

To: Sonoma County Code Enforcement  
cc: Joshua Miranda  
cc: BZA Board Members

February 7, 2022

Re: Revocation and denial of Use Permits for Muir Wood treatment center

We, the undersigned neighbors of Muir Wood treatment centers located at 1733 and 1743 Skillman Lane, Petaluma, request that the use permit of the large treatment center at 1733 Skillman Lane be revoked and the use permit for expansion of the small treatment center at 1743 Skillman Lane be denied due to their inability to restrict their teenage residents to their own property.

There are 49 documented runaways from the facility per the sheriff's log and many more that have gone unreported when staff members catch them in the act and retrieve them without calling the sheriff. These runaways trespass and occasionally hide on neighbors' properties, sometimes confronting neighbors in their attempt to escape the facility.

The Muir Wood proposal statement for expansion states:  
"Residents at Muir Wood are supervised at all times and are not permitted to leave the premises at any time unless accompanied by staff or with their family".

This statement is obviously NOT true or there would not be 49 documented runaways.

Because Muir Wood has a "no-restraint" policy they have been unable, from their inception to the present day, to prevent runaways. They have had 9 years to eliminate this problem. There are families and single women living nearby and a toddler day care center also located nearby that all feel threatened by the recurrent runaways in their neighborhood.

According to the BZA approval of the Muir Wood treatment center, the center WOULD NOT BE detrimental to the health, safety, peace, comfort and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such use. It is obvious to those of us living near Muir Wood that our safety, peace and comfort has been destroyed by the Muir Wood runaways.

Other businesses have had their use permits revoked for far less serious offenses.  
We would like our safe, peaceful, quiet neighborhood back.

For this reason we ask that Muir Wood's use permits be revoked or denied.

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Tobias and Michelle Young  
Simon and Stuart Corwin  
Brad and Lisa Serwin  
Matt & Karen Sherrill  
Chris and Lori Baker  
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