

My name is Sattie Clark. I live in Redwood Valley and although I am a member of the Redwood Valley MAC, I am speaking only for myself today. I am not a cannabis cultivator but I do support small cannabis cultivation in the ground and the sunlight.

As you are all aware, there are two referenda which threaten to overturn the new cannabis ordinance in whole or in part because many citizens feel that it does not go far enough to protect the environment and prioritize communities over corporations. I am myself on the fence about these referenda because it's not clear that the Board is committed to the amendments that have been discussed along the way.

I understand that you cannot legally amend the ordinance until it goes into effect. However that is the same day that the referenda petitions are due. It will be too late to stop them if they gather enough legal signatures. I am asking you here and now, at this meeting today, to commit with a show of hands to the following:

1. Order a programmatic EIR to study all cannabis cultivation in the county (not just legal)
2. Limit expansion to the already proposed phase-in of 2 acres not sooner than 2023 / 5 acres not sooner than 2026 / 10 acres not sooner than 2029 or 10% of parcel, whichever is less
3. Prohibit "permit stacking" so that no permittee can have actual cumulative cultivation area... larger than the maximum cultivation area allowed in the phase-in proposal.
4. Prohibit hoop houses except in industrially zoned areas
5. Prohibit the issuing of a permit to anyone who has prematurely begun clearing land, erecting structures and/or cultivating without a permit.

The future livability of Mendocino County and its desirability as a place to live and a place to visit are in your hands at this moment. Please indicate clearly to the people of Mendocino that you are committed to these fixes, and show us in a straw poll that you have the votes to make these changes so that we don't feel the referenda are necessary. If you do not do this now, it may be too late to stop the referenda from killing or stalling the ordinance that so many small cultivators that are currently stuck in the previous Phase I and II programs need in order to support their families.

Thank you.

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Kind Regards,

Sattie Clark