BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING April 17, 2018

"For all items NOT on the agenda"

(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)

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Dave Varshock, Fortuna.

Thanks for the time to address the board today. I am here to level a complaint and a heads up to the board, county, and commercial grows county wide.

This body has seen fit to issue "provisional" or "temporary" permits to commercial grows county wide while completely blowing off other, like mine.

With the issuance of these "provisional permits" issued to commercial operators to seek their state licensing within state issue timeframes the county has created a nightmare scenario for many of its residents and many if not most of them don't even know it yet.

In the issuance of these temporary permits property rights and the very standards and practices of the planning department have been set aside to chase the all mighty permit application fee.

I have been in real estate for almost a couple decades now and some of that time on the development side of the coin. Many of you also should remember that I donated a few years of my life to meetings, "scoping sessions," county information gathering sessions, etc. revolving around the marathon we called the GPU or General Plan Update, one of the longest running jokes in the county. So moving around within the guidelines of the planning department is something that I understand.

The issues are many and if you'd like to discuss your welcome to return one of my many phone calls or emails that I've sent to at least three of you trying to provide some heads up in a much less public forum but, her I am with much sunshine being blown up my butt.

Here is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg; if I was to propose even a minor subdivision in the county. The county, rightfully so, would notify the neighboring parcel owners to provide opportunity for feedback and discovery of potential necessary mitigation measures required for the project to integrate into the neighborhood or setting of the proposed project.

Yet, the county has seen fit to issue temp permits, skip the notification process to neighboring parcels and give blessing to large scale federally illegal commercial enterprises right next door to parcels, many of which are occupied by families. Accessed via massively substandard road systems, and effectively radically changing the makeup neighborhoods and communities without ANY consideration to real property owners!

This action, in many cases has resulted in the devaluation of people land and improvements. I will repeat, because of the complacency, and moreover condoning of federally illegal activities, all without any formal noticing, your actions have affected real property values throughout the county. This is federally illegal, and violation of RICO laws and places you and the commercial operators wide open for federal prosecution for racketeering.

This isn't even addressing what these commercial operators will be required to do to perfect their "provisional" permits with the county. When they are required to spend more than its worth to continue what are you planning on doing with all the land that is walked away from due to the undisclosed requirements to perfect their permits. This sounds like extortion in the private sector.

All of this could have been avoided, this all could have brought this county together, but instead this will be what brings this crashing down. We could have had an awesome new industry providing jobs and tax revenue much needed by the county but yet again, rule changes, constantly moving goal posts, and massive bureaucracy have created a mess that we the people will foot the bill for.