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Bernie Norvell, Mayor  
City of Fort Bragg  
416 North Franklin Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Re: 150 South Street, Fort Bragg, CA  
APN 018-120-46

Dear Mayor Norvell:

This correspondence is to follow up on our conversation this morning in reference to issues associated with the homeless and transient population and their use of the above property.

My family owns a rectangular parcel of vacant land at 150 South Street. A copy of the Mendocino County Assessor's parcel map is attached. This parcel is located directly behind the Chevron and the proposed Grocery Outlet.

We continue to experience homeless and transient individuals and families using this land as a campground, a disposal site for human waste, drug paraphernalia, clothing, household and various other undesirable items. The problems associated with the homeless is not new to this property. Due to the easy access of the property, we have had to remove abandoned automobiles, large furniture items, shopping carts and numerous other large items.

I am reaching out for assistance as an attempt to stop an escalating situation. This situation is not only unsafe, it creates a nuisance for neighboring property owners and is very costly to continue what has become an almost daily cleanup.

Even more disturbing is the fact it is becoming a very serious health and safety issue for the area. I have spoken with Chief Naulty in depth about my concerns. He indicated he is aware of the health and safety issues and supports my decision to isolate the property and attempt to eliminate the open access the property now provides.

I reached out to the Community Development Department to seek solutions and advice. As a temporary measure to eliminate the open access, I proposed temporary chain link fencing with a locked gate that would exclude any access to the property without authorized permission.

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I was advised the Community Development Department was not authorized to permit this type of fencing on the property. Permanent fencing is an option, however I am hoping the property will be sold and developed to its potential in the near future.

I am open to any suggestions you may have on how I can completely restrict access to the property. In the absence of a solution, I am respectfully requesting a variance that would allow locked chain link fencing to be placed around the perimeter of the property and eliminate access.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Linda Force Hockett

cc: Chief John Naulty  
enclosure: (1) Parcel Map