

**From:** Jenny Shattuck <jenxvann@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:17 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** public comment for 3b community development

I am very concerned with this presentation. After over 6 years of public meetings and input this seems to go against much of what was, what seemed, strong public support for a limited amount of stand alone, dispensaries with store front and delivery. That limit was scrapped and now there seems no limit as to how many cannabis businesses are allowed and where.

One approach that might benefit the community, existing business owners and those in the cannabis businesses would be to allow Microbusiness and dispensaries in the industrial area. This would allow for all their uses to be utilized while preserving the business district, especially the CBD. Allowing the very limited space and store fronts downtown to be turned into cultivation, manufacturing, processing or microbusiness's would be in my opinion setting precedence and forever changing the heart of our downtown, and not in a positive way.

Stand alone dispensaries with delivery seemed very supported by public input, as did a cap on how many allowed. With many in the Mitchell Creek area having to move, allowing these uses in the Industrial zone seems important and needed as that seems where it belongs.

With additional, much needed housing being added in our future, given that our water supply may be less in coming years due to climate change and drought this is also something to consider. As an example, if a planner deems CEQA is not be needed now, but if in 3 years and a few larger cultivation sites will there be a way to have cultivation cease? I

don't see that happening, or even legal, but it is something more to consider.

Thank you for your time,  
Jenny Shattuck

## REGARDING CITY OF FORT BRAGG'S ATTEMPT TO REWRITE CANNABIS ORDINANCES

What seems to be happening, or what our instincts detect is happening – is that the Council or the City Manager or the Community Development Department of Fort Bragg are engineering ordinances to fit the designs Big Cannabis, Inc. has on our small town. The city wide acceptance of cannabis retail dispensaries and the appropriate requirement of cannabis manufacturers and cultivators to locate in the industrial zone of Fort Bragg – is apparently not enough.

Presently the Fort Bragg Community Development Committee is proposing to expand those existing ordinances to essentially remove all cannabis zoning restrictions, impact studies, and most police department over view of much larger scale cannabis operations. The new CDC administrative proposals would consolidate retail, manufacturing, cultivation, and intercounty (or interstate) trucking distribution under the umbrella of any properly worded business license application; and under any roof top located anywhere, including the Central Business District of Fort Bragg. It would add the right (if the cultivator chooses) to perform these operations in whopping 10,000 square foot structures as microbusinesses; and unlimited otherwise.

In addition the newly proposed ordinances would re-wire the legal process itself. In a heartbeat of the previous time it normally requires applicants to navigate the steps for licensing. If formalized, these new mega cannabis entities could be licensed to roll across Fort Bragg in a mere 41 days (or less) from application submittal to license approval. Hardly time for prudent examination of something with so large a footprint. To accomplish this the CDC has put itself in charge of the process. With no mention of applicant background checks, this committee of less than five people threatens to relieve the police department of most application oversight except “public safety” at the cannabis site itself. And it has unsettled the scope of the background investigation process.

It should be noted here that as recently as January 2021 a cannabis project of the manufacturing/cultivation/distribution type to be located across from the Fort Bragg post office, bank, community grocery store and high density residential neighborhood - was slammed by 200 business owners and residents (signed petitions). It was then rejected by the Fort Bragg Planning Commission, and rejected again by the City Council. The cannabis ambitious administrators quickly took the defeat as an opportunity to propose the new drastic cannabis ordinance overhaul, by suggesting that the Planning Commission didn't understand how to interpret the zoning laws; and that the City Council had “failed to take action on the subsequent Appeal.”

Big Cannabis Money can invite big problems. It doesn't solve them simply because size able sales tax projections are being waived in the faces of Fort Bragg's public officials. Against the protests of the County Sheriff's Department, the county Board of Supervisors voted to massively enlarge the allowable outdoor cannabis cultivation acreage. If Fort Bragg's political leaders follow their intentions to similarly enlarge indoor operations - the final connection between big agra-nursery-manufacturing-cultivating and distribution will be in place. This beautiful small town is in very real danger of being trampled by corporate cannabis forces bigger and more cold hearted than any super-sized box store.

If we allow our officials to create legislation without due process, an “us versus them” division will follow. Those same officials will then declare “well that's the law and we must abide by it.” And our police and planning departments will then be forced to reply, “our hands are tied.” B.MANN/S.ROGERS



## Gonzalez, Joanna

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**From:** Lemos, June  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 11:28 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** FW: Community development meeting/public comment

June Lemos, CMC  
City Clerk  
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From: suzann lina <suzannlina@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 11:27 AM  
To: Lemos, June <Jlemos@fortbragg.com>  
Subject: Community development meeting/public comment

This is regarding agenda item 3b.

As a business owner in downtown fort bragg. I am extremely concerned about the future of Fort Bragg. I am completely against Micro businesses that involve manufacturing, cultivation and processing in our commercially zoned central business district. These kinds of activities belongs in the Industrial zone. Dispensaries should be retail only. Our downtown has very limited commercial space (and water) the last thing we need is large scale grows in our tiny commercial district.

Thank you,  
Suzann Lina  
Lee's Chinese.

Sent from my iPhone

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**AAB, Inc.**

**dba: Racine's and/or Spunky Skunk**

February 23, 2021

Ms. June Lemos  
City of Fort Bragg

RE: Marijuana Manufacturing, Processing and/or Cultivation

I just became aware of a meeting to take place this afternoon about the manufacturing, processing and/or cultivation in the downtown business district. **I oppose this.** I feel that this is inappropriate in the downtown business district. We serve a lot of families. If we loose that because parents do not want to bring their children downtown; I might as well close as they are a large part of my customer base. The manufacturing, processing and/or cultivation of marijuana should remain in the industrial zone.

Sincerely,

Susan Juntz  
President

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*Racine's – Art, Office, and Paper Supplies*  
*Spunky Skunk – Toys, Games, Puzzles, & Books*

## Gonzalez, Joanna

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**From:** Lemos, June  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:34 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** FW: attention!

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**From:** Janet Rutherford <porchmaiden@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:33 PM  
**To:** Lemos, June <Jlemos@fortbragg.com>  
**Subject:** attention!

We do not want manufacturing processing or cultivation in our business district. It is an inappropriate use of our limited commercial space. These things belong in the industrial zone.

We suspect that proposal was written by large producer with connection to new city employee

And you might want to mention was this written by the cannabis industry or what?

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## Gonzalez, Joanna

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**From:** Lemos, June  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:35 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** FW: Community Development Meeting 3B

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From: Sabine Brunner <beeners@littlecup.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:30 PM  
To: Lemos, June <Jlemos@fortbragg.com>  
Subject: Community Development Meeting 3B

Hello June,

I am writing you in regards to the meeting today at 3pm. I heard that there will be discussions about potential permitting the cultivation of Cannabis in the Central Business district.

As a small business owner in the Central District, I am against growing Cannabis in the small Central Business District. I am not opposed to growing in a more industrial area or against a Dispensary.

Just wanted to let you know.

Thank you,

Sabine Brunner  
Littlecup  
223 East Redwood Ave.  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

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## Gonzalez, Joanna

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**From:** Lemos, June  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis manufacturing in Fort Bragg

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From: Amy Rutherford <amyghazal@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:56 PM  
To: Lemos, June <jlemos@fortbragg.com>; rayan ghazal <rayan@stanford.edu>  
Subject: Cannabis manufacturing in Fort Bragg

I am a property owner in the Fort Bragg Business District (310 N. Franklin Street), and I strongly oppose - at this time - any change in the City's Municipal Code to allow for manufacturing or cultivation of Cannabis in the Fort Bragg Business District. This is not an appropriate use of community and market space.

There is also the CRITICAL issue of WATER use and how supplies and reserves would be impacted by any changes to Cannabis manufacturing.

This needs to be addressed/evaluated on a comprehensive scale, considering all possible uses and benefits to merchants and service providers in the Business District.

Respectfully,  
Amy Rutherford  
Email: amyghazal@gmail.com

## Gonzalez, Joanna

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**From:** Lemos, June  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:31 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** FW: Really????!!

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**From:** Janet Rutherford <porchmaiden@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:06 PM  
**To:** Lemos, June <Jlemos@fortbragg.com>; liz@mcn.org  
**Subject:** Really????!!

Dear J. Lemos, Fort Bragg:

We do not want manufacturing processing or cultivation in our business district. There are better places for this.

All the homes will be bought up, all the commercial sites going for 1 or 2 larger commercial concerns - sound familiar? This impoverishes everyone, including those raking in money.

I lived 50 years in Palo Alto/Portola Valley [Stanford Area] and watched those with all the ideas and all the money suck it dry so that manufacturing had to move to Gilroy/Morgan Hill, Santa Rosa, and Scott's Valley; people here, many of us refugees from those areas, and from that thinking, and we've have found a home here.

We desire cafes, shops, art galleries, and pubs with our brilliant musicians. We desire hand made creations as jackets, and things for the home. We desire, no-waste centers, Cider pubs, and tea houses. We desire to let this town and Mendocino become an outlet for all the goods we make from all the beautiful things we grow.

You see this covid crisis as making a vacuum here, it isn't. We're alive and well and ready to move as soon as we get the word, we'll flow into the streets and make beautiful things, and have a beautiful life.

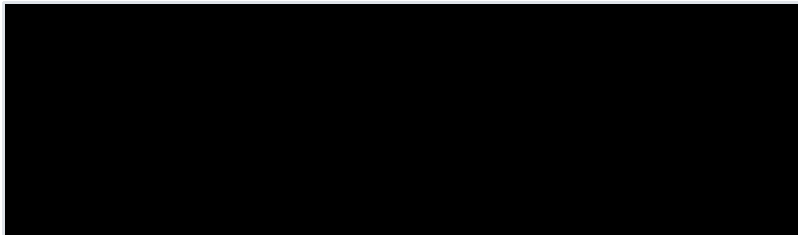
You want wealth to get here first and what you'll get is this:

Billionnaires living in an RV park, basically; a model that has not worked.

Greed was good only for the Geckos of the world and not the people - remember them? - who have to do the actual work to build/sell/cut/plant/move the goods making the new billionaire class here?

This is not Silocon Vally North and the foolishness of perpetuating such a notion becomes glaringly obvious. We're still smarting from Pacific Lumber's fiasco, and Stanford's fiasco (now, homes in Palo Alto that come on the market are bought up in China before ever being listed in the Bay Area).

[Living on four wheels: The people inside the RVs on Palo Alto's El Camino Real](#)



**Living on four wheels: The people inside the RVs on Palo Alto's El Camin...**

The more than 40 recreational vehicles parked along El Camino Real, just outside Stanford University, have been ...

Is this the William Morris grab we've been waiting for? I heard they were buying up thousands of acres of growing land in Ukiah area...to jump in on the cannabis market; poor church mice that they are. Are they looking to turn our storefronts into smokeshops? "Tied" smokeshops?

Please look to the wiser heads to work this out, and fairly for all. Please make it the best of what it can be with this lovely mindset that has been distilled through the crises and ages of boom and bust. They've held up through the worst and now deserve the best.

Certainly better than this.

Signed:

Janet Rutherford

one of those *WHO LIVE HERE!!!*

## Gonzalez, Joanna

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**From:** Lemos, June  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:40 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment/ community development meeting

Hi Joanna:

I believe this public comment is for the CDC meeting. Please add to agenda packet.

June Lemos, CMC  
City Clerk  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Megan Caron <lostcoastfoundftbragg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:45 AM  
**To:** Lemos, June <JLemos@fortbragg.com>  
**Subject:** Public comment/ community development meeting

Regarding item 3B

As a business owner in the CBD, I fully support allowing marijuana dispensaries to operate. However I am concerned about allowing cultivation as an accessory use to cannabis retail. Is this really part of our long term vision for downtown Fort Bragg? Growing marijuana in our downtown is not an appropriate use of our extremely limited commercial space. Growing marijuana belongs in our industrial zones, it absolutely has no place in our central business district. Allowing dispensaries to have accessory grows is clearly an incentive for dispensaries to establish themselves here. This could potentially create an excessive amount of marijuana dispensaries (as it has in other communities) which will unfortunately end up inflating commercial property values, making it even harder for small businesses to become established.

And that's the last thing we need.

Megan Caron  
Fort Bragg

Sent from my iPhone

## Gonzalez, Joanna

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**From:** Lemos, June  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:41 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** FW: Agenda item 3B

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cynthia Sumner <cynthsumner@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:39 PM  
To: Lemos, June <jlemos@fortbragg.com>  
Subject: Agenda item 3B

I'm writing to register concerns regarding the cultivation of cannabis as accessory use to a retail business. The space available downtown for retail opportunities is extremely limited. In consideration for services that provide for the needs of the larger community, it seems inappropriate to cultivate and process cannabis in this historical area of Fort Bragg. Additionally, it sets a precedence for industrial use within the CBD that opens the door for other types of production that may be counter productive to the long-term vision for downtown. The impact on tourism should also be considered, given that other retail options would be more beneficial as an attraction, while cannabis production could provide the opposite.

Having recently experienced drought restrictions, the consumption of a grow operation may result in negative implications for residents. In general, the proposed changes need much more public input prior to any decision being made.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Sumner  
The Forrester Building  
301-309 E. Redwood Ave.

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## Gonzalez, Joanna

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**From:** Lemos, June  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:40 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** FW: Agenda item 3b

June Lemos, CMC  
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From: Nicki Caito <nickicaito@icloud.com>  
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:43 PM  
To: Lemos, June <Jlemos@fortbragg.com>  
Subject: Agenda item 3b

Planning Commission,

I am a small business owner in the CBD, I am concerned about the possibility of the cultivation of cannabis in our downtown business district. My hope is that we keep our CBD geared toward retailers and don't allow industrial operations of any kind in the downtown business district. Thank you for your consideration.

Nicole Caito-Urbani

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**Gonzalez, Joanna**

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**From:** noreply@granicusideas.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 9:29 PM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Joanna  
**Subject:** New eComment for Community Development Committee on 2021-02-23 3:00 PM



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## New eComment for Community Development Committee on 2021-02-23 3:00 PM

Cynthia Sumner submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Community Development Committee on 2021-02-23 3:00 PM

Item: 3B. 21-058 Receive Report and Make Recommendation to Planning Commission for Updates of Ordinances Related to Cannabis

eComment: The cultivation of cannabis as accessory use to retail business seems inappropriate for the CBD. It sets a precedence for industrial use where available commercial/retail space is already limited. Impacts on tourism should be considered. Water consumption of a grow operation during a drought may strain residential use. The proposed changes need to receive more public input prior to any decisions made. Cynthia Sumner The Forrester Building E. Redwood Ave.

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## New eComment for Community Development Committee on 2021-02-23 3:00 PM

Jay Koski submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Community Development Committee on 2021-02-23 3:00 PM

Item: 3B. 21-058 Receive Report and Make Recommendation to Planning Commission for Updates of Ordinances Related to Cannabis

eComment: The people have spoke through petitions regarding this already. There were close to 200 signatures against the last project that tried to be approved on Franklin and Alder street. You need to quit trying to force things on this town that aren't wanted. Just because you're an elected official or work for out city that does not give you the rights to go against the people who make this town. Quite trying to force these things on our CBD that is why industrial zones are created. To protect the people.

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