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Subject: Bigfoot Cannabis

Dear Eric:

I will no longer be providing surveying services to your design team. As you'll recall, we discussed this possibility a month ago, and I allowed myself to be talked into staying on. At that time my motivation was due to the complete lack of coherence among your project professionals, but I now have a far greater concern: your project's detrimental effect on the neighborhood in which it is being placed.

As you know, when you first retained my services, I was completely unaware that the project was a cannabis grow. Although initially that fact was purposely kept from me, I was eventually informed by a mutual acquaintance. When I expressed my concerns to you about your neighbors' opinions regarding your grow, you assured me that public opposition was basically nonexistent, and even went so far as to say that your closest neighbors, the Pritts, were completely on board with it.

I have just finished reading the Creston Advisory Body (CAB) Recommendation regarding Bigfoot, dated 3/10/2020 in which extreme public opposition, including the Pritts, is clearly stated. Up until this time, I have been citing your project as an example of where a cannabis grow, as permitted by the current SLO County Cannabis Ordinance, may possibly fit within our rural residential / ranching communities without unduly disrupting the lifestyle and livelihood of neighboring parcels. But I was either duped, or naïve, or ignorant, or perhaps just plain stupid, because I now see that nothing could be farther from the truth.


After reviewing several of these cannabis project applications, yours included, I see these common threads: complete distortion of facts, misrepresentation of impacts, and a neighbors-be-damned attitude. Wells sucked dry, visibility not at all as described, stench denied, and very real security concerns downplayed to a point that it is an insult to one's intelligence.

These industrial cannabis projects being crammed into our rural communities are a very real threat to the way of life that we, who live and raise our families here, work so hard for. While we conserve water, cannabis depletes our supply; while we respect our neighbors, cannabis owners make no effort to accommodate their neighbors; while we look out for one another, cannabis introduces threats to our security; where our glorious night skies are some of the darkest in the county, cannabis gives us security lighting "...of the lowest-lumen necessary to address security issues"; and where our views used to consist of rolling oak vistas and hay fields, cannabis gives us high screened fencing and guard towers.

Throughout my 35+ year career in land development I have remained neutral when it comes to projects' impacts on the areas in which they placed. I have relied on our local governments' planning and public input processes to mitigate legitimate concerns and to come to reasonable and responsible conclusions. Unfortunately, when it comes to industrial cannabis, I see no evidence of that process working.

Please have your new surveyor contact me directly for a handoff of data.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JoAnn Head", written over a horizontal line.

JoAnn Head

Cc: Supervisor Debbie Arnold

Cc: Commissioner Campbell

Cc: SLO County Planning Commission