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COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
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Board of Supervisors
Mendocino County

October 20, 2019

Dear Supervisors,

We are responding to the Notice of Public Hearing regarding the establishment of a Cannabis Retail outlet across the street from our Veterinary Hospital: dated to be held October 22, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Our Veterinary Clinic is a respected member of the community since 1967, when the clinic was first established. It has provided services for the County government and the Sheriff's office for many years.

We currently have a Cannabis processing center as our immediate next door neighbor to the north. We also have TWO Cannabis retail outlets within walking distance of our location: 2 blocks north and 2 blocks south. We do not see the need for another outlet immediately across the street from our hospital, as the neighborhood already has a readily available source of Cannabis.

We are concerned regarding the heightened risk of burglary in search of scheduled drugs which we use for anesthesia and pain control for our patients. We have had a burglary within our clinic once before, with the theft of a gram scale used to weigh pocket pets, birds (and drugs).

We also remain deeply concerned regarding the homelessness crisis in our community and are troubled by those hiding behind our building, in the creek area, and under the bridge. A cannabis retail outlet will not contribute to the resolution of this problem, and may make it worse.

We are concerned that in approving this rezoning, the County may potentially be in violation of certain State and/or local zoning codes that prohibit certain densities of marijuana dispensaries which may place the County in a legally liable and indefensible position.

Although the project is listed as exempt per CEQA guidelines section 15183, we would like to know the impact on Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, and Transportation and Traffic.

We are opposed to the Rezoning and Use Permit for Cannabis retail across the street from our veterinary hospital.

Respectfully,

Frank Merritt, DVM, MS (Practitioner of 35 years at this location, Property Owner)
Merritt Merritt, RVT (Nurse Practitioner of 37 years at this location, Property Owner)

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CC: Tom Allman, Sheriff, Mendocino County
CC: Mike McGuire, State Senator
CC: Jim Wood, Assembly member
CC: Brian Erickson, YVC Veterinary Hospital Manager
CC: Alina Goh, DVM, YVC Veterinary Medical Manager
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