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Ian Herndon <humbgardens@gmail.com>**Fwd: City of Fortuna Letter**

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Wendi McKenny <wendimckenny@gmail.com>
To: Ian Herndon <humbgardens@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 6:30 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Harry T Smith <harrytsmitty@yahoo.com>
Date: November 5, 2018 at 11:29:59 PM PST
To: <wendimckenny@gmail.com>
Subject: City of Fortuna Letter
Reply-To: Harry T Smith <harrytsmitty@yahoo.com>

To the Fortuna City Council,

My name is Harry Smith and I have been a Fortuna resident for almost 6 years. I grew up in Washington State and since moving in 1999, I have lived on the east coast, Europe and Mexico, have traveled to over 30 countries and over 55 states. I say this because it has opened my eyes to different cultures with different ways of life. The city of Fortuna and Humboldt County are very unique. I have made this my home for over 7 years because of this uniqueness. I have worked for businesses, friends in the community, and currently own my own businesses Root 101 Nursery and Wildwood Waffles. I chose this business model because I have an understanding of how this community works and what the main industry is, whether it was legal or not. Well times have changed all across this country with the legalization and boom of the cannabis business. 31 states and Washington DC have some form of legalized cannabis whether medical or recreational with many more states having some form of legalization on the ballot this year. However; Humboldt County has something these other states don't. A culture of this industry behind them. This County, in my personal opinion, could be leading the way in developing this brand new industry, but instead has shown its greed. It's tough to write new laws that have never been created, like starting a business, and what's done has already had a huge impact on the citizens of this county. One example is that there are more listings for sale in this county than ever before because these laws and regulations are far above and beyond any other industry in the state, making it incredibly tough to create a business, plus practically eliminating the chance for a "ma and pa" business model.

The City of Fortuna is in the center of Humboldt County, yet it's a world of its own. When looking for census data, the latest data is from 2010. A lot has happened since 2010 but Fortuna doesn't seem to like, welcome for want change. What concerns the citizens of this city is the future. The future of the city is a constant worry because when everything is changing around us, and we aren't, that can raise concerns. The county has gone through this in the past with other industries such as fishing and logging. With ever changing regulations that has driven these industries out of this area, what's next? That should be the biggest question on everyone's mind... What's next? As we have seen, the cannabis industry is next. If the city chooses not to accept this change, it will be left in the dust. Instead, the council could be embracing the changes, taking active rolls in the development of the industry and learn from the mistakes of other cities. Rio Dell is a good example. They have allocated a Cannabis Industry Park

which is a step in the right direction. The mistake they made again was greed. They decided to add additional tax which in turn has turned away many of the thriving business models that wished to make this area their new home. Now these future businesses have withdrawn their applications. They refuse, and financially cannot live up to these demands, so they have left, or decided not to come at all. The hopes that Rio Dell had are now lost in the wind because of the their decisions.

In reference to the matter of the already approved cannabis business plan on Drake Hill Rd that has gone above and beyond the counties demands, they are now being threatened by the city of Fortuna, which this business is not in, with an appeal to suspend further development and operations. The main question is: Why is the city of Fortuna getting involved in county business on county property, and why are they living in the past? I hear this brought up time and time again. I don't have the answer and I'd like to hear the answer, but I don't think there is one. The city is missing out on a great opportunity to take advantage of the next booming industry which has been legalized by the state, county and multiple cities. The city still treats this as if it were the 50's with the "refer Madness" mentality which I think is an ancient way of thinking. This new industry will create countless jobs for years to come, providing legitimate jobs for families, increasing the housing market and allowing other businesses to come in to the city to thrive also. Right now, the opposite is happening. If the city doesn't see this, then again they are watching the world through a black and white TV.

I really hope and dream that this city will make decisions with this new industry in mind going forward, allowing businesses that have jumped through the hoops laid out in front of them, and help bring this city to a new level of future development, and to keep the city growing as the times change. This new business and many like them are looking for cities that will welcome them with open arms. Fortuna could be that city. If this isn't the path in which the city chooses, then myself and many of the younger generation like myself will be forced to look elsewhere for work as there will be very limited jobs in the coming times.

Thank you for your time.

Harry Smith
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3 Nov 2018

Mr. & Mrs. Darrell A. Astor
1741 Clara Ave.
Fortuna, CA 95540

Humboldt County Planning &
Building Department
3015 H St.
Eureka, CA 95501



ATT: Michelle Nielsen

Dear Ms. Nielsen:

This is in regards to the proposed project by Humboldt Boutique Gardens. This involves a conditional use permit for cannabis cultivation and processing.

My wife and I remain opposed to this use in this area. As does every person in the Campton Heights area to whom I have spoken.

The filtering system is not satisfactory. There is no redundancy system planned.

As someone who has dealt with air filtering and water filtering in the medical field for the past 20 years, this is of major concern.

More importantly, is the increase in crime that will follow. As the Ass't Crime Prevention Officer in Fortuna, I am telling you there WILL be an Increase in crime in the neighborhood. That has occurred time after time in other parts of the nation.

If this were actually going to be safe, why is the owner and his mother living 20 miles away. If it were placed 20 miles away from me, I'd feel safe too.

I repeat, this project needs to be placed in an area in the County not near any city limits of any incorporated town in Humboldt County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell A. Astor", written over a circular flourish.

Darrell A. Astor

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Hayes, Kathy

From: Fennell, Estelle
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 12:57 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Cc: Damico, Tracy
Subject: FW: Marijuana Facility in Fortuna

Hi Kathy,
Can you please distribute this public input to the other Supervisors prior to tomorrow's hearing?

Thanks a lot,

Estelle

Estelle Fennell
2nd District Supervisor
County of Humboldt
(707) 476 2392
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From: Pearl Mendoza <pmendoza@ci.eureka.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 12:22 PM
To: Fennell, Estelle <EFennell@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: RE: Marijuana Facility in Fortuna

Hello Ms. Fennell, I just want to let you know to PLEASE not allow this facility to be built in a residential area off of Drake Hill Rd in Fortuna. My family and I have lived in Fortuna for 27 years. We moved here from Southern California because it is such a nice, wonderful place to live and bring up our 3 girls here. But now with this facility wanting to open up this processing plant for marijuana, I feel like no one is listening to us the residents of Campton Heights. We are not telling them not to build just don't build it right across the street from us. You know the Campton Heights area, it is all residential and Toddy Thomas School just a couple of blocks away. I was so disappointed the Planning Commission passed this, none of those men live in our area and probably not in Fortuna so they don't have anything to worry about.

We moved away from the big city to enjoy a quieter, simpler life and if this facility opens up, we will lose that. There will not only be more traffic but the smell, no matter how high-tech his facility is, it will put out the smell. And the kind of people it will attract to our neighbor, we all feel unsafe.

I won't be able to make it to the meeting tomorrow, I watch my grandbabies and I work part-time, so PLEASE, PLEASE don't let this pass. PLEASE don't let them build it in our neighborhood.

Pearl Mendoza
Sr. Administrative Assistant
City of Eureka
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3 Nov 2018

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1741 Clara Ave.
Fortuna, CA 95540

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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 - Fifth St.
Eureka, CA 95501

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We are unable to appear in person to protest this, as we are both disabled.

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for the past 20 years, this is of major concern.

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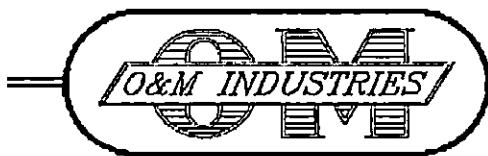
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Darrell A. Astor



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Date: 9/12/18

Attn: Humboldt Boutique Gardens
Phone: 707-616-1279

Re: Ventilation/Odor Control Measures at 3151 Drake Hill Rd. Fortuna, CA 95540

To whom it may concern,

O&M Industries will be installing an air ventilation system at 3151 Drake Hill Rd. Fortuna, CA to mitigate potential adverse odor emission impacts to employees and/or properties located in the vicinity.

The space will have an exhaust fan with carbon filter (called out as "EF/CF" on plans) to exhaust air out of the location. The exhaust air will vent to the exterior of the building after being filtered through the carbon filters.

In order to ensure smell does not "seep out" of the building, the system will be designed to maintain a slight negative pressure and will have a barometric intake damper (called out as "Intake" on plans) to ensure room is kept at a slight negative pressure but not over pressurized.

Submitted by: Chris McBeth
Chris McBeth

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September 19, 2018

Ian Herndon
Humboldt Boutique Gardens
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Eureka, CA 95502

Re: Drake Hill Property

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your interest in using Advanced Security Systems for all of your security and fire alarm needs. Per our conversation, we assure you that the Honeywell Vista 128 Control Panel, Hik Vision security cameras, and Hik Vision Network Video Recorder combined with our 24/7 monitoring should be more than sufficient for your facility as these are the similar systems installed in banks, commercial business parks, and high security businesses.

If you have any questions, or I can be of service, please feel free to contact me at (707) 443-6366

Sincerely,

Blaine Bermers
Security Consultant

BB/sb

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