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Joint Letter from Residents of the 575 - 8th Street Apartments &
537 8th Street House

August 19, 2026

To: Crescent City Planning Commission
Re: UP26-01 – Rumiano Cheese Factory, 511 9th Street
Hearing Date: August 20, 2026

Dear Planning Commissioners:

We are residents of the apartment complex and house on 8th Street behind the Rumiano Cheese Factory. We are submitting this letter together because the proposed expansion affects the neighborhood where we live, every day of the week.

We understand that Rumiano is requesting approval for an expansion of its operations and that the proposal includes a substantial increase in truck activity, including an increase in milk tanker deliveries from approximately 6–8 per day to 14–16 per day, as well as increases in other truck deliveries and shipments.

Our concern is not simply that trucks travel through the neighborhood. Large commercial trucks already operate, turn, stop, park, load and wait immediately around residential properties, including our apartment complex. We see these conditions firsthand because we live here.

Large trucks and tankers near the apartments and house can affect visibility when residents enter or leave driveways and when vehicles approach intersections. Their size also makes turning and maneuvering through these neighborhood streets different from ordinary passenger-car traffic. There have been several occasions where trucks have obstructed the driveways and been parked in the center of the streets obstructing traffic, waiting to be unloaded. Sometimes the trucks sit unattended for an hour or more in these locations.

We are also concerned about pedestrian safety. The sidewalks and pedestrian routes in this area are not continuous everywhere, and large trucks sometimes operate very close to the areas where residents must walk. Children, elderly residents, bicyclists and people with mobility limitations should be considered before additional truck traffic is approved.

Truck noise is another concern for people who live here. Engines, refrigeration equipment, air brakes, backing alarms, loading and unloading, and trucks waiting or idling can be very different from ordinary neighborhood traffic. Expanding shipping and receiving activity to seven days per week would increase the amount of time residents are exposed to these activities.

We are particularly concerned that the City may approve a significant increase in truck activity without first studying how the trucks actually operate on these streets. Existing conditions should be evaluated under normal circumstances, including parked cars, apartment residents entering and leaving their driveways, pedestrians and bicyclists, and large trucks turning, loading or waiting at the same time.

We are not asking the City to close Rumiano or prevent it from continuing its existing business. Rumiano has operated in this community for many years. Our concern is whether the surrounding residential streets can safely accommodate the proposed increase in truck activity.

Before approving UP26-01, we respectfully ask the Planning Commission to require an adequate evaluation of:
truck turning and maneuvering at the surrounding intersections; sight distance and visibility when trucks are parked, loading or waiting; truck parking, loading and staging near the apartments; pedestrian, bicycle and accessibility conditions; driveway access for residents; truck noise and operating hours; and the cumulative effect of substantially more truck activity in this residential neighborhood.

We also ask the Commission to consider conditions that keep truck loading, unloading and waiting off residential streets wherever reasonably possible and prevent trucks from obstructing sidewalks, pedestrian routes, driveways and intersection visibility.

These concerns come from people who actually live beside these operations and experience these streets on a daily basis. We respectfully ask that our observations and concerns be included in the administrative record and considered before the Commission makes the required findings for this permit.

Thank you for considering the people who live in this neighborhood.
Respectfully submitted,

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