the covenant had already been recorded, we had NO options. The choice to dismiss the lies and approve us at our preferred location was taken away from the BOS. We were forced into a speculative RRR or nothing, and either way the covenant had already been recorded.

My request is that as we renegotiate you understand the fact that the terms were not met, and the neighbors statement that further slandered my family after the 09-09-2020 meeting should have been seen as a malicious deal breaker from the day it was received by county agents on 09-27-2020.

The Planning department accepted that statement on my behalf and it was the opposite of what I asked for in the negotiation. It was withheld from me until one day after the covenant was prematurely recorded.

March 7, 2021

Dear Director Ford,

I am in need of your assistance in ensuring that the agreements made in the Sept 9, 2020 meeting with the neighbors are up-held, specifically the apology letter from the neighbors clearing my family of the scandal. I have attempted to work with Elizabeth Moreno, our planner, and her supervisor Cliff Johnson to no avail and am profoundly concerned that this obligation is being disregarded.

As directed by the BOS, I attended the Warren Creek neighborhood meeting with my husband and son, my brother in law Robin, consultants Cara Cordoni and Brian Shields. Elizabeth was in attendance and you moderated, 09-09-2020, The Community admitted to slandering us and communicating claims against us that they knew they could not prove and had no evidence of. They agreed that we were a very nice family with a good project..... but NIMBY..... or in this case “Not on your own AG land”

We agreed to pursue a RRR if we had a receiving spot.

*You asked me, specifically, if there was anything that I needed from this deal. I said YES. I said that I wanted a public **apology** from the community for running us through the mud without evidence or truth just because they don't want compliant cannabis at the end of the road. My request was very specific that it was a APOLOGY to US for the slander....*

The representative from the community agreed, nods were seen all around the group.

Apparently the community has changed their mind, and the planner is supporting their position. Rather than clearing us of a myriad of claims, they have written a thank you letter to yourself and The Planning Department for getting us to leave.

The planner says that it is all we are entitled to.

Why would I have asked for that?

The apology I requested was not to be buried in The Mad River Union as a op/ed gratuity to your office. The Zeppegno's op/ed does nothing to fulfill the obligations set forth in the agreement of the 09-09-2020 meeting, where we were assured our reputation would be cleared, it only reinforces their claims, and sets us up for more problems to come.

From The Arcata Union : We can, and did, work it out

“.....In addition we would like to thank the Mad River Union for their accurate coverage of the issue in their March 18 and Sept. 25 publications”

*Kathleen Lee
Mike Zeppegno
Arcata*

The Zeppengo's are not referring to “accurate coverage” they are referring to their own offensive op/ed letters to the editor, (3-18-2020 and 9-25-2020 in the OPINION section). They do not mention The Mad River Union's actual article of 03-15-2020, or 09-07-2020, which were actual articles. This thank you letter is as damaging as everything else, but cleverly rolled into just one page.

As we approach the March 16, 2020 BOS meeting, I am distressed at the responses I have received on this matter from staff. The planner told me (email 2-16-2021) that she doesn't think they owe me an apology, because she doesn't think they did anything wrong. This does not depend on what the planner thinks, You negotiated a deal on our behalf and that deal was specific on clearing our name of the scandal.

The planning supervisor told us (email 2-17-2021) that if we insist on a apology that it will make the BOS mad. I am truly pained to be in this position, but the reputation of myself, my family and loved ones is worth fighting for.

The BOS deserves the truth, The Planning Commission deserves the truth and The greater Humboldt community deserves the truth.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed so I may plan accordingly.

Laura Costa

I, Laura Costa and my husband **Rocci Costa** are excited to return to The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors next month with the support of John Ford and The Planning Department regarding our Cannabis Cultivation Application.

Tomorrow, September 30 at 5:30pm, we will once again discuss community concerns regarding our permit for a 10,000' Cannabis Dry Farm on AG land at the end of Warren Creek Road.

Our farming plan is low impact and operates without irrigation. Water collection for the nursery and neighborhood fire prevention is from rainwater catchment.

In light of revelations regarding our previous denial, Director Ford and The Planning Department are fully supporting our Modification to the Warren Creek parcel.

The neighbors will claim that the road is unsafe, with tight pinch points and narrow sections and they will refuse to allow it to be fixed. The neighbors will claim that the road is too delicate for us, although they have a parade on it.

The neighbors will claim that the cannabis odor is unpleasant, although they have erected pig pens lining the road between our properties.

The neighbors will claim that we cannot dry farm, although most of them do.

The neighbors will claim that we drive recklessly, shoot dogs, brandish firearms and commit domestic violence.... which we absolutely do not!

The worst of these charges were brought to county officials during the permit process and the documents were withheld, suppressed, or denied from us until after judgement was made and due process was set aside.

The 3-2 Planning Commission denial that we are appealing was based on those undisclosed documents

In addition to the support that we have recently gained from The Planning Department, We are asking for the communities support as we move forward with our Warren Creek Dry Farm, Roc Squatch Farm.

If the neighbors again assault our character, our reputation, our family and our goals, remember that these are the same persons that skirted the channels, ignored due process and undermined a local family from the shadows in their "quasi-illegal" campaign.

In light of the recent approvals of the Sun Valley and Rolling Meadows mega grows, the support they got from county officials, and the viable community concerns raised against them, it is unjust to use smell, traffic, nimby-ism or undeserved scandal as grounds to deny our small dry farm.

We would like to thank the cannabis community for their encouragement and support throughout these 5 years of permit process.

We would like to thank Director Ford and the staff at the Planning Department for their patience and their support.

ZOOM:

<http://us06web.zoom.us/j/89193487157> passcode 182604

CALL IN:

669-900-6833 meeting ID 891 9348 7157 passcode 182604

Email comments to:

Rodney Yandell ryandell@co.humboldt.ca.us

Thank you,

Laura and **Rocci Costa**

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to gain your support for my 10,000 square foot Dry Farm at the end of Warren Creek Road.

I have not contacted my elected officials because I was told not to by The Planning Department. I was also told that if I did contact you that I must disclose that information to the persons opposing my permit, assumedly through The Planning Department channels, and that all communications regarding my permit would also be disclosed to me.

I was also told that if I contacted you regarding the problems with my application that I “would make you mad”, and I was told “I wouldn’t recommend it.”

I was chagrined to be threatened with your rage over wanting to be heard on my own case.

The community opposing my permit were allowed to communicate sensationalized claims against my family in pre-hearing undisclosed emails and in a unmoderated public forum (03-06-2020) that were so far out that at a later meeting (09-09-2020) they even admitted that “it got out of hand” and “it went too far”.

The Planning Department has recognized these wrongs, and now John Ford and The Planning Department are taking action to correct their mistakes of procedure, the consequences of nondisclosure and failures of due process. Director Ford has been very patient these last few weeks as he assessed the circumstances, evaluated the timeline of events and has provided support due to these revelations.

Now that so many of the claims have been shown to be untrue, can any of them hold merit? I implore you to take a fresh look at the circumstances that led to our denial and take into consideration that the same people that skirted the system and pressured officials to deny us will use those same tactics again, by their own account they will do anything to win.

See the attachment about the June 05-2021 chicken raid, you will find two completely different versions of the story. The version you got on 10-06-2021 sounds much different than what appears to have happened according to tenant and her text messages on that day from the chicken owner who left his electric fence off and his gate open.

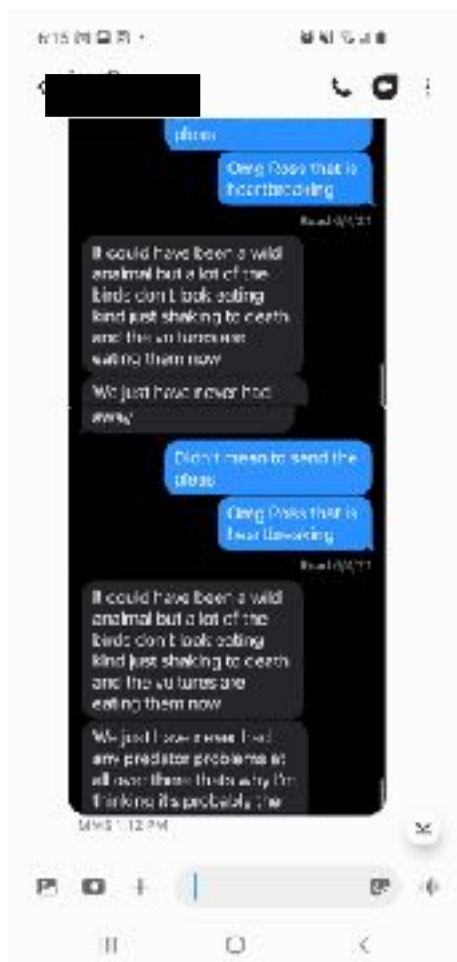
The community spokespersons have been very creative to accuse my husband relentlessly. Every person on that list claims he is a mean ogre.... but the evidence does not support that. Please consider the possibility that the neighbors achieved their success by manipulating the system, and manipulating the elected officials as can be seen in the timeline I have provided to John Ford. Please also consider that The County can’t always get it right the first time, and luckily for our family it’s not too late to correct it.

Thank you
Laura and Rocci Costa

Below is the testimony received by the BOS from the neighbor, Mike Zepenngo on 10-06-2021
How can they know that Her one dog killed 35 chickens? The dog was clean when it returned, it is a mix-breed mutt that had only been let out to pee a few minutes before the carnage was discovered.

2021June 5 Costa Tenant's uncontrolled dog killed neighbor's 35 chickens. The following is a statement from the owner of the chickens: "I woke up to find out that my entire flock of 35 chickens had been killed by a dog coming from the Costa's property. I spoke with the tenant and she said her dog got out. She agreed to pay for the damage. We asked for only \$25 per chicken a fraction of what it cost us. We only received \$250. It is very disappointing. She also accidentally drove through our fence. I would like to add that this spring and one other occasion Rocky has also felt very intimidated when he stopped to ask me where I live. I was by myself with my little girls in the garden.: (She is referring to the land she leases for her garden.)

Below are the messages from the renter, again the information has been skewed and used to attack not only us but a innocent young woman. The neighbor says outright that his gate was open and his electric fence was off. rampage sounds more likely to be from raccoons or some other natural predator.



We assessed the scene together. He realized he never turned on his electric fence the night before. My dog was out of my house for 15 minutes that morning. He is a mixEd mutt. I could imagine that if he saw dead chickens he would be excited and definitely enter the coop area. They also have two fences, the electric one around the coop and one main fence lining the entire garden area. That gate was also left open, that is how my dog was able to get in. I don't think my dog could kill that many chickens that quickly. When I helped ross clean up the chickens in the morning some were warm and some were cold. There were not 35, definitely less. I said i would hate it if it was my dog and offered to help pay for his chicken stock. He said about \$20 per chicken (not \$25). We verbally agreed that is a lot because we are not sure it was all my dog. He said I could also just help them with their next chicken harvest as they could always use help. I gave the \$250 and offered any help they may need which seemed more than fair. They are good neighbors, the repeatedly tell me that I am a good neighbor and the best person the costas have had on the property. They are grateful I am out there. I also understand why they don't want more people on the road. They do feed their family with that farm. They also have their cute little kiddos running around. As someone who lives out there currently I do not wish to stir this pot. I would love to live out here permanently as it is a dreamy area and I can completely understand not wanting more traffic on the peaceful road.

September 20, 2021
APN 516-211-025
PLN 12176-CUP
Weburg/Moreno

Dear Director Ford,

In the contentious battle to set right the events that transpired and effected the decisions of The Planning Commission and The BOS, I want to offer you the evidentiary trail of correspondence with Elizabeth Moreno, myself, Mrs Myrna Weburg that led to the very unfortunate public testimony she gave against us at The Planning Commission hearing. She told the commissioners that I had lied about reaching out to the neighborhood for a solution, and great negativity followed.

At the hearing, Elizabeth sat quiet and did not offer any explanation or take any responsibility.

Later Elizabeth denied giving me the email address, denied cc'ing me on the document, denied asking me to reach out to Mrs Weburg, accused me of going rouge and I was told to stop 'harassing' her. I only did what Elizabeth told me to do.
To be clear I only sent one email, and it was by Elizabeth Moreno's request.

After this debacle of communication, and having been told not to contact my elected officials, I kept my communications with the planning department, who for the most part ignored me.

When we asked about reaching out directly to the commissioners and supervisors we were told not to. This is the same time that the neighbors did start soliciting the elected officials for support, and shared none of their communications with me.

You may wonder why this is important now, that is because we were denied over neighbor pushback, and this was a pivotal moment. Mrs Weburg is looked at as matriarchal figure in the area and the commissioner and supervisor heard a skewed story from a group of neighbors willing to sacrifice anything to keep change from happening. Their communications were not disclosed to me until I embarked on a investigative look into my bill from the Planning Department in 2021.

I ask you to make a clear distinction in the records as to how this actually played out, because Elizabeth's mishandling of this communication came at the onset of the troubles to follow, and cost us dearly.

Please correct the records and inform the community of the error of the planner.

Laura Costa

09-30-2019 Myrna Weburg emails Elizabeth Moreno, who forwards it to Laura Costa and asks Laura to respond.

From: myrna325@aol.com

To: [Moreno, Elizabeth](#)

Subject: revision of request application number PLN-12176-CUP, App2176

Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 1:44:10 PM

I would like to receive the most current application submitted by Rocci Costa to grow cannabis on property next to ours on Warren Creek Road, Arcata, California. We received a notified by letter of the hearing regarding his permit application and we responded in writing and -at the meeting of the Humboldt County Planning Commission. We learn then that we had been given inaccurate information. I need the most recent application so I can respond to the actual intentions of Rocci Costa. Thank you for your assistance. Myrna S. Weburg, 1712 Warren Creek Road, Arcata, CA.,95521

On Sep 30, 2019, at 4:38 PM, Moreno, Elizabeth <EMoreno@co.humboldt.ca.us>

wrote:

Hi,

Laura can help you with your request, she is cc'ed in this email. Also, if you would like to call me or email me your questions or concerns I am happy to address them.

Best,

<image001.png> [Elizabeth Moreno](#)

Planner II

Cannabis Services Division

[Planning and Building Department](#)

707.445.7245

From: [Laura Costa](#)

To: [Moreno, Elizabeth](#)

Cc: myrna325@aol.com

Subject: Re: revision of request application number PLN-12176-CUP, App2176

Date: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 3:01:19 PM

Oct 8, 2019

Please forgive my delayed response, I was at the oncologist in San Fransisco last week and I am just now catching up.

We have planned a 10,000 sq ft combined dry farm and propagation area. We will be moving the access road to the fence line of the farm, as it currently cuts our flat in half.

Our intentions have only slightly varied since December 2016, when we began this process with the understanding that our parcel of property was environmentally desirable for a cannabis farm.

We believed that the permit process would favor both dry farming and being locally owned, and we fit into the one acre 5 year cap on farms as was passed in Prop #64.

Currently we are exploring the cost of having the road engineered to the county's specifications, or hopefully sharing that information with another owner who may have already had it done.

Since we expect it to be terribly expensive, and comes with no guarantee of a permit, we may have to forgo the entire project.

There are a multitude of reasons that we want to be permitted for our farm, and homestead our property with our children. We have lost 3 seasons already. If we are ultimately denied, or we cannot

afford to continue, we still intend to homestead the property with our children and move the access road from the center of the property to the fence line.

If I can be of further assistance I will do my best. I travel often to San Fransisco for medical treatment, so it may take me a few days to respond.

Thank you
Laura Costa
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08-14-2020 From Myrna Weburg to Elizabeth Moreno:

From: myrna325@aol.com
To: emoreno@co.humboldt.ca.us <emoreno@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: zkayaker1@gmail.com <zkayaker1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thu, Aug 13, 2020 4:43 pm
Subject: Rocci Costa Appeal

.Elizabeth, Please attach this note to the Appeal Package being prepared for the Members of the Board of Supervisors August 25, 2020 meeting.

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Application #PLN-1276-CUP [appeal]
Rocci Costa AP# 516-211-025

I represent the Weburg Family Trust. We are all apposed to the purposed cannabis grow that would located next to our property. My two daughters, grand-daughter , her husband and I submitted letters and spoke at the February 6, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. We expressed our concerns regarding the negative impact a grow of the type and size described in the the Costa "Cultivation and Operation Plan" submitted January 23, 2020, would have on our health, safety and welfare. As this is a part of the legal public record, we stand behind our written and spoken statements.

The appeal document submitted by Mr. Costa's consultant suggest, although not by name, that the letters written and the appearance at the meeting by my daughters, and my grand-daughter and her husband should be disregarded because they live outside the geographical neighborhood and therefore not members of our Warren Creek Community. My son was mentioned by name and his address. As part of the Weburg Family Trust; their past, present and future ensures that they are part of this community regardless of current postal address.

In what appears to be an attempt to discredit my character, the appeal contains as" Exhibit F", a copy of the e-mail stated to have been sent to me. I would like to add for the record that now that I have seen the e-mail address of the sender I would not have opened it because I would not recognize the sender as someone I know. It is my usual practice to delete without opening, all e-mails from unknown people and sources.

Thank you, Myrna S. Weburg
1712 Warren Creek Road
Arcata, CA.95521
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To recap:

09-30-2019 Myrna Weburg asked for a farm plan clarification in a email thread

09-30-2019 Elizabeth Moreno cc's Laura Costa and tells her to reach out to Myrna Weburg by email

10-08-2019 Laura Costa responds, Myrna Weburg throws the email in her trash and says she doesn't recognize the sender, although it came to her on a county thread.

Subsequently Elizabeth tells Laura to stop harassing Mrs Weburg and tells her supervisor and Director Ford that she did not give Laura Costa the email address for Myrna Weburg, that Laura Costa acted on her own to harass Mrs Weburg.

Then at the hearing and again On 08-14-2020 Mrs Weburg says I have attacked her character when the opposite is true. I was not present at the hearing and could not defend myself, although Elizabeth could have spoke up but she did not. Just like she could have included our letters of support in the Planning Commission's packet, but she did not and in hindsight that appears to be quite calculating.

Dear Director Ford,

Regarding John Murray's email of 10-03-2021:

About the un-recording of the covenant and the timing of that action, I propose that The Planning Department expedites this asap. It was expedited against procedure to record it, it can certainly come off the same way.

Rather than continuing the argument and allowing the members of the community such as Mr Murray to maintain a claim of legitimacy to the document, if you would remove it now we won't have to publicly battle over this failure of procedure or due process.

Mr Murray would have you believe that we are trying to permit a dry farm in a traditional neighborhood, We are not. Our property is in a sparsely inhabited agricultural belt. Our property is prime AG and at the end of the road.

The community has recently erected a long livestock pen along the right of way approaching my driveway. This livestock pen is considerably closer to the neighbors that our cultivation area and will create a odor buffer between the cultivation area and the neighbors. Livestock emissions are the strongest in all agriculture. Plant odor is the weakest.

I had a wind study prepared by a local meteorologist which confirmed patterns that blew away from the community and up river to the east almost all of the time. When the community attacked the engineers at Green Road Consulting, we pulled the report for fear that the meteorologist would be involved in a scandal and also be a target of the community.

In Mr. Murray's assessment of the road he claims it serves 40-80 homes and the disk golf park. It also serves a unmentioned unsanctioned 4th of July parade in which children are driven down the 'unsafe' road in a raised tractor bucket and....The road has a history of heroin arrests, perhaps the communities charges and fears are misplaced.

As you have said to me they can't have it both ways, we create very little traffic. Under these circumstances if it is good enough for a parade, it is good enough for our truck, and a presence of the BOCC in the area will possibly help run off the real drug dealers.

Mr Murray would have you believe that the covenant is a legal document, it is not. The covenant was prematurely recorded without BOS authorization and against the will of the Costa family, who were fighting for the other terms of the agreement to be met. My pleadings for those terms were ignored, I was dismissed and the covenant was recorded without disclosure of critical documents, under duress and under threats from the Planning Department. We would have NEVER agreed to a covenant without the terms, it was forced upon us.

Mr Murray misunderstands and misinterprets the intention and the use of a covenant. Director Ford, you can easily clear this up before the BOS meeting. The covenant is not a requirement to get in to a RRR program, the covenant is to be recorded after a RRR is legally permitted.

Thank you,

Laura Costa

From: John Murray <jellis.murray@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 03, 2021 9:03 PM
To: Ford, John <JFord@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mari <MWilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>;
Yandell, Rodney <RYandell@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: Mike Zeppegno <zkayaker1@gmail.com>; Kathy Lee <katmlee@suddenlink.net>
Subject: Costa Cannabis permit, Warren Creek Road, APN 516-211-025

I was a participant in the Zoom Meeting of 9/30/21 on this issue. My participation was because I am a long term resident of Warren Creek Road. While many believe hardly anyone lives out here, the road serves about 80 residents and the HBMWD park with frisbee golf and river access.

The approximately 40 eastern dwelling units constitute our "neighborhood".

I question the need for, and validity of, the planned appeal process as a recorded document exists stating the Costas and any future owner cannot cultivate cannabis on this parcel.

I was taken by surprise when it was announced that the Planning Department was going to "unrecord" that document. When asked how that could be done I was informed the Planning Department did it all of the time.

First of all, I am not an attorney, I am an engineer. I have dealt with recorded documents in my work and I can understand where some recorded items can be rescinded when all parties involved agree. I do not understand how the covenant to restrict cannabis on the Costa parcel falls within that category as it affects all users of Warren Creek Road, especially those in close proximity to the Costa parcel.

The covenant is to "Incentivize, promote, and encourage the retirement, remediation and relocation ("RRR") of existing cannabis cultivation occurring in inappropriate or marginal environmentally sensitive sites". There are two things of note in this entry:

1. The covenant is to get into the relocation program. It does not guarantee success of the relocation.
2. The quoted line is an admission that this is an inappropriate or marginal environmentally sensitive site.

I question the ability of the county to "unrecord" this document and even proceed with a hearing of the Costa appeal as a document has been recorded stating cannabis cannot be grown on this parcel.

Please include this in your Board packet.

Thank you.

John Murray

Please enjoy my story, don't take it too seriously, it's just a story about the right place, the right plan and with the wrong neighbors. L.C.

SASQUATCH AND THE NIMBY NEIGHBORS

In 2016 The Men passed a law called #64. It was to welcome the Sasquatch out of the mountains and encourage the Sasquatch to bring his expert farming techniques to his prime AG land. The Law said that the Sasquatch could come down to his valley and be at peace, farm with nature, live in the open and have his family near to him. The Men said the Sasquatch should find fertile land and be of no nuisance to the land or the neighbor.

The Sasquatch wanted desperately to show himself, to live in the open and get a Netflix deal, but more than that he wanted to farm, The Sasquatch had always grown his own food and medicinal plants, and he dreamed of doing it in his lush valley.

The Law said that the Sasquatch could work hard and be accepted amongst the people, follow very complicated rules and pay enormous fees to them.

The Men called up the mountains to the Sasquatch "Come down! Come to your lush valley! We will protect you! We will take your savings and provide a safe community for you! You are one of us now! Trust us, for we have a paper called #64!"

The Sasquatch was skeptical, many times he was pursued, chased through the woods, and hunted down for his simple, environmental, no impact lifestyle. The Sasquatch asked the Men "But how will you protect me?"

The Men said "Our Law, #64, is a piece of paper. It promises that for five years your small farm will be protected, you will be supported and encouraged to live among us on your small farm. We believe in you Sasquatch. We will keep you safe from Big-Corp."

Neighbor #1 said "I don't believe in Sasquatch..... I believe in Yeti and Bigfoot. My beliefs are more important than yours."

The Men told the neighbors "It's ok to believe in Yeti and Bigfoot, we will support your beliefs. You have believed this for many generations, you do not have to follow the #64."

Neighbor #2 said "That Sasquatch is too tall, he will block my view. My view is more important than that Sasquatch"

The Men asked the neighbor "Have you seen how tall the Sasquatch is?"

The Neighbor replied "No I have not seen how tall the Sasquatch is, but I'm sure that he must be taller than all the trees in the valley, it will block the sun from dawn till dusk"

Neighbor #3 said "That Sasquatch has big shiny white teeth when he smiles,. If he smiles it will cause a glare in my eyes and I will be blind."

The Men asked "Do you want the Sasquatch to have bad teeth? Or a sad face?"

The Neighbor replied "I do not want to see his big beautiful smile, for there is no amount of beauty that will EVER change my mind. I want to accuse him of repulsiveness, accuse him of horrors. The Law, #64 says that I can slander him without consequence."

Neighbor #4 said "That Sasquatch smells bad"

The Men asked "When did you smell the Sasquatch?"

The Neighbor replied "I have never smelt a Sasquatch, but I'm sure it must smell very bad, worse than all my pigs and chickens combined, worse than all the garlic in Gilroy, worse than Harris Ranch on I-5."

Neighbor #5 said "That Sasquatch will be hairy and scary"

The Men asked "When did you see a hairy scary Sasquatch?"

The Neighbor replied "I have never seen a hairy scary Sasquatch, but I am sure that it is hairy and scary."

Neighbor #6 said "That Sasquatch will be noisy."

The Men asked "Have you ever heard a Sasquatch?"

The Neighbor insisted "Of course not, but if I did, I'm sure it would be noisy!"

Neighbor #7 said "That Sasquatch has bad people there"

The Men asked "Have you seen the Sasquatch with the bad people?"

The Neighbor replied "No, but I have seen the bad humans, so stop the Sasquatch, because it must be responsible for the bad humans."

The 8th Neighbor said "That Sasquatch will tear up our road, his big feet will make potholes and ruts."

The Men asked "Have you ever seen a Sasquatch foot print?"

The 8th Neighbor replied "No, I have only seen Bigfoot footprints, I have never seen a Sasquatch leave any type of footprint, but I am sure that if the Sasquatch comes, he will leave footprints all over our land."

The Men said "We have searched for the Sasquatch footprint for decades, and only found that they leave no trace or damage on the land. They are quiet and harmless"

The 9th Neighbor said "That Sasquatch will be mean, it will cause cancer, it will have guns, it will drive fast, it will poison our land, it will make meth."

The Men asked "Have you ever met a mean Sasquatch?"

The 9th Neighbor "No....but..."

The Men asked "Have you ever gotten cancer from a Sasquatch?"

The 9th Neighbor said "No...but..."

The Men asked "Have you ever seen a Sasquatch with a gun?"

The 9th Neighbor said "No....but..."

The Men asked "Have you ever seen the Sasquatch drive fast?"

The 9th Neighbor said "No...but..."

The Men asked "Have you ever seen the Sasquatch with poison?"

The 9th Neighbor said "No...but..."

The Men asked "Have you ever gotten Meth from a Sasquatch?"

The 9th Neighbor said "No, I get mine from Joyce,....but..."

Neighbor #10 said "That Sasquatch is plain and brown, we are all white, we have no brown neighbors in our valley, it has been this way for generations. We do not want change, we do not want #64.... and we do not want a Sasquatch here."

The Men asked "If the Sasquatch were a Yeti, fancy and bedazzled with corporate sponsors, celebrity endorsements and cool graphics, would you allow it?"

Neighbor #10 responded "The fabulously wealthy Yeti! With the fancy logo and free t-shirts? Of course! We would be the envy of everyone to have a Yeti MegaCorp Farm in our lush valley! But a plain brown Sasquatch? How can we trust a plain Sasquatch?"

"No..... If we let one ordinary brown Sasquatch into the neighborhood, more will come, they will think it is ok for them to live in our nice valley."

The Men said "But the #64 law says that we must welcome all Sasquatch to the valley, not just the corporate wealthy, the flashy Yeti, or the popular Bigfoot."

The Neighbors did not care.

The Men asked the Sasquatch to build a giant greenhouse for his garden so the neighbors would not see it or smell it. The Men said to get giant tanks for water for his giant greenhouse. The Sasquatch told the men "My valley is already perfect, it needs no greenhouse and only one small water tank. My valley is not shaded, the sun will find it everyday. My valley is near the river, my plants will find their own water. I do not want to build a giant greenhouse and water tanks on my lovely little valley, I do not want generators, plastic, diesel, fans, lights and traffic.... I only want seed, soil and rain for my garden."

The neighbors colluded "We have never seen a Sasquatch family, so they must be bad. We have not seen a Sasquatch garden so it must be bad. We have not seen Sasquatch children so they must be bad. We have not seen a Sasquatch footprint, so it must be bad."

Neighbor #11 told the other neighbors "We can collect our money and hire a Sasquatch Hunter"

The Sasquatch Hunter promised to save the neighbors from their fears.

The Hunter told the neighbors to form an army, for justice is easily obstructed by numbers and many angry neighbors will be no contest for one simple Sasquatch family.

They set a trap for the Sasquatch and vilified him for all the misdeeds of the humans themselves. They told lies and slandered the Sasquatch.

The Hunter told them to attack without mercy, he told them to bring angry voices and alligator tears, as sympathy is a decisive emotion in court. They would accuse the Sasquatch of every lie they could think of, and then reap the fame of conquering a Sasquatch.

They did not tell the Sasquatch of the intended ambush. They only wanted the Sasquatch to expose himself. They wanted to trap him and catch him unprepared for the false testimony and the viciousness of the attack.

The Men were afraid of the angry neighbors and the Hunter, "There are so many of you angry neighbors, and only one Sasquatch family, we will protect your lifestyle, the Sasquatch does not matter as much as you do, we will chase him away for you." So the men told the Sasquatch to come to the court and meet the neighbors that said he was smelly, scary, hairy, mean, noisy and a danger to the earth itself.

The men told the Sasquatch that everything would be okay, That the #64 Law would protect him still, that the court is a safe and well managed place and The Men would support him. But their support of The Neighbors would come first, for The Neighbors are quite loud, much louder than even a hundred gentle Sasquatch.

The Men told the Sasquatch to come to court and make noise, to call all the other Sasquatch farmers and ask them to come and make noise in defense of the Sasquatch.

The Sasquatch's friends were afraid, "We love you Sasquatch, but If we come to support you, the neighbors will hunt us too. The Neighbors are all alike, they have ways and customs that they think are better than our ways and customs. They do not want to share the land with us, they do not want other ways, customs, traditions or people to come, they have refused the #64, and the Men are complacent with the neighbors. We will stay hidden and keep our Sasquatch gardens in the forrest. We do not trust the men to protect us, they did not protect you."

Authors note:

On March 5, 2020 at the Humboldt County Planning Commission meeting a angry mob of neighbors were allowed to fill 90 minutes of the hearing with unfounded and slanderous comments about our family.

This system of unchecked and irrelevant public comment is highly detrimental to the applicant and to Public Safety. We realize that the public must have a voice, but when comments are as far fetched as Donald Trumps twitter account the decision makers owe us time to defend the attacks or to wade through them, not make a ruling because it is late.

If families like ourselves are allowed to be vilified in a public forum the system is misused. The comment portion should not be exhausted by untruths, and the decision makers owe the applicant to rule on truth, not accusations of a unmoderated brute squad.

On October 26th we will again face these neighbors and these decision makers in a formal government setting with The Humboldt County Board Of Supervisors. We appreciate the support for small farmers, regenerative farmers, dry farmers and appropriate land use.

We strongly oppose **Agricultural Gentrification by rural neighborhoods.**
When people choose to homestead and live in rural AG areas, they should not be allowed to gentrify the AG belt with their personal religion, values, or politics....
The land use of AG should be available to its owners to use as nature intended.

Bless up,

Laura Costa
(Pamela Squatch)