

Mendocino County

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Planning & Building Services

Building and Planning Administration
860 North Bush Street
Ukiah, CA95482

To whom it may concern,

As a longtime resident of Ukiah and a long-term customer of J Arena now Gather Events. I want to express my support for Gather Events to be permitted to hold events at any time, any day until 11 pm.

As a customer of J Arena, I attended and worked numerous weekend horse events, some of which included live music in the evening and overnight camping. Over 125 people participated in some of the more significant events. An example of this was the Barrels for Boobs barrel race held annually for five years. A typical weeknight event would begin at 5 pm and run until 9:30 - 10:00 pm. And on some occasions, run until 11 pm.

There were never complaints regarding parking or noise from the neighbors. And many of the neighbors attended these events, including the Smith-Fought family.

I find it curious that now that a Hispanic family has moved into 4800 Burke that wants to hold events, parking, and noise have become a concern to the neighbors. One can't help but wonder if their protests are rooted in discrimination.

Gather Events strengthens our economy by providing a much-needed local service. This business pays taxes for vital services such as schools, roads, fire, and police. Also, provide good jobs that put money in Ukiah residents' pockets and allow for a higher quality of life.

Sincerely

Beth Schwarz,
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Ukiah resident since 2004