Victoria Davis - Regarding Case #U_2017-0009

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County of Mendocino
Department of Planning and Building Services
860 North Bush Street
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Re: Case# U_2017_0009
Applicant: Collective Hotels and Retreats Inc.

Honorable Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that there is a proposed retreat/campground to be built next door to Pine Mountain Olive Farm. I have been fortunate to spend a significant amount of time there over the years, and I have come to love this area. I am concerned that this proposal would negatively impact the local habitat and threaten the abundant wildlife which survives off of the year round pond that is on the property right next to where the parking lot would be built. I also have heard the tents would have wood stoves inside, as well as open fire pits outside, and this sounds totally crazy to me. The fire danger on in this area without tourists is already high, due to the dry climate and high winds. With guests staying here who are not accustomed to just how careful you need to be, I am very concerned about the fire danger especially with what happened this fall. The other aspect to be considered, is should there be a fire, there is only one narrow road out, that already has more traffic on it than feels safe. Add to this visiting tourists who are unfamiliar with the blind turns and areas where it is effectively a one lane highway, and this could spell disaster, especially in the event of a forest fire.

Please block this proposal. There are many other areas that would be much more suited to the proposed commercial establishment.

Thank you for your time and effort on this issue.

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