

bosagenda - Item 6(b) July 19 "Medical" Marijuana ordinance

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Dear Supervisors:

Why spend the money and time to do CEQA on the proposed ordinance when it will be superseded by the so-called "Mendocino Heritage Act" initiative if it wins on the November ballot? The November election is only 117 days away and Ranochak has certified the signatures.

Better to let the election be a referendum on whether the voters actually want a massive increase in the size of marijuana plantations; whether they want grows of up to 22,000 square feet within 100 feet of their home; whether they want county employees to be submerged in a tsunami of marijuana permit paperwork.

If you hold off on action until that referendum is held, I will do what I can to make sure the voters clearly understand what is at stake.

But if you go ahead and adopt the proposed ordinance, why should concerned citizens like myself go to the trouble of opposing the "Mendocino Heritage Act"? Your proposed ordinance is almost as bad.

Hypocrisy alert:

Section 10A.17.040(B) of your ordinance says "cultivation of medical cannabis shall not subject residents of neighboring legal parcels who are of normal sensitivity to objectionable odors."

Objectionable odor--or a stink that can drive people from their homes--is certain with a setback of only 100 feet. If you really want to guard against this nuisance, require a 300 foot setback. Put commercial marijuana where it belongs--on large parcels, far away from innocent people.

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