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Dear Ms. Borba and Mr. Raulston,

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the design of the proposed Humboldt Mixed-Use Project, which is scheduled for discussion at the upcoming June 11 Zoning Design Review Board (ZDRB) meeting.

As the owner of The Estate Yountville, I have a vested interest in preserving the unique charm and historic character of our beloved town. The design of the proposed mixed-use building, which is situated across from the Vintage House hotel, is a glaring departure from the architectural aesthetics that define Yountville.

The proposed structure lacks the thoughtful design elements that make Yountville a town of hips, gables, and historic beauty. It is evident that the design was likely created from a desk using AutoCAD, with little regard for the town's architectural heritage or its unique character. The building resembles a warehouse more than it does the charming structures that have become synonymous with Yountville's identity.

Furthermore, the height of the proposed building is excessive and does not align with the scale of the surrounding structures. Such a design would disrupt the harmonious streetscape that residents and visitors alike cherish.

I want to assure you both that my objections are not directed at the Town of Yountville or its dedicated officials. I appreciate your commitment to preserving the town's character and ensuring thoughtful development. My concerns are solely with the developer and the current design proposal.

I am committed to doing whatever is necessary, including engaging in protracted litigation, to ensure that this project is redesigned in a manner that is tasteful, thoughtful, and in harmony with Yountville's architectural standards. I believe that with collaborative efforts, we can guide the developer towards a design that will be beneficial to all stakeholders and preserve the town's unique charm.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued dedication to maintaining the integrity of our wonderful town.

Sincerely,

Gary Jabara  
Owner,

The Estate Yountville