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I am not able to come from Cleone to Ukiah for the meeting. I am submitting my 3-minute talk as a public comment. **Please review.**

My name is Carla Sarvis and I am a tax payer and home owner in Cleone.

Low intensity camping should **only be in commercial zones where there are services** - NOT rural villages or residential areas.

Homeowners, like myself, should not be asked to burden the serious risks transients and campers pose to neighbors because a landowner wishes to make additional income.

Homeowners, like myself, should not be asked to burden these risks because HipCamp sees an opportunity to expand and increase its revenues.

I've read Hipcamp's letters to the commission and have perused their website and quite frankly, it's a bit tiring listening to the puffery about the (quote) "spirit of our shared goals and vision for outdoor access and rural economic development". Their overemphasis about **reconnecting to nature** does not qualify for such a change in Division 1, Title 20 of the Mendocino County Code.

Hipcamp's stated host and camper standards read nice and easy but they are not functional realities and we all know it.

Along with public comment letters stating negative experiences regarding nearby HipCamp sites, the Albion-Little River Fire Dept. and the Elk Fire Dept. have also submitted their concerns to you - stating they have responded to numerous incidents, medical calls, complaints and fires from HipCamp sites.

Who will stop people smoking in bone-dry grass?
Who will protect us from a campfire that gets out of control on an adjacent property?
What about our property values and ability to re-sell if we're next to a HipCamp site?
How will this impact homeowners fire insurance coverage?
What recourse do neighbors have who don't want to be next to a campsite?
What happens to our limited water supply, our roads, sensitive habitat, our peace and quiet?

I already pay enormous property taxes for very little public services. I do not want to live with RVs, trailers, campers, tents or people staying in their cars coming and going in our neighborhood. I especially don't want to live with such a possible imminent fire danger because some camper turns out to be an idiot.

This idea is very poorly conceived. I strongly oppose it and urge the commission to vote NO.

Thank you.

cc: Board of Supervisors Mendocino County