

This email requests the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to deny the request of Mr. Maxwell to waive and overturn the decision of the Mendocino Historical Review Board (MHRB) for his property on Albion Street in Mendocino.

In 10 years of attending meetings of the MHRB I have observed the Board's commitment to effective historical preservation, while updating those guidelines in the interest of historical preservation and public safety, and I support those guidelines and the MHRB.

I am greatly concerned that approval of Mr. Maxwell's appeal to the BOS would undermine the sovereignty of the MHRB and also set a precedence for others who do not want to adhere to HMRB guidelines. As a member of the 2017-2018 Mendocino County Grand Jury I came to appreciate the vast and important work that the BOS conducts on behalf of the County. I do not want to see the BOS become a de-facto MHRB for those who do not want to comply with Mendocino's historical guidelines, and I also contend that the BOS's time is better spent on critical issues of the citizens of Mendocino County at large.

I also request that the BOS grant the MHRB the right of final decision in all requests and appeals that come before it, now and in the future, and that you deny Mr. Maxwell's request.

Respectfully,

Dr. James Lewis