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To Whom it May Concern,

We prepared a summary of some of the community outreach that we did over the passed 3-4 years. I am sure that we have done even more than this. Attached is a visual aid that we prepared to show the support letters and locations on a map. The map with the locations was done over a year ago and we have close to double the support letters that we had then so the map only shows some of our support.

We were given support over 95% of the people we ever discussed the issue with. That is not an exaggeration. The 1000+ support letters and emails reflect this strong support. At the BZA meeting where the project was approved 5-0 it was stated that support to this degree is rarely seen. The folks who are in opposition have been the same several families in the local area.

Also, I'd like it to be clear and on the record that when our group presented at the Glen Ellen Forum my mother and wife were confronted by an unruly and aggressive group of opposition including many of the same folks who are behind this appeal. These people were so aggressive, intimidating, and disrespectful that the moderator of the forum needed to admonish the opposition group for their behavior. The minutes used to be posted online and maybe county counsel or someone with authority could ask them for a copy of the minutes from that meeting to support this. We stopped subjecting ourselves to the abuse from this small group of opposition after it was clear they could not be reasoned with.

These neighbors are mostly concerned with their street parking in front of their houses. They are upset about the housing development across the street called Madrone Manor. When I was personally meeting people in the local neighborhood standing out in front of Madrone Manor I was informed by a couple residents of the Madrone Manor that the houses across the street had a group of neighbors that gave them trouble a lot for parking in the public street parking. It is clear that this is the main concern. The street parking is not needed for our project and it is one of the conditions we will adhere to.

My family has risked out future and spent 4 years on this project because we know what we are doing is good for the community. Samantha's grandmother and grandfather were pillars of the Glen Ellen community and were highly active in community affairs for decades. We wanted to provide a needed resource for safe access to cannabis. Since we started this project there have been many dispensaries opened in the county. We will provide a beautiful and professional place for adults to access safe and legal cannabis products.

Thanks for your help. We have made it this far in the hardest thing we have ever done in our lives. The challenges have made us stronger and better people. We pray we can move forward soon.

Loe Firehouse Community Outreach and Feedback 2017-2021:

-John stood out by the adjacent Mexican market and spoke for hours to several dozen residents local to the location a few days between 2018-2019. All responses were positive. Many support letters

were obtained.

- Presented entire project to the public at SVCAC.

- The full application has been posted on the Glen Ellen Town website for the public to see at <https://glenellen.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Application-for-Medical-Cannabis-Dispensary.pdf>

- We gave a presentation at the Glen Ellen Forum on July 10th, 2018.

- We walked door to door to the businesses in town. Talked to business owners. All were supportive of the project

- Attended the Glen Ellen Village Fair twice. We introduced ourselves to most of the local groups and many locals in the crowd. Almost all were supportive of project.

- Attended several Kenwood Farmers markets (formerly Glen Ellen Farmers market) Met dozens of local groups. craftsmen and attendees. All interactions were supportive.

- Attended annual Glen Ellen downtown open house event. Met dozens of local craftsmen, business owners, staff and attendees. Almost all interactions were supportive. Many added support letters

- Met with community leader, Jim Shere, for community insight and received positive feedback on project.

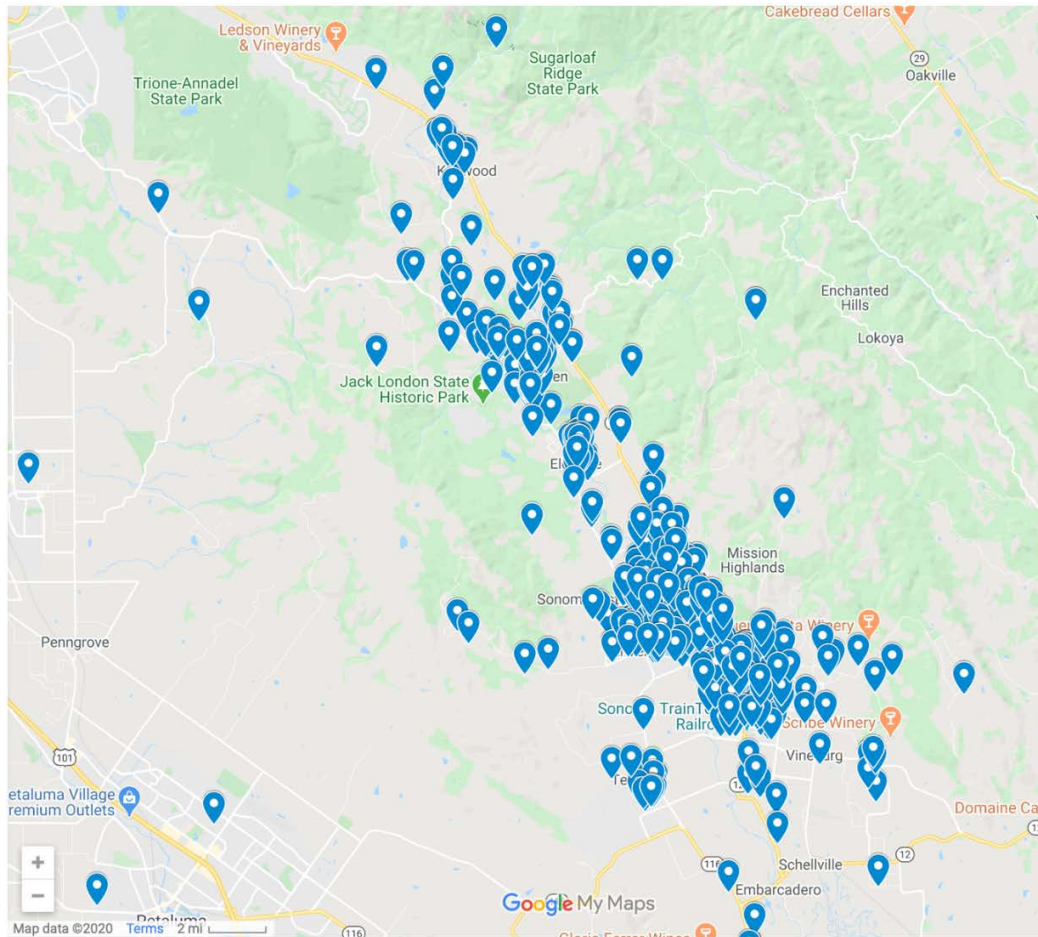
- Joined the Sonoma Valley Cannabis Enthusiast Group.

- Had details of project published in the Kenwood Press, the Sonoma Index Tribune and the Sonoma Valley Sun.

- Gave interviews on the dispensary on KSVY 91.3 Sonoma. Very positive.

- Collected 1000+signatures of approval by above listed community interactions, going door to door and standing outside town shopping centers.

- The attached map below shows the addresses of the support letters we have for the project. This map was created using data from our 1000+ support letters. each digital pushpin represents a support letter. The map was created by Art Deicke at Environmental Pollution Solutions. The map was created in 2019 and does not include hundreds of additional support letters that have been received 2020-2021.



Sincerely and Respectfully,
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