

RE: AGENDA ITEM 6e 3/19/19

Good morning.

Thank you for letting us speak out of turn. We have a scheduling conflict and can't stay for the whole day.

I'm Ron Hock. I reside and own property on Mitchell Creek Drive in Fort Bragg. I speak today regarding agenda item 6e, a proposal to institute a use permit process for cannabis cultivation in RR2 neighborhoods, for applicants subject to sunset provision in the county cannabis cultivation ordinance.

I am surprised, and disappointed, to see that this issue is being re-litigated. Along with our neighbors, we wrote dozens of letters and appeared here several times to voice our opposition to commercial cannabis production in our residential neighborhood. A little over a year ago, Mendocino County hired Michael Baker International to prepare an ordinance allowing commercial cannabis production to continue beyond the mandated sunset date, on RR2 parcels in several "overlay zones" or "accommodation districts". When the consultants asked the property owners in the proposed Mitchell Creek zone if they supported such a zoning change their survey returned ten to one in opposition. **Ten to one** of our neighbors **oppose** commercial cannabis operations in our neighborhood.

This data, along with all our letters and testimony eventually convinced the planning department to recommend that the Mitchell Creek zone be removed from the larger county proposal. This recommendation was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Now we are being confronted with what could become county-wide permission for commercial cannabis in any RR2 neighborhood through the application of use permits. I understand that a use permit requires the approval of the applicant's immediate neighbors. All well and good except that the whole neighborhood will suffer the effects of their commercial operation through increased traffic, crime and a reduction in everyone's property values.

I urge you, once again, to vote no on commercial cannabis production in our rural, residential neighborhoods.

Thank you.



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