

October 17, 2018

To: Victoria Davis
Mendocino County Planning Commission

Re: 3rd district overlay zoning

Greetings Victoria,

I am the director of Laytonville Healthy Start Family Resource Center and Harwood Memorial Park (non-profit organization) and a thirty-one year resident of Laytonville. Our park was established in 1948 and our Family Resource Center in 1997, both institutions in the Laytonville community. I was somewhat surprised that the only notice our organization received was a post card asking us to participate in a survey monkey regarding the proposed overlay zone in Laytonville's residential neighborhood to the west of town.

I also happened to read the legal notice that was published in the Mendocino County Observer, a newspaper published by my father in Laytonville, the only reason I saw it was because I assist him in laying out the newspaper on publishing day.

I apologize if the tone of my letter is one of disappointment, but I am frustrated by the lack of outreach by Planning and Building staff (or hired consultant?) on the overlay issue. I understand a group of people has been working in the community, but I'm not exactly sure how they solicited neighborhood attitudes on the issue. My organization is a park, recreation center and family resource center, serving children and youth, we are considered a "sensitive receptor site", yet we were never consulted on the cannabis overlay issue that certainly impacts our community, not to mention the youth and schools. I'm not counting a post card asking us to fill out a survey as consulting.

Please understand that I am not opposed to canna-business as I am fully aware of the economic impact it has on my community and Mendocino County, however, I am not in support of growing or the production of cannabis in residentially zoned neighborhoods that surround parks, churches, schools and youth-serving organizations.

I understand that the Planning Commission is set to vote on the overlay ordinance so it can then go to the Board of Supervisors. I would like to request that those deemed "sensitive receptor sites" be properly consulted as I am not convinced our voices are being heard.

I appreciate you taking the time to forward this letter to the Commission as part of comment on the overlay issue. If you, or any Commission member should have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me through email jayma@laytonville.org or by phone (707) 984-8089.

Sincerely,



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