

To the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

This letter is to urge the BOS to uphold the decision of the Mendocino Historic Review Board regarding the development of the Maxwell property. We manage and live on the property directly to the east of the Maxwell property and are very concerned about the lack of setbacks. His proposed structures would be right against our buildings leaving no access for fire fighters in the event of a fire. Most of the buildings on his property are un-permitted outbuildings constructed in the 1960s & 70s. They are not historic and Mr. Maxwell's architect concedes that none of the buildings are 50% salvageable. We also feel his proposed 8 foot privacy fence is unnecessarily tall and is a "spite fence". Mr. Maxwell has demonstrated his contempt for us by suing us in small claims court with a SLAPP Suit (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) to intimidate us into not commenting on his development plans. We are also concerned that the plans he submitted aren't complete enough to determine exactly what will be built and where the structures will be located. There seems to be a water tower structure right next to our house with windows looking into our windows but we can't determine where exactly it will sit and therefore could not be sure how it will impact us. Overall, the proposed development does not fit in with the character of this residential street in the Historic District. There is nothing historic that can be salvaged on this property so this is a new construction project. It should be developed with an appropriate looking single family residence and adhere to the required setbacks.

thank you,

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