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From: Ed O'Brien <edobrien@mcn.org>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 4:12:17 PM
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Dear board members,

Thank you for serving the town of Mendocino on the historic review board. I know from personal experience that yours is not an easy job.

The pandemic that came to our world with something that we had not seen in over 100 years. Drastic steps had to be enacted to both make people safe and allow the businesses of Mendocino to stay open

Tents were a temporary solution that helped to keep our restaurants open and save jobs

Now that we can eat inside the question is "have the tents in Mendocino served their purpose? Should they come down now?"

I have many fond memories of eating at night under large garden tents. Some say they should stay forever but alas, we are historic preservation district with strong rules and guidelines about building materials, roof lines and type of windows, color of buildings, size of signs, etc.

Canvas structures with large plastic sides are not in keeping with our guidelines. Mendocino should not be known as a tent city.

It is my belief that the tenants have served their purpose and their time is up.

Thank you very much.

Ed O'Brien.
Sent from Ed's pay phone