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Subject: Fwd: Meserve Coastal Development and Special Permit; PLN-2024-18879; APN 508-121-055
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Attachments: [Oppose Meserve Special Permit.pdf](#)

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I emailed this to you before the deadline for comments for tonight but do not see it under the "Meeting Details" as it states it would be.

Does that mean the planning commissioners and others will not have received it either?

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ella Holiday <ella.holiday333@gmail.com>
Subject: Meserve Coastal Development and Special Permit; PLN-2024-18879; APN 508-121-055
Date: April 30, 2024 at 12:42:35 PM PDT
To: Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us

To: Humboldt County Planning Commission

From: Ella Holiday
1656 Fischer Ave, McKinleyville, CA
707.273.7420

Date: April 24, 2024

RE: Meserve Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit
PLN-2024-18879; APN 508-121-055
Opposition to Special Permit for ADU to exceed 15 feet in height

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am opposed to a special permit to allow the height of this ADU to exceed 15 feet and permitting it as a 22 foot two-story for the following reasons.

It does not conform to the height of ALL the other single family residences and ADU's located on Fischer Ave. and the vast majority of residences in the general neighborhood.

The multi-family apartment buildings on Fischer Ave and School Road are not a fair comparison for providing a rationale for allowing this ADU to exceed 15 feet in height.

Long time neighbors who purchased their properties in a neighborhood with only single story properties had the expectation to maintain privacy in their homes and yards from neighbors with two story structures which will look down over us, and also obstruct our views.

It is very difficult and costly to create privacy from a two story building. I have personal experience with this as I have owned the one acre parcel north of the Fischer Ave apartments since 2001 and have invested a tremendous amount of time and money to create a privacy barrier for my personal residence and my rental ADU along that boundary.

If this ADU is allowed to be 22 feet, rather than 15 feet, it will sandwich my two single story structures and one acre property between two parcels with two story structures.

Though there is currently a bamboo hedge along the north side of my property, it will never be tall enough to block the view from a two story structure. Bamboo also goes into flower and dies periodically so it does not provide a long term privacy solution.

I will no longer be able to advertise and rent my ADU as having privacy which will reduce my income.

There is plenty of land for the owner to abide by the 15 foot height limit and build a single story of the same square footage.

A 22 foot two story in that location will not provide the ADU with ocean or river views.

Mr Meserve, the developer/builder who purchased the property last year has no intention to ever live in the neighborhood, no concern for how his plans to construct a two story structure will impact long time neighbors, and no long term commitment to the neighborhood. He plans to subdivide, build more two story units in the back and sell off.

Though several neighbors shared our concerns about the building of any two story structures prior to his purchase, Mr. Meserve told me I'm being a bad neighbor for requesting a public hearing and expressing opposition to him doing whatever he wants with his property. He expressed anger and an unwillingness to even consider the impacts his plans for a two story would have on me and other neighbors. He also tried to pressure me to retract my request for a public hearing and told me he didn't think I should have the right to express my views to the planning commission.

I do not oppose the construction of new housing, as there is a dire need. I only ask that you consider maintaining the character of our established neighborhood and the investments we have made to create privacy for ourselves and limit the height of this ADU to a single story 15 feet.

Thank you for considering my point of view and concerns.

Sincerely,

Ella Holiday