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## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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July 13, 2017

Trent Taylor, Chief Code Enforcement Officer  
Department of Planning and Building Services  
860 North Bush Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482

Diane Curry, Agriculture Commissioner  
890 North Bush Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Medical Marijuana Ordinance Permits and Violations

Dear County Officials:

We request information about your plans to refer permit applications and code enforcement actions to our Council regarding compliance with Ordinance 4381 within our jurisdiction. We would appreciate an opportunity to provide timely community input.

We also seek specific information on the status of a marijuana cultivation permit application involving APN 013-880-08 at 23900 Dehaven Creek Road. We have received numerous complaints about a large marijuana cultivation operation on that parcel. The owner Petra Buchanon attended the WMAC meeting July 11, stating building permits were obtained and an application was submitted for a cultivation permit. The 20 acre parcel has UR base zoning and RMR20 status. Please share information on the status of that permit, conditions, and code enforcement.

Community concerns about the cited cultivation operation include the water supply and its impact on neighboring wells and diversions, environmental impacts, the scale of the development in relation to the rural residential neighborhood, public safety issues, permitting for four large greenhouses, increased traffic, conformity with recorded CC&Rs for the subdivision (Official Records 848:409 *et seq.*), and housing and sanitation issues associated with transient workers camping on the property in tents. We also would like to know if the labor practices of this business conform to State employment practices and worker housing standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thad M. Van Bueren".

Thad M. Van Bueren, Chairman

Cc: Dan Gjerde, Fourth District Supervisor