

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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To the Honorable Supervisors of Mendocino County,

We are the new owners of the property located at 45110 Main Street in Mendocino, California. We moved to Mendocino County in 2015 from the Los Angeles area to enjoy the healthy forest and coastal environment. Our purchase of the Main Street Mendocino property was with our retirement investment funds.

Last year I was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer and immediately began researching the disease and multiple treatment options. One of the methods shown to reduce lymph gland tumors is cannabis, and in the course of pursuing appropriate sources of medicine we became familiar with Love in It Cooperative on Lansing Street in the Town of Mendocino. They were able to counsel us and provide the medicine in various forms, including raw plant material for supportive consumption. With their help, along with other integrative medicine and conventional treatments over a six month span, I was able to achieve what my oncologist says is complete clinical remission. I am still in recovery but credit their cannabis support help as a key element in my treatment.

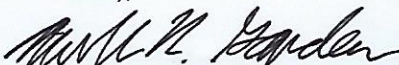
When the opportunity of purchasing the Main Street property became available, we were aware of the Love In It need for a new, larger location and discussed possible relocation with them. Research was done with both the Fort Bragg and Ukiah offices of County Planning and Building, and we were assured by County Staff that there were no zoning or other restrictions with Love In It relocating from their current Lansing Street Mendocino quarters a few blocks away to the Main Street property, based on commercial zoning of the site and the setback location distance from any youth facilities or church locations.

We have subsequently been informed that an error was made by the County Staff, and that there is a church within 800 feet of the property location. Our property purchase decision was made based on the initial County clearance given to us.

We would like to request that the Supervisors implement the change to the regulations which they have been considering, either removing churches from the list of facilities requiring setbacks as it is not required by state regulations, or changing the setback distance for churches to 600 feet, which is the state mandate for schools and youth-oriented facilities.

We hope that you will consider implementing this change to encourage not just our case but the overall economic development of the market in similar situations. We look forward to your consideration.

Sincerely,



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