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As a long-time resident of Mendocino County, I am strongly opposed to the proposed revision to the General Plan that would permit transient camping in residential areas. To preserve the character and integrity of our neighborhoods, outdoor camping and RV use should remain restricted to designated local, state, and national recreation areas, as well as commercial RV and camping sites. These established areas are equipped with the necessary facilities and trained staff to ensure a safe and non-intrusive experience. In contrast, private residential properties lack these essential features, making them ill-suited for such activities. Allowing for-pay camping on private land could introduce significant risks, including noise disturbances, fire hazards, and property damage. Additionally, this change would likely diminish property values and compromise both personal and property safety. The increased demand on police and fire services would also impose an undue burden on our community's resources.

Thank you,

Dr. Stephen Lane