

Kerrian Marriott

From: pastordougmbc@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:25 PM
To: Eric Porter
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: We Grow LLC

March 5, 2021

Dear Mr. Porter,

My wife and I recently built our dream home in the development off Spruce Grove Rd. called Dohnery Ridge/Shadow Hills. There are currently over a dozen developed lots. Many of our neighbors have children. We have gotten to know our neighbors and we have a warm and friendly community and we would like it to stay that way.

It's our understanding that the Harrington Road acreage (bordering our development) was purchased about a year ago by an out-of-state buyer called, We Grow LLC. The new owners have applied for a cannabis grow use permit which would include 35 greenhouses. The Harrington Road property shares a border with our development as well as a border with Hidden Valley.

At least once before, the Harrington property was raided for hiding stolen property and an illegal grow. We can see the property from our back deck and witnessed the raid, complete with helicopters. We built our home here partly for the peace and quiet.

We have many concerns should this permit be granted. Our peaceful community would be disrupted by constant in and out of trucks and equipment, not to mention the clients that would be entering our streets. The children in our development will not feel comfortable riding their bikes or walking their dogs. We will not feel comfortable allowing our grandchildren as much freedom.

Another concern is the huge amount of water it takes to grow pot. We are all on wells and this plan could reduce all of our well output. Not the least concern, is how this may impact our property values.

It doesn't make sense for a large pot farm to be approved in an area surrounded by residential neighborhoods with children. We want to go on record as strongly opposing this grow, and we would like to be notified of the public hearing on this matter.

Sincerely,
Doug and Janice Thompson
19965 Nicholas Way, Lower Lake, CA 95457
707-495-7955

Kerrian Marriott

From: Peter Makena <pmakena@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:43 AM
To: Eric Porter
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Commercial Cannabis grower near Hidden Valley

A reminder!!!

Please send me the information on the cannabis grower project :
16750 Herrington Rd

Thank You
Peter Schober

> On Mar 4, 2021, at 8:27 AM, Eric Porter <Eric.Porter@lakecountycal.gov> wrote:

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> Ok. That is file number UP 20-22, Zarina Otchkova.

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> I'm working from home today but will be in the office tomorrow. Would you kindly send me a reminder email tomorrow so I can send you the relevant documents? No hearing date has been set yet for that project, but I am interested in getting that one to hearing sooner rather than later due to the volume of opposition toward the project.

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> Thanks,

> Eric Porter

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Peter Makena [mailto:pmakena@mac.com]

> Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:01 PM

> To: Eric Porter <Eric.Porter@lakecountycal.gov>

> Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Reg. Commercial Cannabis grower near Hidden Valley

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> The Address is 16750 Herrington Rd

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> Thank you

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> Peter Schober

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>> On Mar 3, 2021, at 4:27 PM, Eric Porter <Eric.Porter@lakecountycal.gov> wrote:

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>> Peter,

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>> What is the address that you are concerned about? I need to locate the file number and the assigned planner.

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>> Thanks,

>> Eric Porter

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Peter Makena [mailto:pmakena@mac.com]

>> Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:39 PM
>> To: Eric Porter <Eric.Porter@lakecountycal.gov>
>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reg. Commercial Cannabis grower near Hidden Valley
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>> Hi,
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>> My name is Peter Schober
>> 19560 Stonegate Rd. in Hidden Valley Lake
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>> I am concerned with this new enterprise being such a close neighbor!
>> Can you please email me more information regarding the project... and let me know about the date of the public hearing!
>> Thank you
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>> Peter Schober
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Kerrian Marriott

From: Richard Lenney <rlenney@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 4:03 PM
To: Eric Porter
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pending Permit

Hello,

I would like to request a copy of the initial study done for the Cannabis growing operation planned for 16750 Herrington Rd., in Hidden Valley Lake/Middletown.

I would also like to be notified of any public meetings regarding this project.

Thank You,

Richard Lenney
15682 Little Peak Rd.
Hidden Valley Lake, Ca 95467
707-529-5804

Kerrian Marriott

From: jim ryan <emeraldlad2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 6:26 PM
To: Eric Porter
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: 16750 Herrington Road; file no. UP 20-22, Otchkova

Mr Porter,

I reside just west of this proposed project and will certainly be effected by it. Please let me know of the date/time of this hearing. The area impact will certainly be larger than a mere 725ft. The mentioned criminal elements that associate with this project have already revealed themselves as Mr. Cude has outlined.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely, Mr. James Ryan (Hidden Valley Lake). Just to confirm my contact at emeraldlad2000@yahoo.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Thursday, March 4, 2021, 08:49, Eric Porter <Eric.Porter@lakecountyc.ca.gov> wrote:

Ms. Price,

Just as an FYI – our notice area only covers up to 725 feet from a project whose property is over 5 acres. If any of the persons that you have cc'd want a notice of public hearing on this item once the hearing date is scheduled, they will need to request it from me if they are further than 725 feet from any property line of the project site.

Email request for notice is fine. The hearing will be done remotely by Zoom, and we will send the Zoom link to anyone wishing to participate.

Take care,

Eric Porter

From: Karen Price [mailto:karen@priceranch.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:08 PM
To: Jesse Cude <jcude@att.net>
Cc: Eric Porter <Eric.Porter@lakecountyc.ca.gov>; Moke Simon <Moke.Simon@lakecountyc.ca.gov>; Andrew Williams <Andrew.Williams@lakecountyc.ca.gov>; Dennis Keithly <Dennis.Keithly@lakecountyc.ca.gov>; Mark Roberts <Mark.Roberts@lakecountyc.ca.gov>; Jim Ryan <emeraldlad2000@yahoo.com>; adye@chp.ca.gov; Six Sigma - Kaj Ahlmann <kahlmann@sixsigmaranch.com>; dibipi@gmail.com; scott.nagelson@gmail.com; mike.wink@fireca.gov; dennispgrrove@yahoo.com; Allison Brown <brattybones@yahoo.com>; Craig Bainbridge <cdmbainbridge@hotmail.com>; Dan & Deedee Levine <danhomerepair@gmail.com>; Dan

Hart <baseballnut27@yahoo.com>; Ellen Leu <ellenmleu@att.net>; Jake Watson <jake@vantageconstructionco.com>; James Watson <jimmy@vantageconstructionco.com>; Janice Thompson <janicekthompson@hotmail.com>; Jason Krauss <jrk1976@yahoo.com>; Jeannie Creager <prairiebell@comcast.net>; Jill Hearn <jillhearn6@icloud.com>; Jillian Krauss <jillian_corsetti@yahoo.com>; Julian <juliannerentshvl@yahoo.com>; Kathy Watson <kathryn.osmun@gmail.com>; Lisa Hart <lisadhart@hotmail.com>; MBC -Doug Thompson <pastordougmbc@gmail.com>; Nikky Creager <middletownchristianschool@gmail.com>; Olivia Cude <oliviarae@att.net>; Rob Hearn <robhearn16093@me.com>; Shawn Lescher <lescher5@att.net>; Todd Shannon Williams <shannon_williams@mchsi.com>; Tom <tmlaughlin@gmail.com>; Darryl Mills <dmillscon@gmail.com>; Misha Grothe <mishamonet@yahoo.com>; Pat Taylor <Patricktaylor1231@gmail.com>; Richmond <richmond designs@me.com>; Jen Home <jenniferheiser@att.net>; Greg Price <greg@priceranch.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 16750 Herrington Road; file no. UP 20-22, Otchkova

Dear M. Porter,

To add to your already busy day, I would be interested in receiving more information regarding this significant project including, but not limited to, the application, Biological Study, Cultural Study, and Initial Study. I would also appreciate details regarding the self-distribution/transport application, if that is within your purview. Please let me know.

I reside just down the street of this project on Spruce Grove Road. My initial concerns are not limited to traffic along my rural property, water resources, water quality concerns, light pollution, and energy demands to an already overtaxed and unstable system, and general impacts to our community. While I am just outside of Hidden Valley Lake (my property borders HVL), I am concerned and would like substantial consideration given to this residential community and very close proximity to Raven Hill Park enjoyed by local residents, pets, and play structures enjoyed by children and their families.

I am further concerned about the early development of this site. From what I have heard, this was not done in a responsible manner, if not in a criminal manner. This does not give me confidence about this enterprise being a good neighbor or partnering with our community going forward. THIS EARLY ACTIVATION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY STOP pending further review.

Additionally, I would like to remind you about the Wild Diamonds Vineyards and Winery project, on the mountain above our home, and in close proximity of this proposed development, that was proposed a few years ago and who's project and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) appeal was denied by the county Board of Supervisors.

My final request is that, besides notification of any Public Hearing and a full cease of early operations occurs immediately, is that a full EIR is completed for this proposed significant impact project and made widely available to the public/interested parties.

This project SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED, before it is fully vetted on all fronts.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and response.

Karen Price

16265 Spruce Grove Road

(707) 484-0599

On Mar 3, 2021, at 4:02 PM, Jesse Cude <jcude@att.net> wrote:

Mr. Porter,

I am writing this email to formally oppose the commercial permit being sought on the below properties. I am within 700 feet of the property and in fact, share a lot corner with the Herrington Rd property. I have the following concerns that I am requesting a response from the County.

1. Water usage. We are in a drought and all the wells in this area are stressed. You have mentioned the estimate for each grow to be 746,000 gallons of water. However, the initial study report failed to disclose that if the permit includes grow lights the owners could have up to four grows per calendar year. This means the potential water use would be 2,984,000 gallons per year. There are 15 residential wells and two high volume commercial wells within 700 feet of the property.
2. Shadow Hills/Dohnery Ridge county road maintenance agreement. It is stated in the initial study that the access for the large scale commercial project will be through our quiet residential subdivision on Jaclyn Dr. All the residents in the Shadow Hills and Dohnery Ridge subdivisions pay the county for road maintenance. There is no mention in the initial study of the impact of commercial traffic on Jaclyn Dr. At a minimum, the owners should pay into our road agreement with the county and that should be retroactive to the time of purchase. Also, there are no stop signs at our intersections in the subdivision. I am requesting stop signs and that the Herrington property owners pay for them.

3. Early Activation. Based on the trac record of the new owners violating laws and county codes, no early activation should occur. All mitigation measures should be completed before the growing starts.
4. In the initial study it states that the property is 309 acres which would allow for the 15 licenses that are being sought (20 acres per license). However, approximately 100 acres of the property are in the exclusionary zone and can't be used or included in the calculation for the number of licenses. The number of licenses allowed should be amended to 10 licenses.
5. Fence height. The aesthetics of the green houses from the residences above the project will be significantly affected. There are 13 homes which are elevated above the project and will have a view of the green houses. The fence height should be amended to 8 feet to lower the impact to those residents.
6. The illegal building and felony violation should prevent the permit from being issued according to Lake County Ordinance Chapter 21, Article 27. The felony violation is documented in a CHP report, CHP Northern ISU Case # F0005-107-20. I don't have the case numbers for the county code violations, however I'm sure you have access to them.
7. Accountability. There seems to be a lack of staffing to respond to complaints surrounding commercial growing operations. How many legal commercial grows are in lake county? How many staff are directly assigned to investigate complaints? How many complaints in 2020?

I would like to reiterate; I do not wish for this application to be approved. It does not belong in a residential neighborhood and our roads and wells cannot support it.

Please forward this email to any county employees that are involved in the approval or denial of this permit. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Thank you.

Jesse Cude

Parcel# 013-061-140-000

(707) 322-1832

jcude@att.net

16750 Herrington Road Middletown, CA 95461

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From: Sarah Pistone <sarah@hdvine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Eric Porter
Subject: [EXTERNAL] INITIAL STUDY (IS 20-25)

Hi Eric,

I'm in the process of reviewing the Use Permit UP 20-22 and Initial Study IS 20-25 for the "We Grow LLC / Zarina Otchkova" application.

Can you please send me a copy of the bio report and cultural survey to review?

39. Biological Study, prepared by Pinecrest Environmental Services and dated March 2020.

40. Cultural Study, prepared by Wolf Creek Archaeological Services dated February 28, 2020.

When does the public comment period end?

Thank you,
Sarah

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Sarah Pistone, CPESC #9225

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From: sheila manderson <smanders61@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Eric Porter
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Project information

Mr. Porter,

My apologies, I accidentally sent an incomplete response a short while ago.

The project I am referring to is: 013-060-40, 013-014-03 and 11

Project Location: 16750 Herrington Road, Middletown, CA

Project Title: We Grow Farms Use Permit (UP 20-22) and Initial Study (15 20-25)

I would also like to ask how and to whom opinions should be addressed and if a public forum will be provided for one to register opinions should one choose to do so. Secondarily who or which Body approves or disapproves such permit requests.

I look forward to your response. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Sheila Manderson

Kerrian Marriott

From: Susanne Stallworth <sstallworthm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Eric Porter
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WE grow farms

Have a couple of questions about the proposed pot farm.

1. Will the people that work there be armed? With most businesses of this nature the employees are armed to protect the product. The proposed location is relatively close to schools and children.
2. Water usage. Each plant uses approximately 6 gallons of water per day. Since we are all on wells and the same water table will there be any restrictions on water usage, especially during a drought to prevent our wells from drying up.
3. If the wells start to dry up because of this project will the growers have any responsibility for assisting people financially who have to dig a deeper or new well?

Thank you. Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Kerrian Marriott

From: Shannon Williams <shannonwilliams707@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Eric Porter
Cc: Moke Simon; Dist1 PlanningComm; CDD - Email
Subject: [EXTERNAL] COMMENTS RE: MAJOR USE PERMIT (UP 20-22) and Initial Study (IS 20-25)

Dear Mr. Porter, County Supervisors, Planning Dept. & Code Enforcement-

I am writing to vehemently OBJECT to the Major Use Permit that is being considered for "We Grow Farms - APN No's: 013-060-40, 013-014-03 and 11.

In addition to being active members of the South Lake County community since 2004, we currently own a property on Jaclyn Dr. in Middletown and have built our dream home in this beautiful location. Our property borders 16750 Herrington Rd., Middletown. It was recently purchased by a party who I understand has applied for a cannabis permit. I am writing to strongly urge you to DENY this permit. All three parcels that are included in this permit are surrounded by residential neighborhoods, ours included.

I am also a real estate agent and have sold several homes and parcels on Stinson Rd., Dallas Ct., Spruce Grove Rd. and in Hidden Valley - all to people who appreciate the beautiful, rural nature of our community. I don't know of a single person who would actively welcome a commercial cannabis growing operation and "self-distribution" in their neighborhood.

Speaking about just the small subdivision to the north of this proposed project, there are a number of elderly people, as well as families with all ages of children, many of whom can be found playing outside, walking their dogs around the neighborhood and riding bikes. The idea of a commercial operation being built right next door to all of us is literally awful. I know the same can be said for the homes that border the potential operation to the south! I, in addition to the majority of our community, am worried about a number of things.

I am concerned about the extra traffic we are already seeing in and out of the property and the impact on our local roads. All the homeowners in this area pay extra on our property taxes for a road maintenance fee. The owner of the Herrington property is not obligated to pay that currently, and yet, they will be bringing all sorts of trucks and traffic in and out of the property. Not to mention, I am concerned for the kids who are out playing in the neighborhood as a number of "workers" are driving VERY quickly up and down the roads, distracted and I am hoping and praying NOT under the influence of the substance that they are cultivating.

I am also concerned that this sort of operation will bring unsavory characters to our neighborhood. Already, the law enforcement has been out to the property MULTIPLE TIMES where they found a large amount of stolen equipment. If this is how things are starting out, I can only imagine what other issues that will follow! Again, with the amount of children in our neighborhood, I am worried about bringing these people so nearby. The safety and security of our community should be a PRIORITY for you as you make your decision.

Additionally, as you know, cannabis is not a regular agricultural crop. It has an extremely pungent smell that carries far beyond the property boundaries of which it is grown. Unlike vineyards or fruit orchards, this crop is nauseating and affects all of the properties around it. Not to mention the amount of water that will be used - drawing from the water reservoirs and water table that so many local homeowners rely on!

The bottom line is this: **Having a cannabis grow, whether out of sight or not, will still majorly affect the quality of life and the property values for the entire neighborhood affecting hundreds of people, if not more.**

In addition, the owner of the Herrington property has already been in violation of county building codes, as I'm sure you know. Code enforcement had to step in to stop illegal construction already happening on this property. This should be a wake up call to decision makers as to what is to come!

While I understand the county's willingness to work with the cannabis industry, I also think its extremely important that we don't negatively impact the good residents of the County, especially when so many of the cannabis growers who are benefiting are from out of the area and have no regard for the local families they are affecting. It is apparent that these particular owners have no regard for the rules & regulations in place, nor for the neighborhoods they are affecting.

I implore you, as decision makers for this county, to consider how allowing a permit such as this will both set a precedent and also how it will negatively affect the hard-working, tax-paying members of our community. We should not be making cannabis growers a priority in this county - but rather the safety, security & well being of our community.

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Sincerely,

Todd & Shannon Williams
707-888-1116 - Shannon
707-363-0386 - Todd

Kerrian Marriott

From: Shannon Saiz
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Cannabis@lakecountycalifornia.gov
Cc: Eric Porter; Jeri Driver
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] COMMENTS RE: MAJOR USE PERMIT (UP 20-22) and Initial Study (IS 20-25)

From: Shannon Williams [mailto:shannonwilliams707@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Eric Porter <Eric.Porter@lakecountycalifornia.gov>
Cc: Moke Simon <Moke.Simon@lakecountycalifornia.gov>; Dist1 PlanningComm <dist1planningcomm@lakecountycalifornia.gov>; CDD - Email <CDD@lakecountycalifornia.gov>
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From: Mark Roberts
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Simone Hingston; Victor Fernandez; Eric Porter; Victoria Kim; Sateur Ham
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]16750 Herrington Rd., Middletown - URGENT

Hi Planners,

Please see the email below in regards to proposed cannabis operations.

From: Trish Byrne
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Mark Roberts <Mark.Roberts@lakecountyca.gov>; Andrew Williams <Andrew.Williams@lakecountyca.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]16750 Herrington Rd., Middletown - URGENT

Thank You,
Trish Byrne
Office Assistant
Community Development Department
(707) 263-2221
trish.byrne@lakecountyca.gov

From: Shannon Williams [mailto:shannon_williams@mchsi.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:53 AM
To: CDD - Email <CDD@lakecountyca.gov>; Dist1 PlanningComm <dist1planningcomm@lakecountyca.gov>; Compliance - Email <Compliance@lakecountyca.gov>; Moke Simon <Moke.Simon@lakecountyca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]16750 Herrington Rd., Middletown - URGENT

Dear County Supervisors & Planning Dept. & Code Enforcement-

In addition to being active members of the community, and owning a house in Hidden Valley Lake, we also own a property on Jaclyn Dr. in Middletown and have been slowly but surely building our dream home in this beautiful location. Our property borders 16750 Herrington Rd., Middletown. It was recently purchased by a party who I understand has applied for a cannabis permit. I am writing to strongly urge you to DENY this permit. Our small subdivision has a number of elderly people, as well as families with all ages of children, many of whom can be found playing outside, walking their dogs around the neighborhood and riding bikes. The idea of a commercial operation being built right next door to all of us is literally awful. I am worried about a number of things.

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In addition, the owner of the Herrington property has already started construction with loads of material arriving and we can see the construction of a large building next to the current barn from our new home. I am told that it is unpermitted construction, and I am hoping that someone at the county level can look into this and make sure that they are abiding by the proper building guidelines.

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