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County of Humboldt
Planning Commission
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Dear Humboldt County Planning Commission,

My name is Josh Zulliger. I reside at 2908 Loop Road Fortuna. My residence sits at the base of Pampas Lane, downwind of the prevailing northwesterly winds. I purchased the property in 2011 with the intent of having a lifetime property. Around the time of purchase, I contacted the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department by phone and inquired what would be required to build a mother-in-law unit upon my property. I was told the zoning requirements for the area prohibited additional units unless I wanted to widen Loop Road to two lanes along with sidewalks from Strawberry Lane to Dick Smith Road. I was told that Loop Road could not handle the burden of additional traffic without being upgraded.

In 2017 the Humboldt County Planning Department issued a Zoning Clearance Certificate to Pacific Cannabis Growers Inc. This certificate allowed for Pacific Cannabis Growers to place a marijuana cultivation operation across the street from my home despite the outcry from neighbors. Now, I deal with the impact of that cultivation operation on a daily basis in several ways. First, the scent of marijuana plagues my property for months at a time, making it unbearable at times to reside on my own property. In addition to the smell, I also deal with the dust and noise of increased traffic going to and from that cultivation on Pampas Lane. Since 2017, traffic on Loop Road and Pampas Lane has increased two-fold. Neither road has been upgraded or even maintained in that time and Loop Road remains a one-lane road in certain parts despite the burden of additional traffic.



This is in direct contraction to the zoning requirements of the area and I feel it is hypocritical of the county to make an exception for a marijuana cultivation. Many residents of this area have been forced to deal with the unwanted smell, artificial light, noise, and traffic of a cultivation that should not be there.

I urge the Humboldt County Planning Commission to consider the Zoning Clearance Certificates expired for Pacific Cannabis Growers. Until Pacific Cannabis Growers Inc. is required to widen Loop Road, the Humboldt County Planning Department has failed to uphold the requirements it enforces for all other residents.

Sincerely,

Josh Zulliger

