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Planning Commissioners:

I am the nearest neighbor to this project, my address is 6945 Tompkins Hill Rd, Loleta, CA 95551. Let me start by saying that Nate Ludwig has been an outstanding neighbor and we were so pleased when he acquired this parcel from the previous owner who was nothing but a problem. His behavior was disruptive to our quiet neighborhood and aggressive behavior will not be missed.

Nate has taken on a significant challenge to correct as many of the illegal actions of the prior owner. My hope is that you consider the benefit to our neighborhood to now have to deal with a responsible neighbor.

Although difficult, I feel the decision to remove the shop building, which was built without permit and had grading and other violations, would now add additional impacts to the Willow Brook streamside management area. The building has significant elevation and distance from Willow Brook, but disturbing the soil would cause damaging sedimentation. Leaving the structure would maintain a now stable site.

I believe that your consideration of these recommendations would help heal the damage the prior owner created.

My understanding was the the prior owner was forced to get a permit for the house expansion because I complained to the Building Department of the building activity, for which I received significant grief from the prior owner including attempting to block my access to my barn by placing a locked gate and telling me I had no right to use the road.

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