

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

Mendocino County

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Planning & Building Services

RE: Support for Approval of Administrative Permit
CASE#: AP_2022-0041
DATE FILED: 12/15/2022
OWNER/APPLICANT: YAZMIN MENDOZA-LOPEZ

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Sandra Caudillo, and I am a lifelong resident of Ukiah, California. I write this letter in support of Yazmin Mendoza-Lopez, and her request for an administrative permit to host events on her property, for 150-400 people. It is my understanding this permit would allow for a maximum of 5 events (of this size) in a 6-month period. Event hours would be from 8am to 11pm.

I have known Ms. Mendoza-Lopez, and her family, for over 20 years. They are well-established business owners within our community, that have offered a variety of services to the public, for years. I have personally visited the property in question and have been impressed with the work that has been done, and the vision she has for the future of her property. Her family has been involved in the wedding/event industry for decades. It is no surprise Ms. Mendoza-Lopez is now carrying on the legacy, with passion.

The number of outdoor wedding venues in Mendocino County (particularly, Ukiah) is extremely limited. Approving this permit would afford the citizens of this county (and surrounding counties), a practical alternative. Moreover, it would keep and promote *legitimate* business in Mendocino County.

It is unfortunate this issue has caused others to go beyond the capabilities/impacts of the venue and bash the character of a young property owner, who has invested so much into providing our community with a place to gather. I understand surrounding property owners have voiced concerns regarding the approval of this permit, mostly focused on worries of loud music and potential traffic. Ms. Mendoza-Lopez has always been business-oriented and mindful of how crucial professionalism is to the growth and reputation of any venture. I am certain she will do her very best to respect surrounding property owners' use and enjoyment of their properties, while also exercising her right to do the same.

Arguably speaking, based on the limitations of said permit, the total time surrounding properties/owners would be subjected to these *potential* conditions would be less than 2%* of their time (likely even less, given that most wedding parties would not be occupying the space for the entire 15-hour period). *24hrs x 30 days x 6 months = 4320; 5 events x 15 hours = 75 hours; 75/4320 = 1.7%

Thank you,

Sandra Caudillo