

November 1, 2020

To: Mendocino County Supervisors

Re: Redwood Valley land use for Commercial Cannabis Cultivation

We have lived in Redwood Valley for over 30 years and have enjoyed our valley and its views of other homes and beautiful vineyards. It is a rural setting with pastures, orchards and is home to many farm and wild animals. It is tranquil, quiet and friendly which is why we built our home here. An occasional small greenhouse on a persons property does not detract from the beauty of our views and vineyards that have been here for generations, but it is not an industrial area. To place large commercial greenhouses amongst rural neighborhoods would upset the nature of our community.

Redwood Valley, Mohawk Drive is not a commercial development area, developing it as such would have many negative consequences for our community. Large plastic box buildings are not attractive, increased activity bring increased traffic and dust, large vehicles and noise. The small private pot gardens already produce obnoxious odors and a commercial venture would greatly increase the smell.

Additionally, criminal activity has increased in our area as growing cannabis has encouraged criminals to come to steal pot and the large amounts of cash on hand.

Already there has been reports of evidence of street deals occurring along our backroads and armed individuals brandishing weapons.

Large commercial cannabis grows also use a lot of water which is contraindicated in our area due to our limited water resources and current drought conditions. Redwood Valley has had a long moratorium on new water hook ups so this could threaten our water availability or cause significant rate increases.

We feel that all of the above threatens our beautiful quality of life not to mention our property value and safety. We urge our county supervisors to discourage these large commercial grows in Redwood Valley and to identify an area adjacent to other commercial enterprises where it is appropriate to conduct business activities.

Thank you in advance.

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