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From: [Frederik Vermote](#)
To: [Israel, Mary](#)
Subject: Project File number PLN160856
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 9:37:12 AM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Frederik Vermote, professor of global history at CSUMB and father to two daughters of 9 and 12. From March 2021 until August 2022 we lived in Theo's cabin on Long Ridge, at the end of Palo Colorado canyon. The three of us have extremely fond memories of living in Big Sur and the time we had together with Theo. A friend of the Big Sur Community Association had brought to my attention that Theo was looking for someone and, after splitting wood together and talking about a wide range of subjects, we found common interests surrounding local land preservation and natural history of Big Sur. My daughters lived half the time with me on Long ridge and half the time with their mother in Pacific Grove. We slept in the loft spaces and very much enjoyed waking up in the madrone forest to the sound of birds and the occasional snort of one of the horses. We spent the evenings in the kitchen where I cooked while my daughters did their homework. This separate space was wonderful as it kept our cabin as a resting and reading space without any lingering food smells. Due to the complete lack of traffic noises and light pollution, we slept amazingly in the cabin. The small wood stove heated up the cabin in the winter and even during the storms, we felt perfectly at home as we watched the madrone trees through the skylight. More than a few evenings my girls learned about the Big Sur fauna and flora from Theo's amazing stories or via the musical instruments he had made out of madrone wood himself. Our own collection of nature guides was blended with Theo's large collection of field guides, and the girls really enjoyed doing art together in the kitchen at night, before walking through the madrone trees and getting ready for bed. The girls also learned a lot about how to pick olive trees, beekeeping, what to look for when picking stone fruit or how to grow the three sisters (three vegetables that grow together in one vegetable bed) thanks to Theo's expertise in each of these fields and the hands-on experience they got from him as we explored his vegetable garden and the rest of his land. The kids' connection with nature was strengthened every day we lived at Theo's place. This connection continues even though we have moved on to faculty housing near CSUMB when I made it to the top of the university's waiting list for purchasing land leases from them.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me,
Best,
Frederik

From: [Mark Wieland](#)
To: [Israel, Mary](#)
Subject: Theo Maehrer
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:05:26 AM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing a letter of support for Theo Maehr and his after the fact approval for, PLN160856

I have known Theo since 1977 when we were both students at Stanford University, sharing a mutual love of and interest in nature. We were both students at Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove Ca, and were both rangers at Stanford's Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve. We spent days together exploring beautiful and wild places in California. From 1999-2001, Theo lived on my property in Portola Valley, while he finished his course work at Stanford with degrees in Geologic and Environmental Science and Education.

Theo has exemplified a commitment to preserve and conserve natural resources, wilderness areas, and the natural environment, as well as to educate young people in earthwise practices.

On several occasions Theo invited me to lecture to his eighth grade classes on the human body. I was impressed with how attentive and enamored his students were with Theo as their teacher. He truly cultured a love of learning in his classroom, and created unforgettable experiences for his students.

He has also been a devoted outdoor educator, taking young people out into wild areas to foster a deeper love and appreciation of the natural world. Theo helped create and run the afterschool program for Ventana Wilderness Society, mostly implemented out of the discovery center at Andrew Molera.

We both have properties in proximity to each other in Big Sur, and inspire each other to utilize the best land stewardship practices on our properties.

There are few people who expend as much time and energy as Theo does to harmonize his actions with nature's laws and rhythms.

I have been a witness to all Theo has done to develop his living footprint on his property. He carefully considers every undertaking on the property to minimize any adverse effects while maximizing benefits to the environment as a whole. He tries in every way, through good stewardship practices, to enhance the environment to benefit all the life around his home.

I fully support the Planning Commission in approving Theo's project and supporting him in the process of bringing what he has done into full compliance.

Sincerely,

Mark R Wieland, MD

From: [brett pall](#)
To: [Israel, Mary](#)
Subject: Theo Maehr Project file number PLN160856
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:29:41 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Brett Pallastrini, and I am writing on behalf of my neighbor, Theo Maehr. I've lived next door to Theo for over 15 years, and he is the best neighbor our family can ask for. Theo is a steward and protector of the natural landscape, and a trustworthy helper to our whole community.

In the summer of 2016 during the Soberanes Fire, when everyone else fled to safety, Theo alone stayed on Long Ridge and protected our homes and the land, at great personal risk. He had a prepared cold room with oxygen for this very purpose, that turned out to be a wise decision to build. We are thankful for him during that fire. He is very active in fire protection for the whole community, and we feel safer for his efforts.

During the harsh winters, our road becomes nearly impassible, but Theo grades the road to perfection, so we can all get to our jobs and to town.

Theo's property is an example in sustainable, low-footprint living. He has a very intricate rain catchment system that provides the water he needs for his organic gardens, and such, and is so simple yet complex. Theo works with nature to improve his living and property.

Theo is a steward of the land, I always say. Everything on his property operates with the preservation, or well-being of nature, in mind. From his roads to his solar electricity, to his plumbing, etc, Theo's first goal is to have a low natural impact, and to keep his property wild and naturally beautiful. He places a big priority in keeping Big Sur wild, and preserving the natural landscape. It's a very big part of who he is, and his property is sort of a microcosm of his disposition.

Theo is a very positive presence in our Long Ridge community, and I am proud and lucky to call him a neighbor and friend.
Sincerely - Brett Pallastrini

From: [Jesse Jensen](#)
To: [Israel, Mary](#)
Subject: PLN160856 Theo Maehr
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:45:42 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Re: PLN160856 for Theo Maehr

My name is Jesse Jensen. My family and I have been Theo Maehr's long time neighbors on Long Ridge. I am writing this in my support of Theo and to speak to his qualities as part of our community. Over the years he has shown to be giving and helpful, always ready to lend a hand. He contributes a great deal of time to our shared duties as a community such as road maintenance, fire clearance, and storm cleanup, and he played an absolutely crucial role in helping to protect our community during the Sobranes Fire. Most of all he has proven to be a good neighbor and friend.

We live in a unique environment, off-grid, which requires some creative solutions to some challenging conditions. Theo has addressed many of these challenges in unique and creative ways. I trust Theo will meet any necessary requirement to move forward with his project.

Best regards,

~Jesse Jensen

From: [makiah epstein](#)
To: [Israel, Mary](#)
Subject: Planning Commission Letter PLN160856
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:58:27 PM
Attachments: [PLN160856.txt](#)

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I lived on Theo's property in 2021 while working a full time job as a personal chef for a client in Big Sur.

I rented the cabin and the kitchen building, both were lovely and perfectly matched my needs.

Both the cabin and the kitchen were beautifully hand built by Theo and the design was stunning amidst the Madrone forest and his inspirational permaculture garden.

I have known Theo since childhood when he played a huge roll in my life as an educator both at the Charter School I attended as well as through a program he lead with the Ventana Wildlife Society. The lessons I learned from Theo are still meaningful to me to this day. He taught us about Earth Science through many hands on adventure that always left a lasting impression.

From: [Barton Whelan](#)
To: [Israel, Mary](#)
Subject: Scott Rainer and Theo Maher lot line adjustment
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:53:26 AM

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To Whom It May Cocern:

I have lived on Long Ridge for 48 years. My property is adjacent to Rainer. I have sold many properties on Long Ridge while I was a broker at Carmel Realty Company. There has always been vague interpretations of lot lines when confirming surveys, generally the title companies use the description in the title reports for the issuances of title insurance even though recent surveys may indicate discrepancies. In my view, the lot line adjustment between Rainer and Maher will be a welcome remedy for the residents who live here.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity add my two cents.

Respectfully,
Barton Whelan

From: [Patrick O'Reilly](#)
To: [293-pchearingcomments](#)
Subject: Theo Maehr permits
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:21:00 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

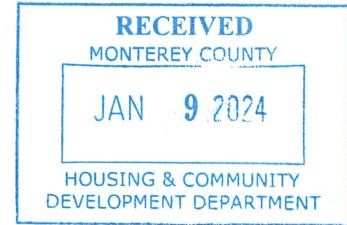
I continue to have grave concerns regarding Mr. Theo Maehr and his proposed building permits. He does not have any respect for the terrain. He has attempted several times to build a very steep road from his property to the road used by my neighbors, Gerald and Helen Forbes, and by me. I have tried to tell Mr. Maehr of the potential problems that road can cause. His response is always the same: "It's my property." He has done still more grading and road building and has cut down hundreds of trees.

I wish to emphasize that Mr. Maehr has ***no water on his property***. His catchment system is inadequate and in drought years he has gotten his water using a 500-gallon tank mounted on a truck, which he fills from the creek on Palo Colorado Canyon Rd. Last year Mr. Maehr asked me if he could tell the building inspector that he was getting water from one of my three springs. He said that he would not be able to get his permits otherwise because he has no water. Also last year he ran a water line from his property to that of a neighbor's, who has creek access. Although it states on the paperwork you provided to me that he has a spring on his property but is not true at all. This is easy to verify by simply asking him to show the spring to you.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Reilly

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January 6, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I received the enclosed notice yesterday. Unfortunately, I will not be able to request attend this hearing because I was not notified in time to request time off from my job. I own property adjoining that of Ted Maehr. Both myself and the Forbes family, whose property is adjacent to mine, have for many years been alarmed by Mr. Maehr's Road building and illegal grading. **I must reiterate: Mr. Maehr does not have any water source on his property. Currently he has run a line to that of a neighbor, who has creek access.** In the past when he has run out of water, Mr. Maehr has brought water up from the creek on Palo Colorado Canyon Road using a large truck with a water tank attached to the bed of the truck.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick O'Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Patrick O'Reilly