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2 December 2019

Andrew Trippel, City Planner  
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Dear Mr. Trippel:

I have the notice mailed 11/21/19 announcing the 12/9/19 neighborhood meeting regarding the possibility of a retail cannabis dispensary at 3175 Range Avenue in Santa Rosa. I am unfortunately unable to attend the neighborhood meeting in person, so the purpose of this letter is to provide comment on the proposal.

I am the owner of the Russell Court Apartments at 833 Russell Avenue, just around the corner from the project location. I want to express my opposition to the proposed cannabis dispensary. I am opposed to the dispensary for several reasons, which should be considered as part of the application process:

The immediate neighborhood of Range Avenue and Russell Avenue has unfortunately been in decline in recent years. There has been a dramatic increase in homeless people in the local area -- people who vandalize my apartment complex and resident's vehicles and property, break into the apartment utility closets for shelter, and cause other damage and problems. As a result, and as you may recall from your help with my design review application three years ago, I had to spend about thirty five thousand dollars to install vehicle and pedestrian gates and fencing to keep homeless, vandals, burglars and other unwelcome people out of the apartment complex and maintain a safe environment for my tenants. I believe a cannabis dispensary will draw more unsavory people into the area.

There is a large Motel 6 on the block, just behind the Russell Court Apartments and across Range Avenue from proposed cannabis dispensary. People shoot drugs at that motel, and I have experienced a number of drug addicts jumping over the fence between my apartments and the motel, and escaping through my apartment parking area. I fear that adding a cannabis dispensary will just make these problems of drugs and undesirable people worse.

I want the Russell Court Apartments to be a welcoming and safe community where residents want to live, but the type of tenant I want to attract generally does not want to live near a cannabis dispensary. This kind of establishment will result in a reduction in rental values as well as property values and further contribute to a decline of the immediate neighborhood.

In summary, I hope a cannabis dispensary will not be allowed at the proposed location of 3175 Range Avenue.

Yours very truly,  
/s/  
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5 August 2020

Mr. Mike Wixon, Planner  
Planning & Economic Development Department  
100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 3  
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Dear Mr. Wixon:

I have a notice announcing the 13 August 2020 planning commission meeting regarding the possibility of a retail cannabis dispensary at 3175 Range Avenue in Santa Rosa. The purpose of this letter is to provide comment on the proposal.

I am the owner of the Russell Court Apartments at 833 Russell Avenue, just around the corner from the project location. I want to express my opposition to the proposed cannabis dispensary. I am opposed to the dispensary for several reasons, which should be considered as part of the application process:

There is already a cannabis dispensary at 817 Russell Avenue, # C in Santa Rosa, just separated from my apartments by one other apartment building, and less than two blocks from the proposed retail cannabis dispensary at 3175 Range Avenue. Having two dispensaries so close together seems unnecessary, and I would expect that one of them would likely go out of business because of the competition.

The immediate neighborhood of Range Avenue and Russell Avenue has unfortunately been in decline in recent years. There has been a dramatic increase in homeless people in the area, who have vandalized my apartment complex and resident's property, broken into the apartment utility closets for shelter, etc. There is a large Motel 6 just behind the Russell Court Apartments and across Range Avenue from proposed cannabis dispensary. People shoot drugs at that motel, and have jumped over the fence between my apartments and the motel to escape through my apartment parking area. I had to spend about thirty five thousand dollars to install vehicle and pedestrian gates and fencing to keep homeless, vandals and other unwelcome people out of the apartment complex and maintain a safe environment for my tenants.

I want the Russell Court Apartments to be a welcoming and safe community where residents want to live, but the type of non-smoking tenant I want to attract generally does not want to live near a cannabis dispensary. I believe another cannabis dispensary will draw more unsavory people into the area, make problems of drugs worse, result in a reduction in rental and property values, and contribute to blight and a decline of the immediate neighborhood.

In summary, I hope a cannabis dispensary will not be approved for 3175 Range Avenue.

Yours very truly,  
/s/  
Roy B. Woolsey