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**Planning & Building Services**

> Dear Ms. Cherry and MHRB Members,

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> I am the owner of a Grade 2A listed historic home in Mendocino, 45350 Calpella, built in 1898. I am writing in support of the proposed new home at 44825 Pine St, Mendocino, MHRB app. #2014-20.

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> I bought my home in the village in 2013 because I love the community and it's historic and carefully preserved presence, so rare, perhaps unique, on the west coast. I realize that you, as MHRB members, volunteer your time to maintain the vision that visitors from all over the world want to see and experience. I am so concerned that the flavor of the community is preserved. It is what brings so many visitors to our town and is the basis of the local economy.

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> The design of this proposed house is in keeping with the community and exhibits so many of the architectural characteristics and elements that we admire in the town. It has the verticality of many of our beautiful buildings exhibited by it's board and batt siding. This construction method pre-dates the moulded horizontal boards seen on many later "Victorian" structures. One of the buildings that I most enjoy is the Presbyterian Church on Main Street, which has this much admired vertical detailing. There are many others.

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> The proposed Pine St. residence is extremely attractive and totally in keeping with the flavor of the village. It is not a "pseudo-Victorian" such as was recently approved on Ukiah St, which really does nothing to add any architectural value to the town. That Ukiah St home will not stand the test of time and be cherished by future generations. I believe that the proposed home at 44825 Pine will be looked at with admiration and interest for years to come.

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> Communities are living and evolving organisms. This is not colonial Williamsburg, a contrived community where people don't actually live; a tourist museum. Mendocino is not that. People live and work and raise their children here. I don't believe that we want cookie-cutter buildings here. We need great design that still respects our community, it's heritage and the architectural elements seen in the village. This proposed house design does that. Look at it and ask yourself if you would like to live there? If you would be proud of it and want to show it to your friends..... I believe that you would.

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> Please approve this permit. It will be a worthy addition to our beautiful community.

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> Sincerely yours,  
> Graham Hutton  
> 45350 Calpella St  
> Mendocino, CA

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