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Subject: [SUSPICIOUS MESSAGE] Appeal # AB24-02 Highland Farms, LP - Concerns

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Hello,

I would like to state my concerns regarding all that Highland Farms are planning on doing for their business. I am a resident of the Highland Springs neighborhood and live right by the lake. My biggest concern is the potential for asbestos to be released into the air and most likely the water system, which has the potential to cause numerous health issues to humans and animals. It is my understanding there has been NO CEQA studies conducted, the only thing close to an environmental study was the 2 Biologists hired by Highland Farms with opposing views - one stating not to build and grow here, the other stating no serpentine was present (which is false per other studies of the area as there are many plants only found to be sustainable in serpentine ground growing in the area) this biologist also quoted the wrong APN in their findings. This contrasting information is not only unsettling but suspicious. How are permits going through the county on this type of basis? It's no secret the article recently released by the Sheriff's Office about the CDD employee arrested for illegal activities of extortion and accepting bribes.... have more laws been broken in regards to this development?

I would also like to address the roadway situation. Highland Springs has long been worse for wear, and with multiple grows now out in the Donovan Valley area, we have an increased amount of large trucks and equipment constantly hauling by on a daily basis (large enough that my security system constantly alerts me as it believes the vehicles are entering our property as they are so big they trip the sensors that a normal passing vehicle does not). In recent years Highland Springs Rec area has become more and more popular leading to an already large increase in traffic most of which speed by so fast we constantly feel the need to listen for the squealing around turns to hear if a car crashes or not. Cars go into trees and fences constantly.

Many of us have to be more cautious when we once could walk or ride horses down the road to the trails. Peoples pets and wildlife alike are hit without a care. This road has become dangerous and the large trucks that have already started to break down the quality of the road will only cause this to increase. Will the road be brought to legal regulations (144 inches) as well as properly maintained? Additionally, I have a large front yard, not fenced and many large trucks have had to be educated for thinking they can come tearing onto my private property ripping up the ground inches away from my patio. Who is going to repair damage to my yard, and other properties from those who have absolutely no respect?

At the end of the day, I honestly DO NOT CARE what the company plans to produce. Whether it's cannabis or baby food, that doesn't matter to me. What matters is that the PROPER laws and environmental and ecological and any other impact studies are done, that if/when development is pursued all proper laws/ordinances are followed with proper mitigation included for the safety and well being of this neighborhood.

Thank you for all consideration into these concerns.

Sierra Baker