

Who is the County working for?

County residents decisively defeated measure AF. The County is now proposing a similar major Cannabis expansion that will transform neighborhoods.

Following are facts regarding the proposed expansion.

- The County's management of the existing Cannabis program has been dismal.
- A large number of permits were issued illegally by the Agriculture Department, in their haste to collect permit fees.
- The Planning Department says site specific CEQA will protect the neighbors and environment. **Yet they admit they do not inspect whether Land Use Conditions are implemented.**
- Code Enforcement is chronically, severely under-staffed along with excessive staff turnover in most Cannabis related departments.
- The Sheriff reports he is over-whelmed and out-gunned by the current Cannabis community.
- This expansion exceeds current State standards of 1-acre maximum.
- Rather than hire more Enforcement personnel, the County hired a Cannabis lobbyist to head the Cannabis Program.
- No Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared.
- The County is rushing to enact the changes before July 1, when a County-wide CEQA analysis will be required to address cumulative effects. The County wants to look at each site individually and ignore cumulative effects.

Considering these facts, does going into a major Cannabis expansion make sense to you? Are you confident this will be handled competently? Shouldn't this major change be voted on by the public? The County needs to explain how adding a significant workload upon an existing dysfunctional situation, will improve outcomes.

This issue will be decided in an April BOS meeting. This meeting may be your last time to decide the fate of the County. If you are concerned about a significant Cannabis expansion in your neighborhood, contact the BOS (bos@co.mendocino.ca.us) now or speak or comment at the BOS meeting later in April by registering before 7 a.m., the day of the hearing, under "public engagement" on the bottom left.

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