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Dear Mark Cliser,

I am a resident and property owner at 30431 Simpson Lane in Fort Bragg, within a few properties of Timothy Taubold and his application for a minor Use Permit to allow cannabis cultivation. Case #: U_2019-0002

I know who Tim Taubold is, but never was aware of him living or owning in our neighborhood. I understand that his property is subject to the Sunset Clause and that this clause was extended until 2022 so owners can have a chance to move to more appropriate cannabis-growing locations. Please correct me if I'm wrong about this. Also, if the Sunset Clause has other purposes, please clarify.

After the weeks of concern about the Supervisor's overlay process last year, and many letters saying we didn't want commercial grows in our neighborhood, it seems we shouldn't need to address this issue again. By allowing individuals to get permits, it seems that commercial cannabis plots could increase into what we didn't want in the first place. Please share your views on this.

After talking to Dan Gjerde, I would like to know if Tim Taubold has a water use permit from wherever one gets a water use permit. My understanding is that cannabis plots need a lot of water throughout the summer months. In past drought years, water became scarce and people rationed water. Won't grow plots put an added burden on our aquifer, especially in drought years? Do water permits consider existing usage before permitting?

Regarding water use, is there a way the County will monitor pollution entering our aquifer, noise, night lights, smell, and an influx of trimmers to our neighborhood during harvest season? Does "Environmental Determination: Categorically Exempt" mean there is no oversight on any kind of pollution and disturbance? Can you please explain what Categorically Exempt means?

Do people seeking cannabis permits expect the Sunset Clause to be weakened so they can stay indefinitely? Do you know?

Does Tim Taubold already grow on his property or is this a new endeavor? Does the Planning Department make sure there is already a plot in existence, established during the correct time period, if there is one, before issuing a permit?

Does Tim have an existing building and infrastructure on his property, or is he planning to build such infrastructure once he is permitted? If he, and other newly permitted growers, build now, what sort of impact will that have on the Sunset Clause in three years? Will they try to change the clause? You probably can't predict what will happen, but it seems to me that someone seeking a permit now is planning to continue growing beyond 3 years.

Thanks so much for your help making clear what this permit process means. As I mentioned, I live in Fort Bragg and cannot get to Ukiah during the week for hearings. Is there a way I can express my concern about this permitting endeavor?

Sincerely,

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