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Subject: Cannabis growing in rural residential neighborhoods

I know the County has developed their regulations about where cannabis can and cannot be grown but I don't know if the County was aware of the impact it would have when they made these regulations. I live in the Pine Mountain Estates – a subdivision in the foothills east of Willits. Commercial operations of any kind are not allowed within the Pine Mountain Estates per our Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's) adopted and recorded in 1964. These CC&R's specifically preclude commercial agriculture. I know this is of no concern to the County and the burden of enforcing this is with the residents of the subdivision. Cannabis applicants sometimes spend a lot of money developing their properties per the County regulations only to be informed it is not allowed in our neighborhood. So far, there are two applicants within our subdivision. In addition to these two applicants, there are literally dozens more just beyond our subdivision on the private dirt roads. I have confirmed this through a public records request. These applicants use the same County roads we do and it has turned our quiet rural residential neighborhood into a commercial zone. I counted three truck and transfer loads of soil being hauled up the road in one day. Later in the summer, there will be literally dozens of very heavy water trucks. Truck deliveries of water tanks and fertilizer are constant throughout the day. This is a huge impact on the County roads, the safety of our residents who use these roads, and the quiet peaceful nature of our area. I did not buy property 25 years ago in a commercial or agricultural area but I live in one now. The grows are getting larger and larger. The number of hoop houses becomes more and more. In most agricultural areas, it is rare to see hoop houses. You may see a vineyard or an orchard or a field of plants. But here, there are ugly hoop houses that can be seen from miles away. The stench of the cannabis is more than some residents can handle. It makes their decks and porches unusable in the summer. If cannabis is considered agricultural, it should be in agricultural areas. Allowing it in other areas was a huge mistake. That is evident now but it's probably too late to change it. This will drive people who have lived here for decades out of our area, just as it has done in the Southern Oregon area.

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