



October 26, 2018

Humboldt County Planning Department

3015 H Street

Eureka, CA 95501

Attn: John Miller

Subject: Re-zoning in Willow Creek

My property is between Mercer Fraser Company on the west and the Bigfoot Subdivision on the east.

I support rezoning of Mercer Fraser Co. parcel, understanding the need to update so as to reflect the actual use of the land as industrial asphalt and concrete production. It should NOT however, be zoned for any sort of cannabis production due to its location and proximity to the school as well as other community resources i.e. church, medical facility, high density/low income housing complex.

The zoning on the golf course should be very clear to be only a golf course or recreational facility for the entire community. No opportunity should be available to allow even the smallest opportunity to grow, produce, or distribute cannabis on this parcel which the entire community has been built around since the early 70's.

If this zoning is changed to allow cannabis operations of any kind in the neighborhood, I believe all of our land values will plummet drastically with a minimum of 20% and possibly up to 50%. The county should be prepared to lower taxes to match the loss in value.

When we spoke on the phone yesterday, you explained that other golf courses had regional forestry zones having been zoned as such since the 70's-80's when timber was a possibility. That doesn't apply to today and when cannabis falls under the same guidelines. We need to zone our recreational parcels to maintain them as such and not allow loop holes for cannabis production in the heart of a community.

It appears the rumors and gossip of a hidden agenda regarding the true intent of buying the golf course property are proving to be valid. The actual owner did not operate successfully and then sold (lease w/option to buy) to a collective of known drug growers who have tried to appear legitimate. The golf course and restaurant have been purposefully run down and neglected to a state of failure with the intent of justifying a change of use. This does not justify changing the culture of the neighborhood.

You can look to Yucca Valley, CA for an example of perseverance then success of maintaining a recreational parcel through a period of flux within the community. There is a vital part of the community once again being enjoyed not only for golf but lunch/dinner and/or a walk around the park.

Let us be careful and certain when mapping out the future. The community deserves to trust that our government officials have our best interests at heart. Do not allow a chance for our neighborhood to become a drug producing hub. Legal or not, marijuana is still a drug. It has no place within a residential area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald R. Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Donald R. Young

Resident/owner of APN's 522-491-001-000, 522-491-014-000, 522-491-003-000