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To the Commissioners:

I just found out about this possible addition to the County General Plan, allowing Low-Intensity Camping in residential neighborhoods on parcels as small as 1 acre and I'm outraged that there was no outreach to the communities that would be affected. This would allow someone (or several people) with 1 or 2 acre parcels in a residential neighborhood, possibly down a private dirt road, to have 2-3 campsites with people staying up to 10 days. People who stay in these campsites don't just stay there. They go in and out possibly several times a day.

This would allow commercial use in a residential neighborhood with a simple administrative permit. Who is going to be responsible to check for fire safety, water, sanitation, parking and notifying the neighbors? A local contact person "means an individual can be physically present within one hour". What happens if there's a fire or an emergency? Or if a group is disturbing the peace of the neighbors, or if violence breaks out? A lot can happen in an hour.

This appears to be very hastily conceived and I urge the commissioners to take this section out and have much more discussion with public and agency input before it becomes part of the plan.

I'm not totally opposed to the idea of low-intensity camping, in appropriate areas, with appropriate restrictions, but I think there has to be community input. It's almost as though this was stuck in the middle of the 300+ pages of the General Plan in hopes that people wouldn't find out about it and have time to comment.

Please take the time to meet with the different communities, including the local fire departments and get their (our) input before making this part of the General Plan.

Thank you,
Dobie Dolphin
long time Albion resident