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County of Mendocino  
Department of Planning and Building Services  
860 North Bush Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482

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Planning & Building Services

Re: Case # U\_2018-0023

Dear Brent Schultz,

We purchased our home and property 20 years ago. At that time, what attracted us to this property was how quiet and peaceful the neighborhood was. We have spent the last 20 years improving our home and land. A lot of hard work has gone into creating a spot we can be proud of. This subdivision was well established with many property owners being long term when we arrived. The property in question as part of this hearing was owned by an elderly woman. She sold to another elderly woman and then she sold to a gentleman from outside of the area. The young woman who lived there then was friendly and we used to dog sit for her. Things then changed when a warehouse was built on the property and then a wooden fence was erected around the front of the property.

Once this was established the amount of traffic that comes in and out of this property has gone through the roof. Through the years, the players have changed many times. We do not know who these people are. Years ago, the occupants of the property explained that they were growing herbs in the warehouse. One of our neighbors approached this individual to stress how they did not feel safe in the neighborhood anymore and they were instructed to buy a gun if they didn't feel safe.

Twice now the sheriffs have come in to raid this facility. To watch as they came in and secured the property and confiscated the equipment was not something we ever thought we would experience living in our home. These were not proud moments for us or our neighbors.

At one time, they moved onto the property two pit bull dogs who at the end of the day as the last person left that property, would run the neighborhood. Many a neighbor out walking their dogs on leashes were confronted by these two dogs. Animal Control Officer Thompkins was a regular visitor to our neighborhood. This problem went on for quite some time. During this time, we had to really pay attention to going out on our property.

I hesitate in writing this letter because we worry about making our opinions public when we are so close to this nuisance. I would prefer that this remain unpublished but if that is not possible then so be it. It's time to take a stand on what is happening in our subdivision by someone who does not live here and does not own the property. Our neighbor called to see what we were going to do with this notice. I let her know that we would be writing this letter. She stated to

me that she wanted to write also but since she is elderly and lives alone she felt like she would be inviting trouble her way. This is not something she should face at this stage of her life.

In closing we would like to say that we respectfully request that the Use Permit U\_2018-0023 for cannabis cultivation be denied and let us and our neighbors get back to enjoying our small community in safety.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Jesse Davis has our email address in case you need to get ahold of us. Also, I'm providing our telephone number below. Feel free to call for any more information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Nicholson and Scott Vorhees". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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