From:

Pj <pjlatino@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:59 AM

To:

COB

Subject:

Sun valley weed farm (I agree with the project)

To who it concern,

I agree with the project that sun valley is proposing.

How many clandestine cannabis are around and no body is responsible for the quimical that they use. this company is trying to do all legally, and create jobs for our community

I agree with the Project.

Thank you

-Juan

Local resident of Humboldt county

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Pablo zaragoza <paulozv@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:36 AM

To:

COB

Subject:

Sun Valley's 8-Acre Weed Farm (Agree)

Hi My name is Pablo Zaragoza

I agree with the creation of new job is Humboldt county for our community,

in the resent month Sheriff have discovery a lot of clandestine cannabis and no body is responsible for the quimicals they left behind or use;

this company is trying to do all legally, and create jobs for our community and keep feeding more than 600 families.

I agree with the Project.

Thank you

-Pablo

Local resident of Humboldt county

From:

Mary Bruhn < MBruhn@tsvg.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:17 AM

To:

COB

Subject:

Arcata Land Project

I support the 8 acre project for The Sun Valley Group in Arcata. This will help to grow and keep jobs in our community. It will also help sustain the 450 jobs already that Sun Valley provides. I started out as a daffodil picker in 1979 and worked my way up into Management. The Sun Valley Group is truly a rewarding place to work just ask me after 40 years and counting!!

Sincerely,

Mary Bruhn HR Manager

From: Howard D < howardd777@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 8:06 PM

To: COB

Subject: Letter of support for the Arcata Land Company, LLC, record Number PLN-12255-CUP

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Howard Doerfling, and I am a local resident and registered voter of Humboldt County. I work in Arcata and I have been a Senior Human Resources executive in the agriculture industry for nearly 30 years. I'm writing this email to support the legally growing of cannabis by the Arcata Land Company. I have decades of hiring and managing people right here in Humboldt County, specifically in Arcata in the agricultural and other industries. It is always great to see a great neighbor and community leader like Lane DeVries, take the initiative to plan out a legal and reputable expansion of established business here in the county.

The business expansion is being made by a group that is proven, licensed and legitimate. The company has great neighbors and are in good standing with state and federal authorities, including immigration (ICE), OSHA and CALOSHA, city inspectors and health departments. This group has worked extremely hard to keep the community safe from COVID-19. This is a company that cares about the community and works to keep a safe, healthy, and productive environment and jobs for thousands of people over the last 5 decades. They have a track record that almost nobody in the area can match in terms of performance, honesty, and reliability.

Over the years I have seen hundreds of employees leave different companies to work at illegal cannabis grow operations. These illegal operations do not work with any safety or health concerns for their employees at any time. Often, the illegal grows are polluted campgrounds of waste and they do not pay taxes or contribute anything to the local community. Additionally, illegal cannabis grows robs local and state communities of income and safety measures for their employees.

The Arcata Land Company and The Sun Valley Group have a proven track record and have always upheld all legal and safety measures possible. They have a fantastic reputation with their local neighbors as they always work together with the city in the county, most recently the Humboldt County health department to combat COVID-19 by multiple testing on all their employees. Very few companies value their employees and employee's health and wellbeing for themselves and their families as much as this group does.

I would encourage the Board of Supervisors and all of the neighbors to support the revised, and reduced, legal growing operations of the Arcata Land Company to trust in proven leadership and operations management capabilities to create a safe and healthy environment for both the employees and all local neighbors along with the local community. This group of companies has provided jobs in a legal, safe and tax-paying fashion for over 50 years. Very few employers will ever be able to match that record.

Additionally, if this company were to disappear or move away from the local community, there would be approximately 600 lost jobs, both in full time and seasonal work. These are lost jobs that probably could not be replaced easily and would be a huge and heavy burden on the local community. Every

employee lost means that local revenues will drop, people will be without benefits, and will only put more stress on the local community that is unneeded and unnecessary.

If any agricultural management team can put together a plan to grow, operate and keep a good neighbor and great relations with the city, in the county, it is this group!

Please allow this approval of the plan to go forward with the legal and regulated business to help grow and foster even more paid employees in the local community. This will add needed tax dollars and benefits, while providing a healthy and safe work environment to those who go to work for this group.

Thank you.

Howard Doerfling Humboldt County Resident & Arcata Neighbor

From: Sallie Grover <sallieg15@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 7:12 PM

To: COB

Subject: Fwd: Arcata Land Company cannabis permit response

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sallie Grover < sallieg15@gmail.com > Date: June 18, 2021 at 4:34:06 PM PDT To: planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us

Subject: Arcata Land Company cannabis permit response

Greetings Board and Commission members,

Please reconsider the permit for cannabis production at the proposed ALC site.

Pesticide use close to residential and school districts is hazardous to community health. The Arcata community has expressed concern over pesticide use by Sun Valley. This site is closer to more homes and schools. It appears that agricultural production is a new use for the site. Please consider that the proposed use is inappropriate.

Other types of pollution like light, noise, odor and fossil fuel have also been brought up.

How has Sun Valley stewarded it's agricultural soils? The majority of it's ~30 acres is graveled or paved. Will this bottoms soil ever be farmable again? The best direction for the agricultural and residential community would be to adjust floral production to a level supported by sales and remediate the soil on the existing site. Remediation of the proposed ALC site and sustainable farming on that site would also be a better outcome for the community.

The kinds of jobs and environment that are desirable in the community for our children are jobs and neighborhoods that are free from exposure to pesticides and the many problems that accompany cannabis production. Education, arts, small local businesses and low-input family farmed food production are part of a healthier vision for Arcata.

Please consider these concerns in the permitting process. Thanks for reading through this note,

Sallie Grover Arcata resident

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Collin Klein < cklein@tsvg.com>

Sent:

Monday, June 21, 2021 5:16 PM

To:

COB

Subject:

Supportive Team Member - Sun Valley - Cannabis Project

I am writing you as one of the 450 hard working team members currently employed at Sun Valley that is dependent on this project's approval to help provide the support to keep this company alive and in Humboldt County California.

If this project is not approved, the likelihood of Sun Valley's survival as one of the largest property tax payers is significantly diminished. I will likely lose my job and be forced to move my family out of the area to find equivalent employment for my skillset.

Sun Valley has been an integral part of this community for years. It cares about this community. It has done all the steps required to get to this point and has voluntarily taken additional steps based on community concerns on this project and in its ongoing operations. Also, I ask you to think of all those fundraisers and other special events you have been to that Sun Valley has supported through financial or product donations over the years.

Please vote in favor of keeping jobs and businesses alive in Humboldt County.

COLLIN KLEIN
THE SUN VALLEY GROUP
707-825-5819
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June 21, 2021

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors 825 5th Street Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Arcata Land Company Project, LLC, record Number PLN-12255-CU

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

Representing the Danco Group of Companies, Foster Avenue LLC, and Western Living Concepts I am writing in strong support of the Arcata Land Company Project.

Currently, Sun Valley has voluntarily agreed to reduce the project form 23 acres of cultivation to 8. After hearing the response from the community, the leadership at Sun Valley made this adjustment to move the project further away from residents for less odor, noise, traffic, water usage than their original plan. The Arcata Land Company Project will provide more jobs for our community.

Furthermore, Sun Valley is a prominent asset to our community being in Humboldt for over 50 years and employing 450 team members with a payroll of 27.6 million dollars. Along with paying nearly \$800,000 per year in taxes. Keeping this company and their employees in our community is an integral part of the North Coast economy.

For these reasons, the Danco Group of Companies, Foster Ave. LLC, and Western Living Concepts writes in support of the Arcata Land Company Project.

Daniel J. Johnson

President of the Danco Group of Companies

From:

Dennis Workman < DWorkman@tsvg.com>

Sent:

Monday, June 21, 2021 2:07 PM

To:

COB

Subject:

Sun Valley cannabis project

# Dear board of supervisors,

Hi, my name is Dennis Workman Jr. I am writing this letter to support the cannabis project proposed by Sun Valley. I am as local as it gets. I was born at trinity hospital in Arcata and grew up a few miles away from the sun valley property. I would ride thru the farm to go to the beech throughout my childhood. I started working for sun valley right out of high school. I now live 3326 upper bay rd. right next to the northwest green houses over 25 years. Sun Valley is a great neighbor. They listen to any/all neighbor comments/feedback. Sun valley has taken responsibility for the neighborhood landscaping for many years. It's very frustrating that the neighbors sun valley has been so good to have created so many lies about chemicals and workers treated poorly. Sun Valleys guiding principal #2 is treat neighbors like you want to be treated! The project has been cut by over half to accommodate the neighbor complaints. That alone should show what a good neighbor Sun valley is. Sun Valley (Lane DeVries) really cares about our community and has proven that multiple times. Please support this project. I personally know Lane over 34 years. and he is the hardest worker I have ever met!! He has an unbelievable drive to be the best in everything he does.

Thank you,

Dennis Workman

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors 825 5<sup>th</sup> Street Eureka CA 95501

Sent via email to: rbohn@co.humboldt.ca.us

RE: Case No. PLN-12255-CUP

Dear Supervisors,

The proposed project by Arcata Land Company, LLC could not be in a better location. I am writing this letter to offer my support and to ask that you approve this project. I was born and raised in Arcata. I grew up in the Westwood Village neighborhood. Sun Valley Floral was always and continues to be a great neighbor. They have a proven track record of being a great asset to our town. They are a great employer and produce a great product.

I have read everything I can get my hands on regarding this project. This is where cannabis should be grown in our county. I much prefer to see cannabis grown in flat fertile ground that is zoned industrial/agriculture versus the hillside grows that tap water destined for our rivers. This is the ideal location.

I am an employer in Arcata and have over 20 employees. This project will add 80 plus jobs to our local economy. This will be one of the larger employers in Arcata and that is what we all hope for. JOBS! When you have a project that is zoned appropriately, well planned, and has jumped through the CEQA process with flying colors it is a win, win, win situation. I hope you will support and approve this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pauli

From:

Frank Schulze <frank@napainsurance.com>

Sent:

Friday, June 18, 2021 11:35 AM

To:

COB

Subject:

FW: New venture for TSVG/Arcata Land Co. LLC Record PLN-12255

From: Frank Schulze

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:20 AM

To: 'Coba@co.humboldt.ca.us' <Coba@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Cc: 'Lane DeVries' <LDeVries@tsvg.com>

Subject: New venture for TSVG

#### Dear Humboldt County Supervisors.

My name is Frank Schulze and I have known and done business with The Sun Valley group for over 30 years. I have never known a business, led by Lane Devries, like Sun valley that contributes so much to a community. Their contribution to the well being of the people of Humboldt County is truly monumental. Not just in the tax base it contributes to, but also the economy of the county as well. The trickle down affect I'm sure is noticeable to all. They are an Eco Friendly business that that leaves a very small foot print to the, if any, to the climate ecology of the area. It's volunteer efforts to improve the lives of the people who live there are commendable. I use them as an example to my many clients I represent of what a business should do regarding the well being of their employees and their families. I'm originally from Humboldt County and know the economy of the area having lived there 25 years before moving to Sonoma county after teaching there in the early seventies. I fully support their effort to develop this new addition of the Cannabis operation in which they are not growing the product, but only supplying space to grow a legal product by selected producers in a secure facility of the old Simpson Warehouse that has been on that since the early 60's. I even worked for Simpson Timber when I was paying my way through Humboldt State university where I graduated from in 1970. The good thing about this new development is that it is already there and will contribute zero annoyances to the local population that they have accepted for the past 100 years. Sun Valley has only enhanced the lives of the local population since it's inception. This is compared to the illegal market operations that can be readily viewed from the air if you have ever flown around the county. Those grows show up on every ridge top or area than can accommodate an illegal grow. I know this because I have seen it for myself many times. It seems to me it would be better to have a known and respected legal entity supplying a small area for legally licensed grow operations that contribute to the local tax base, employment opportunities, is a secure site, and can be monitored very easily. Since there are so many illegal grows in Humboldt County, it would seem wise to have an operation like this. We all know that Humboldt County is the capitol of the Green Triangle and is destined to have more operations like this in the future as the Cannabis Market expands further into the health industry and food industry at a rapid rate.

I urge you to grant this very small operation and be on the leading edge of what is most certainly more to come.

#### Respectfully

Frank E. Schulze
Napa Valley Insurance Services. LLC
1932 Sierra Ave.
Napa, Ca, 94558
Lic.#A71993
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From: peggy bell-hans <bell-hans@suddenlink.net>

**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 11:56 AM

To: COB

Cc: ryandell@co.humboldt.ca.gov; Planningclerk@co.humbolt.ca.us; Bohn, Rex; Bushnell,

Michelle; Wilson, Mike; Bass, Virginia; Madrone, Steve

Subject: Arcata Land Company, LLC Commercial Cannabis Outdoor Light-deprivation and Mixed

Light Cultivation Project Application No. 12255

As I'm writing this email to all of you-I'm sitting in my backyard listening to all of the different birds and sounds of nature, the distant sound of the ocean and sweet smell of the countryside and fresh air! I ponder what my evenings be like when I'm directly downwind of SunValley's mega industrial cannabis grow. Will I be able to even sit outside because the stench of cannabis? Will the sound of hundreds of industrial fans and dehumidifiers drown out any sounds of nature?

You have been given all of the science and facts as to why this project should be denied or at least an EIR is required when a Fair Argument under CEQA, finds that a project "may" cause one or more potentially significant impacts. The opposition to this project has proven there are numerous impacts that will be significant!

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You five people have one of the most important decisions to make for us , your constituents. Please listen to our deeply felt opposition to this project.

The future for our planet and the children and grandchildren that will inhabit this place we call home depends on you!

Thank you

Peggy Bell-Hans 2859 Wyatt Lane Arcata Ca 707-845-3201

From: pego

peggy bell-hans <bell-hans@suddenlink.net>

**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 12:08 PM

To: COB

Cc: ryandell@co.humboldt.ca.gov; Planningclerk@co.humbolt.ca.us; Bohn, Rex; Bushnell,

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June 16, 2021

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Lee Torrence

PROJECT TITLE: ARCATA LAND COMPANY, LLC COMMERCIAL CANNABIS OUTDOOR LIGHT-DEPRIVATION AND MIXED-LIGHT CULTIVATION PROJECT. APPLICATION NUMBER; 12255, CASE NUMBER; CUP 16-583

June 16, 2021

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Cultivation of cannabis as a crop has a history of 5 years, so there isn't a lot of actual scientific evidence to draw from. What we do have are 800 complaints and a class action lawsuit against large cannabis growers in Carpenteria regarding odor caused by cannabis cultivation in hoop houses near residential areas.

In attachment 2a -12255 IS/MND Only pdf on page 4, The Arcata Land Company lists Ecosorb as a last ditch attempt to mitigate odor:

"In the event that carbon filtration is inadequate, odor neutralizers such as Ecosorb, which is a water-based product that contains a proprietary blend of natural plant oils and bio-based surfactants that effectively adsorb to odor molecules, neutralizing their smell, may be utilized."

"Since June 2018, Carpinteria residents have filed more than 800 odor complaints with the county regarding the cannabis industry at their doorstep." <a href="https://www.edhat.com/news/carpinteria-cannabis-plaintiffs-sell-home-next-to-ever-bloom">https://www.edhat.com/news/carpinteria-cannabis-plaintiffs-sell-home-next-to-ever-bloom</a>

"In Ventura County, complaints about hemp odors have led to restrictions on the crop, including a ban on growing it on unincorporated land within a half mile of schools and homes. Ojai officials permanently prohibited cultivation of hemp within the city in late August. Moorpark, Fillmore, Camarillo and Thousand Oaks instituted either temporary or permanent bans." <a href="https://www.vcstar.com/story/news/local/2020/02/28/pot-odors-spark-lawsuit-against-carpinteria-cultivators/4903931002/">https://www.vcstar.com/story/news/local/2020/02/28/pot-odors-spark-lawsuit-against-carpinteria-cultivators/4903931002/</a>

The lawsuit from residents of Carpinteria, claims that so-called "vapor-phase systems" currently in use to mitigate odors can actually cause eye irritation and worsen allergies and asthma. (Headaches, nausea, scratchy throat are other complaints) <a href="https://www.vcstar.com/story/news/local/2020/02/28/pot-odors-spark-lawsuit-against-carpinteria-cultivators/4903931002/">https://www.vcstar.com/story/news/local/2020/02/28/pot-odors-spark-lawsuit-against-carpinteria-cultivators/4903931002/</a>

"The class-action lawsuit was filed by a Santa Barbara attorney on Thursday morning. The complaint targets multiple growers. It urges them to seal their greenhouses. We've been breathing this brew of chemicals for the last two and a half years," said Greg Gandrud, one of the plaintiffs. "Burning eyes, a lot of respiratory issues. My spouse has asthma that's been made much, much worse. Sore throats, headaches, coughing. I have difficulty breathing, sometimes." https://keyt.com/news/cannabis/2020/02/27/carpinteria-residents-file-lawsuit-against-marijuana-growers-over-cannabis-odor/

Here is an introduction to and description of ECOSORB from the manufacturer's website. "The strong odors produced by growing cannabis can be difficult to manage. Described as pungent or skunky, some odors from cannabis farms have been detected more than a mile from their source.

Complaints of cannabis odors have increased in some areas by as much as 87% since growing marijuana became legal. In Denver, 30% of odor complaints are cannabis-related. Local governments and clean air agencies are now enacting laws and issuing fines (in the tens of thousands of dollars) to limit odors.

"Our blend of purified water, surfactant, and **natural plant oils** eliminates odor-causing chemical compounds in cannabis — including cannabinoids, terpenes and sesquiterpenes. The distribution of Ecosorb requires no added water, thanks to advanced **Vapor Phase technology.**" <a href="https://ecosorbindustrial.com/industries/cannabis-cultivation/">https://ecosorbindustrial.com/industries/cannabis-cultivation/</a>

And from the Santa Barbara Pollution Control District website. https://www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/Cannabis-Odor-Control-Presentation.pdf

Analysis of ECOSORB showcases the Ever-Bloom grow (the defendant of the class-action lawsuit in the articles above) as an example of a test case for ECOSORB and the vapor phase system to mitigate cannabis odor. Their research shows that you cannot smell cannabis outside the hoop house but it doesn't examine whether it has adverse effects on the health of nearby residents. This research took place in 2017, long before the people connected the use of ECOSORB with their health problems.

I reiterate. Cannabis grown as a crop is only 5 years in the making. There is A LOT of research that needs to be done on so many impacts of growing cannabis INDUSTRI-



ALLY. Please don't experiment on the 900 + people, a senior living center, and 3 schools within a 1/2 mile radius from the Arcata Land Company proposed 8 acre grow. (The red line indicates what 8 acres is superimposed over the Arcata Plaza.) EIGHT ACRES IS A HUGE GROW!

Let us, our seniors, our children, and our grandchildren live long, healthy, and happy lives in the Arcata Bottoms.

Very sincerely, Lee Torrence 1827 27th St. Arcata, CA 95521

From: peggy bell-hans <bell-hans@suddenlink.net>

**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 1:07 PM

To: COB

Cc: ryandell@co.humboldt.ca.gov; Planningclerk@co.humbolt.ca.us; Bohn, Rex; Bushnell,

Michelle; Wilson, Mike; Bass, Virginia; Madrone, Steve

Subject: Arcata Land Company, LLC Commercial Cannabis Outdoor Light-deprivation and Mixed

Light Cultivation Project Application No. 12255

As I'm writing this email to all of you-I'm sitting in my backyard listening to all of the different birds and sounds of nature, the distant sound of the ocean and sweet smell of the countryside and fresh air! I ponder what my evenings be like when I'm directly downwind of SunValley's mega industrial cannabis grow. Will I be able to even sit outside because the stench of cannabis? Will the sound of hundreds of industrial fans and dehumidifiers drown out any sounds of nature?

You have been given all of the science and facts as to why this project should be denied or at least an EIR is required when a Fair Argument under CEQA, finds that a project "may" cause one or more potentially significant impacts. The opposition to this project has proven there are numerous impacts that will be significant!

The last few months since I first heard about this proposed project-by a Neighbor, not the Planning Dept, has been full of disappointments. The disgraceful behavior and falsehoods of our elected and appointed officials at the Planning Dept including the top Director John Ford has been egregious! Mr Ford knows that there are major differences between an ISDMND and a EIR, but chose at the April 22 meeting to tell that mistruth! That department has been throwing road blocks in the way of the community voicing their opposition to this mega grow once we found out about this project! The latest being mailing the notice of your BOS meeting from ARKANSAS without postmark arriving 4:15 on Friday June 11(5 days to arrive via UPS) having a deadline for comments Monday June 14 at noon! They also would not give the community the information/zoom number for the BOS until today Friday June 18 in hopes to keep the opposition comments limited!!

We are certainly at crossroads as a community—do we want to preserve our precious resources and unique landscapes or let Arcata Land Company sell to the highest bidder such as Marlboro or Phillip Morris?

We should heed the warnings of our fellow Californians in Santa Barbara or our neighbors to the north in Oregon. Mega grows do not belong next to neighborhood! Communities and their people suffer from increase in health problems and unable to be outdoors due to the unbearable odor and noise from the grows. Not to mention the loss of beautiful landscapes.

You five people have one of the most important decisions to make for us , your constituents. Please listen to our deeply felt opposition to this project.

The future for our planet and the children and grandchildren that will inhabit this place we call home depends on you!

Thank you

Peggy Bell-Hans 2859 Wyatt Lane Arcata Ca 707-845-3201

From: Denise Downey <pureddd@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 2:14 PM

To: COB

Cc: Yandell, Rodney

Subject: SunValley Bulb Farm Proposed Cannabis Operation

To Board of Supervisors:

From: Property Owner

2460 Wyatt Lane, Arcata CA 95521

Denise D Downey

RE: PLN-2021-17198, Appeal of Arcata Land Company, LLC, Record Number PLN-12255-CUP

I am writing to support the appeal of the Conditional Use Permit granted on April 22, 2021 by the Planning Commission.

The aspect of light pollution, noise pollution and potential chemical pollution so close to the established residential area of the Westwood subdivision, and specifically, Wyatt Lane, will be detrimental to the peaceful enjoyment of the house and surrounding neighborhood.

SunValley BF has agriculturally zoned properties that are not located directly adjacent to residential areas and would not affect children, families, and others. Cannabis cultivation is NOT a clean and quiet business and should be in zones that are ag/industrial and far from other human activity.

As a property owner who has rented out the house since 1985, I depend on the income provided. The deleterious effects mentioned above - light, noise and air/chemical pollution - will negatively impact my ability to keep the place rented in the future.

I was against the choice of the HCBS to go with the 10,000 sq ft+ grows in Humboldt County at the outset, instead of staying with the smaller farm model. This decision has been responsible for the the sale of many of Humboldt's huge ranches, usually also ecologically sensitive. Huge grows have moved in and altered these lands irrevocably...and many have failed and moved on, after the destruction has been done/allowed.

The County still is underwater on tax collection because the accepted model has proved hard to comply with, hence all the "conditional" permits...meanwhile, all the RE brokerages who sell huge ranch parcels, and were supportive of the push for large commercial grows, have done just fine. However, looking at all the large grow lands now for sale, they might be the only group that has done well.

I am not against cannabis cultivation in general. I am against this project, inside the city limits.

I fully support the appeal of SVBF's conditional use permit referenced above.

Sincerely,

Denise D Downey, owner (707)834-6344

Sent from my iPhone

From: bell-hans@suddenlink.net
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 3:59 PM

To: COB

Cc: Yandell, Rodney; Planning Clerk; Bohn, Rex; Bushnell, Michelle; Wilson, Mike; Bass,

Virginia; Madrone, Steve

Subject: Arcata Land Company /Cannabis Project #12255

As I'm writing this email to all of you, I'm sitting in my backyard listening to all of the different birds and sounds of nature, the distant sound of the ocean and the sweet smell of the countryside and fresh air! I ponder what my evenings will be like when I'm directly downwind of Sun Valleys planned mega industrial cannabis grow. Will I be able to sit outside because of the stench of cannabis or will I be forced back inside? Or will the sound of hundreds of industrial fans/dehumidifiers / and heaters drown out any sounds of nature?!

You have been given all of the science and facts as to why this project should be denied or at least tthat an EIR needs to be done. This project requires an EIR when a Fair Argument under CEQA finds that a project "may" cause one or more potentially significant impacts might occur. The opposition to this project has proven Numerous impacts that Will be Significant!!

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We are certainly at the crossroads as a community--Do we want to preserve our precious resources and unique landscapes or let jALC sell down the road to the highest bidder such as Marlboro and Philip Morris-squeezing out our small growers? Do we protect the health and well being of our families and community?

We should heed the warnings of our fellow Californians in Santa Barbara or to the north in Oregon. Mega Grows do NOT belong next to neighborhoods and communities as their people suffer from increase in health problems and unable to be outdoors due to the unbearable odor and noise. Not to mention the loss of beautiful landscapes so unique to those areas.

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The future of our planet and the children/grandchildren that will inhabit this beautiful place we call home-depends on you!

Thank you

Peggy Bell-Hans 2859 Wyatt Lane

From:

star siegfried <star@humboldt1.com>

Sent:

Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:01 PM

To:

COB

Cc:

Yandell, Rodney; Planning Clerk; Bohn, Rex; Bushnell, Michelle; Wilson, Mike; Bass,

Virginia; smadrone@co.humbodlt.ca.us

Subject:

Arcata Bottoms Cannabis operation

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I have been a Humboldt County resident for 44 years. I left Los Angeles to get away from big business, land over use and pollution.

The proposed plan to develop our virgin farm lands (the Arcata bottoms) for another big agricultural development is wrong and ill conceived. The impact on the people and land will be huge. Why not use all the old run down buildings and even the mall in Eureka and repurpose these properties to grow cannabis?

Don't approve this, it's not ok for the people, the land, the birds, our water, the power grid and the visual aesthetics or our fine land.

Star

Star Siegfried RN, BA, IBCLC
Board Certified Lactation Consultant
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/starlactation/">https://www.facebook.com/starlactation/</a>

https://www.inkpeople.org/dreammaker-data/mother2mother

Breastfeeding is not a one woman job: it requires government leadership and support from families, communities, workplaces and the health care system to really make it work!

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From:

Terry & Penny <tpbeau@suddenlink.net>

Sent:

Sunday, June 20, 2021 9:48 AM

To:

COB

Cc:

Bohn, Rex; Bushnell, Michelle; Wilson, Mike; Bass, Virginia; Madrone, Steve

Subject:

Appeal of Arcata Land Company PLN-1255-CUP approval of CUP

As owners of a home at the west end of Stromberg Avenue, Arcata, we wish to vehemently object to the approval of this project by MND without a full Environmental Impact Report! This project is just a terrible idea which will negatively impact the surrounding area with air pollution including cannabis odor, noise pollution from industrial fans and other equipment, enormous water waste during what now looks to be permanent drought conditions, increased traffic, the potential for increased crime in our neighborhoods, and lastly, but very important to us personally, the almost certain decrease in property values of our and all other homes in the area. We'll be watching very carefully your actions on this matter and will act, vote and contribute appropriately when election time comes around! We urge you to at the very least require a full Environmental impact Report. Please do not rubber stamp this project.

Sincerely, Terry and Penny Beaudet

From: Lane DeVries <LDeVries@tsvg.com>

**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 10:40 AM

To: Ford, John

**Cc:** Yandell, Rodney; Johnson, Cliff **Subject:** Response to continuance request

John,

In yesterday's email you asked if I would agree to a continuance to July 20<sup>th</sup> in response to a request by Jim Cotton and the 27<sup>th</sup> group.

I am inclined to say no to this request and let me explain why.

In his email to you yesterday he indicates a desire to work together, but so far I haven't seen much evidence of that. Going back to prior to the Planning Commission hearing, I had reached out to Jim in an attempt to find reasonable solutions to his stated concerns pertaining to the project.

We had a meeting set up on site for Monday April 5th, but the night before, Jim sent me an email, explaining that after discussing the potential meeting with his opposition group, he needed to cancel our meeting since his opposition group felt that this was not a good time for such a meeting.

After the Planning Commission's 5-2 vote approving the project, I reached out to Jim again on April 23, and wrote him: "Jim, I am reaching out to you, to see if you are willing to have a one on one meeting, no consultants, no lawyers, just you and I, to see if there is opportunity to find common ground and a path for collaboration. We likely will be neighbors for many years to come, so let's find a way to live in harmony." No response to this outreach, but on May 4<sup>th</sup> he filed the appeal with the Board of Supervisors, then on May 10 he requested that we meet, after he had spoken with the Westwood Neighborhood Group about contacting me regarding the project.

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