

**Angie Lane - Fwd: Letter in Support of Kirkman/Kawase Building Permit Application - APN 126-010-04-00**

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Public comment for the Kirkman Project.

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To: Matt Goines and Julia Acker  
Mendocino County Planning & Building Services

As a long-time property owner of several parcels on Navarro Head, I was approached to contact you regarding the building permit application currently in process for a single-family residence on APN 126-010-04-00. I'm happy to write this letter in support of Jason Kirkman and Carol Kawase's application.

I've known Jason Kirkman for many of the twenty-plus years I've lived on the Mendocino Coast and he, himself, is a third generation resident who's lived fulltime in the area for over 38 years. As such, he and his family have deep ties to the Mendocino coast and an even deeper appreciation of its unique qualities. In the time I've known him, I've come to respect his commitment to the environment and the scenic beauty of the area.

The property in question lies adjacent to several parcels I own so I'm particularly interested in, and aware of, his plans to build there. I've walked the property with him, dealt with him directly regarding road maintenance and other issues, and reviewed and discussed his plans. In all respects, I've found Dr. Kirkman to be sensitive to the view space and their home's impact on the area as well as dedicated to its preservation.

It's my impression that the Kirkman/Kawase home will blend well with the environment and not pose a problem for those wanting to enjoy the region's beauty. I am sympathetic to those who wish to protect the coast and

support their efforts, however there are many organizations that work to achieve this and a concerned citizen's efforts might be better spent participating in programs available through those agencies rather than challenging individual property owners, especially those who have the commitment to the area and the coast that Jason and Carol have. I don't believe a carte blanche approach to develop whatever one likes is ever appropriate, particularly in an environment as sensitive as Navarro Head, however, as stated, from everything I've seen, Jason and Carol have responded appropriately and considerately to regional and geographic concerns as well as their home's potential impact on neighboring sites.

I believe the Planning Department should approve the Kirkman/Kawase application as, from what I've seen to date, their home is in conformance with all the County's guidelines and will be an appropriate and aesthetic addition to the coastal landscape.

Sincerely,

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