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## Letter of Support for Cybele Holding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery

1 message

Anna Morey <annamorey@me.com>
To: aaron.mount@edcgov.us, planning@edcgov.us

Wed, May 11, 2022 at 7:01 PM

Please see letter below. If you have any question please let me know.

Thank you, Anna Morey

Begin forwarded message:

From: Anna Morey <anna@annathedogtrainer.com>

Subject: Letter

Date: May 11, 2022 at 1:25:53 PM PDT To: Anna Morey <annamorey@me.com>

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aaron.mount@edcgov.us planning@edcgov.us

Subject: Letter of Support For 22-0793/CCUP20-0001 Cybele Holding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery

Dear Commissioners:

Please approve the CUP and Cannabis Annual Operating Permit for CCUP20-0001 Cybele Holding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery.

Cybele Holdings has spent over 2.5 years and a significant amount of money creating the model commercial cannabis cultivation operation. Cybele not only meets all of the county's excessive regulatory requirements, they also will improve the conditions in their neighborhood while mitigating any potential impacts of its operation.

Cybele Holdings has/will:

- Improve local roads
- Provide firefighting resources including stored water
- Provide active security for its property
- Pay excessive cannabis cultivation taxes to the county
- Provide new jobs and employment taxes for the county
- Contribute to community groups
- Preserves agricultural land

County policymakers can't complain about illegal cannabis businesses if they do not create reasonable licensing paths and if they do not approve cannabis license applications.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Anna Morey



Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

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# Fwd: Commercial Cannabis use Permit CCUP20-0001/Cybele holding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery

1 message

Elizabeth Standeven <12elizst@gmail.com> To: planning@edcgov.us Thu, May 12, 2022 at 6:21 AM

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I sent this email originally on April 26, 2022 but I did not see this email included in the comments before the Planning Commission today regarding permit CCUP20-0001. Please include these comments in the official record. I will attend today's meeting to make these comments in person if needed.

Notice of Public Hearing

Re: CCUP20-0001/Cybele Holding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to voice my particular concerns regarding the pending Use Permit referenced above. While I accept that Cannabis is legal in California and I definitely prefer for it to be grown in an accountable and regulated environment as opposed to illegally, I must register my most sever reservations regarding this particular operator.

In August of 2021, while the Caldor fire was raging across large swaths of this county and hundreds of residents were evacuating their homes, this operator brought a full sized semi truck (See attached photos) up Sand Ridge Road on a least 3 different days (August 16, 19, and 20), getting the truck stuck on all 3 occasions and completely blocking the road to any vehicular traffic. The first instance was potentially excusable as naivete. The next two occasions were nothing less than a blatant disregard for the lives and livelihoods of the residents of the greater Sand Ridge area. On one occasion, the road was blocked in the morning making kids from several families late for school, making some first responders late for their shifts, and making many hard working residents of this county late for their day. It is my understanding that Mountain Enterprises (PG&E contractors) crews and equipment helped to free the truck eventually and before officers were able to arrive at the scene. These incidents were reported to CHP, and the planning office as they were happening.

For those on this committee who are not familiar with the Sand Ridge Rd area, it is a long (approx. 9-10 mile) road running roughly East- west across the southern-most part of El Dorado County. The only two outlets from this area are where Sand Ridge Road connects to Bucks Bar Rd on the east and to Hwy 49 on the West. The east and west ends of the road are paved but there are many miles of dirt/gravel road in the middle. At the time of these incidents, the Bucks Bar end of the road was under voluntary evacuation due to the Caldor Fire. If the winds had shifted and brought the fire across E16, the only evacuation route available to residents would have been the western end of Sand Ridge Rd where it meets Hwy 49. The truck was stuck about 1.5 miles from Hwy 49, effectively blocking the only other exit for majority of the residents in the area. The committee should also realize that even the paved portions of the western end of Sand Ridge Rd is not a two-lane road. There are many spots in those first 1.5 miles where two large vehicles can not pass.

At the time of these incidents, the only signage at Sand Ridge Rd and Hwy 49 was a very small sign saying "Trucks not Advised". Fearing for our lives, several residents of the area spent hours and days calling every County Department and elected official we could to try to get some signage that would prevent this from happening again. After days of endless calls to County DOT, Supervisor Turnboo's office and the Planning office, a slightly more specific sign showed up. (see below) We realized that the County was in the middle of an unprecedented emergency and hated to have to bother the overtaxed members of Sheriff's office, DOT, etc., but we felt we were potentially preventing an even worse scenario from unfolding. Again, this operator, through his misguided actions caused a whole lot of stress and work for others that didn't need to happen.

Because this operator does not seem to want to use the common sense he should have, I have severe concerns about what else he might do in the pursuit of his profits that will further erode the quality of the lives and livelihoods of the residents of this part of th County if he is granted this permit to operate.

I would like to ask that you deny this permit. If you can not deny this permit, I would ask that the residents of this area have some recourse and specific contact at the County in case he chooses to do something in the future that threatens our lives and livelihoods. I would propose a "3 strikes" approach that would immediately strip him of his permit, plants and profits if substantial complaints are encountered again. I would also propose that he has earned "1 strike" already.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Elizabeth Standeven

P.S. I have attached 3 photos relating to this comment. One of the "new" truck restriction sign at the intersection of Hwy 49 and Sand Ridge. Two photos are of the stuck trucks on different days. One was taken by myself, the other was forwarded to me from social media. I only wish to share the social media picture to document the truck, I do not know or support the comments of its author.

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From: Elizabeth Standeven <12elizst@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Subject: RE: Commercial Cannabis use Permit CCUP20-0001/Cybele holding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery

To: <planning@edcgov.us>

To the Members of the Planning Commission considering the above application,

Please find my comments and concerns regarding this planned operation in the attached word file with 3 attached supporting photos. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Standeven

#### 4 attachments



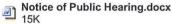
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