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*Dear Mayor Sparkes, Vice Mayor Ford, Councilmembers Harvey, Lemus and Rivers,*

*I wish I could be here to address you in person tonight regarding item 12c, the 2025 VERONDA-FALLETTI RANCH WORKPLANS AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PHOENIX FARM CONCEPTS.*

*The overall proposal looks great, but I do have a concern with Sandy Loam's proposal for the "Pollinator hedgerow", page 3 of their proposal under "Property Management" item 2.*

*Several of the proposed plants are not safe for animals and some are considered toxic and should be removed from the list.*

*Toyon is not safe for dogs or cats*

*Blue elderberry can be fatal to animals*

*Narrow leaf milkweed can be toxic to animals especially to horses and other equine*

*Bee plant depending on the variety is toxic to animals*

*While long term future plans for the layout of the property need to be worked on, I feel that planting a hedgerow at this time is premature. Unless the plan is to plant the hedgerow on the outside of the fence along the sidewalk/path area and not on inside area of the property as indicated by the sketch.*

*Thank you for continuing your work on the future of the Veronda/Falletti Ranch. It is an important asset to the community and a connection to Cotati's past.*

*Ed Gilardi*