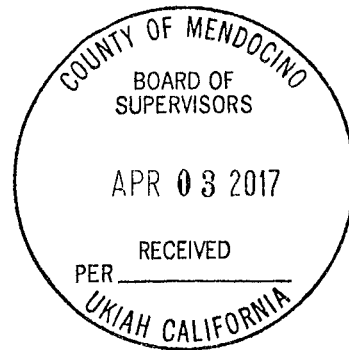


March 31, 2017

Mendocino County
Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, RM 1010
Ukiah, Ca 95482



Dear Board of Supervisors,

I appreciate your work on this ordinance. While I understand the need to mitigate strong odors that could be a nuisance, I'd like to ask that air filtration requirements should not apply to nurseries, for two reasons:

1. Tissue Culture & Clone nurseries do not produce the same odors as sites with flowering plants. The smell and scent of cannabis buds is mainly produced by plant chemicals known as "terpenes" and "terpenoids," which are manufactured in small resin glands present on the *flowers* and main fan leaves of *late-stage* cannabis plants (called trichomes). Since nurseries don't have large quantities of late-stage or flowering plants, they don't produce strong odors that many people find offensive.
2. Most nurseries will be in zoning that is not near to any neighbors where odor will be an issue, like Rangeland, Agricultural or Industrial. With a 10 acre parcel minimum many sites are remote and don't have neighbors nearby that would be bothered by any minimal odor coming from a nursery. If the nearest occupied dwelling is over 300 feet from the cultivation site or the neighbors provide written authorization, filtration should not be required.

Please don't unnecessarily require nurseries to incur additional costs to install & maintain air filtration systems.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Le-Fort