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Humboldt County Planning Commission  
Re: 17880 ECD Holdings

Commissioners:

I am writing in support of this project.

I built my house at 2230 Hooven Road, the project site, in 1975 on the land we purchased in the early 1970's, and lived there until the sale to CSTS, LLC in August 2016. I currently hold the first deed of trust on this property.

For many years prior to the sale, the road was an issue and I attempted to get a road maintenance agreement for the users of the road, but to no avail. The goal was to assess responsibility based on distance and daily traffic. I personally maintained the road and was given funds for materials by two of the neighbors at the time. After Ino Riley purchased the land to the east of my property, the major user of the road was Ino Riley with many vehicles a day accessing his business at all times of the day. Although most of the use on the road was by Mr. Riley, he did not contribute to the road maintenance. Because of his lack of interest in participating and living at the end of the road, we only maintained our drive leaving the balance of the road unmaintained. Before Mr. Riley's use, there was low daily use by the three residences on the top of the hill and two at the bottom.

Cody Stross has been a very responsible person dutifully making all payments and very pleasant to deal with. It is my understanding that he has responsibly maintained the road ever since purchasing the property.

Sincerely,  
Ben Shepard

Dear Board,

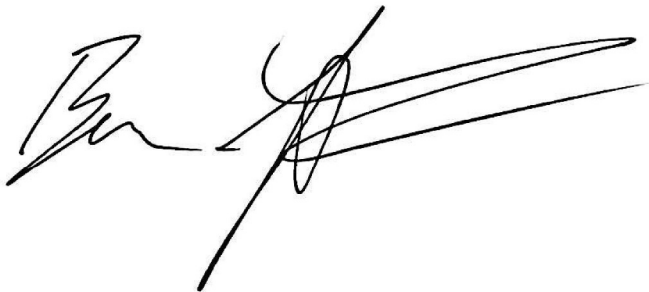
I hope this message finds you well. I write to address the proposed expansion of Northern Emeralds within our community, a topic of significance to us all.

As a resident on Hooven road, I have observed firsthand the positive contributions Northern Emeralds have made to our neighborhood. Their commitment to road maintenance along Hooven Road, despite the lack of participation from neighboring entities, is commendable. Moreover, their communication regarding maintenance activities has mitigated potential disruptions to traffic flow, demonstrating their dedication to our neighborhood. I have not seen any negative impact stemming from smell, light, or environmental concerns.

In addition Northern Emeralds' expansion presents an opportunity for job creation and economic growth for Humboldt. I wholeheartedly endorse the proposed expansion of Northern Emeralds and urge careful consideration from the relevant authorities. Their continued presence and growth will undoubtedly contribute to the ongoing prosperity of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Ben Jacob

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Dear Supervisors,

I wanted to shoot you a quick message to show my support for the Northern Emeralds expansion project on Hooven Road. I live at 2190 Hooven road up in McKinleyville, and Northern Emeralds have been great.

They've been awesome neighbors, always looking out for everyone and putting real care into our community.. I've seen firsthand the hard work they put into their farm.

I really hope they stick around for years to come. So, I'm totally behind their project, and I hope you are too!

Take care,  
Callum Hogg

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To whom it may concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed expansion of Northern Emeralds within our community. As a resident and Property owner of Hooven for many years, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that Northern Emeralds have had on our neighborhood. Specifically in regards to Road maintenance, from my knowledge as one of two business's operating on Hooven Road they have exclusively maintained the road (without the help or participation from the multi acre organic vegetable farm neighboring their property). Before major road maintenance they have communicated in advance to coordinate the dates helping us avoid any traffic delays the road maintenance activity would have otherwise caused.

Furthermore, their expansion presents an opportunity for job creation and economic growth for our local residents.


In addition to their contributions to the economy, Northern Emeralds has been a generous supporter of local charities, non-profit organizations, and community events.

Their involvement in various community initiatives has strengthened the fabric of our neighborhood and enriched the lives of those who call Hooven home.

I believe that the proposed expansion of Northern Emeralds will bring even greater benefits to our community and contribute to the continued prosperity of Hooven. I urge the Planning Office to carefully consider the positive impact that Northern Emeralds has had on our neighborhood and support their expansion plans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Dr. Yang Jwing-Ming

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Feb. 16, 2024

Hello,

I'm writing in support of Northern Emeralds' farm expansion on Hooven Road.

As a resident on Hooven Road, I've seen firsthand their positive impact. Whenever I speak with their team members it's clear from their friendly and professional demeanor that they care about what they do and take pride in their work. They have been proactive about caring for our shared road and being considerate, communicative neighbors. On a regular basis I have seen them along Hooven Road trimming back overgrown bushes, installing signs, and filling pot holes.

Times are tough, and supporting local businesses like Northern Emeralds is crucial for our small town's prosperity. Please consider approving their expansion.

Best,

Johnny Houx

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