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I'm urging you not to take away having to apply for a minor use permit for Cannabis Dispensaries or any other type of cannabis-related businesses. To make this just an automatic approval instead of having to go through a process allowing people to protest or speak their mind about the regards on this issue and it's locations or number of businesses would be completely unfair to the people of this town. The only people to benefit would be the business applicants, which it looks like how you are trying to steer everything at this time anyway by taking any kind of power away from the people. When I attend these meetings it's very obvious that some you are just going on what you want not what the people want. You're just supporting the business applicants not the people of this town, you should not forget about the hundreds of signatures that were turned in on this very subject, that hasn't changed. There are still a great number of people in this community that feel as strongly about this or stronger than I do.

Jay Koski

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Fort Bragg City Council Members,

My name is Lyndia Pyeatt, I own the property at 144 N Franklin St. and I would like to address some of the appellants concerns. I like to look at the facts and not just how I feel about something or if I frequent a certain business.

Jay Koski mentioned that he was concerned about the children playing in the alley. After operating a business at 144 N Franklin St, I have used that alley many times driving and walking to the post office and there was never an issue of children playing in that alley. The person that is the closest to the property at 144 is across the alley and that is Barbara a tenant of the Mertle's. I just spoke with Barbara again this morning and she confirmed that she feels the dispensary will offer more protection with lighting and security. She said she feels it will be a safer neighborhood and she also called in to one of the city meetings and expressed being in favor of the dispensary. Was there a big controversy about safety issues when the two parking lots were installed in that alley which brought more traffic down the alley? Maybe there was and I wasn't aware. I am not opposed to the parking lots as I feel the extra parking is great. I am just wondering why they think there would be more traffic with a dispensary than when the credit union was there and it was just a couple of doors to the south of 144 N Franklin.

There are about 18 lots on McPherson just one block E of Franklin. Jim Matson on the corner (no kids playing in the alley), Gene and Dianna Mertle (they do not live on McPherson) and Carrie their daughter (no children playing in the alley), Patricia Bell (no children playing in the alley) Jay Koski and his parents (no children playing in the alley) and Sara Macy is on the east side of McPherson St, next door to me and has no children playing in the alley. None of these people have children playing in the alley!

There are about 16 lots on Franklin St. behind the Emerald Triangle. There are two houses next door and another house behind it. How is this dispensary different?

I called the city of Willits and spoke with Dusty Dooley, just to see if they had a buffer zone for residential. They do not and they have not had issues with the three dispensaries.

Jay also mentioned that it was all about the money. Gene and Diane Mertle also have rental property. I am sure they would like to keep the property rented as well. Why would the city allow people on McPherson St control who rents commercial spaces on Franklin St. I have never been asked if the tenants on McPherson St properties affect me in any way. I have never been involved in choosing their tenants. They do not send me notices and let me know who is applying to rent their house and how I feel about who they are renting to. I have a commercial space and yes I would like to have a tenant in it.

I would be curious to know if the appellants would be opposed to a bar, a lingerie shop, a video store, a liquor store on many other retail businesses that might want to have a space to rent. Milano's bar is just across the street from this block and there doesn't seem to be an issue with them. They have many local people that enjoy going there. I am not opposed to the local bars serving their customers. They have a right to run their business, they have guidelines to follow and as long as they are met there is no problem.

Everyone has different views and opinions about many things. As long as the businesses are allowed to operate under the guidelines that the city sets in place, I don't see why we would want to discourage businesses to open in our town.

Thank you!
Lyndia Pyeatt