



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Contra Costa County Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

6:30 PM

30 Muir Road, Martinez, California

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CHAIR: Kevin Van Buskirk

VICE-CHAIR: Bhupen Amin

COMMISSIONERS: Jeffrey Wright, Donna Allen, Bob Mankin, Ross Hillesheim, Sanjiv Bhandari

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Present

Donna Allen, Bhupen Amin, Sanjiv Bhandari, Ross Hillesheim,
Kevin Van Buskirk, and Jeffrey Wright

Absent Bob Mankin

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2a MICHAEL MILANI (Appellant) – CHERYL RAYMA GREEN (Applicant and Owner), County File CDVR25-01012: This is an appeal of the Zoning Administrator’s decision to deny a Variance and Small Lot Design Review to allow a 6-foot front yard setback (where 25 feet is the minimum required) for two, 8-foot tall columns to support an entry gate. The project site is located at 10000 Morgan Territory Road in the Livermore area of unincorporated Contra Costa County. (Zoning: A-40 Exclusive Agricultural District) (Assessor’s Parcel Number: 006-110-016) (Continued from 09.10.2025) AS [25-4306](#)

APPROVED the variance as recommended by staff, as outlined in Roman numeral #2 of the staff report.

This Discussion Item was approved.

Motion: Amin
Second: Hillesheim
Aye: Allen, Amin, Hillesheim, Van Buskirk, and Wright
Nay: Bhandari
Absent: Mankin
Result: Passed

2b SMOKE DEPOT (Business) & MATTHEW POURABEDIN & ROYA IRANPOUR (Owner), AHMED DUBAI (Business Owner), County File #CDSE22-00009: A hearing for an appeal of the Zoning Administrator’s decision to revoke the legal non-conforming status of a tobacco retailing business, currently operating under the business name Smoke Depot, located at 3770 San Pablo Dam Road, in the El Sobrante area of Contra Costa County. (Zoning: P-1) (Assessor’s Parcel number: 420-140-035). EL [25-4307](#)

DENIED the appeal and UPHELD the Zoning Administrator's decision.

This Discussion Item was denied.

Motion: Hillesheim
Second: Wright
Nay: Allen, Amin, Bhandari, Hillesheim, Van Buskirk, and Wright
Absent: Mankin
Result: Failed

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak at public comment.

4. STAFF REPORT

Staff had nothing to report.

5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioners had no comments.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025.

Today's meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.