

February 6, 2017

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Rd.
Ukiah, CA 95482

Members of the Board,

The Small Farmers Association and California Growers Association, in collaboration, are compelled to make recommendations for Cottage Industry Licenses in Mendocino County so the Small Farmer can stay in business, at minimum, in Mendocino County. We have attached the Leadership Mendocino Report prepared by Julia Carrera & Associates for your reference.

It is essential the Mendocino County Ordinance not pummel the Small Farmer out of existence through Track and Trace, Transportation and Distribution. As the economic driver in this county for centuries, the Small Farmer's existence is endangered at this juncture of regulation due to exceeding costs to continue their craft. According to the above referenced attachment, for a small farmer to be permitted in 2016 by the County and NCRWQCB, on average, it cost approximately \$86,000 for outdoor farms and \$109,000 for greenhouse farms at the 99 plant exemption.

The Cottage Industry license is created for our Mendocino County Small Farmer. If they are subject to any additional costs other than capital improvements and mitigation for compliance, they will not be able to come forward to regulation. Specifically, it is requisite the Cottage Industry license include:

1. Exemption from Track and Trace for product remaining in Mendocino County. The Small Farmer of the Cottage Industry size cannot afford Track and Trace – it will put them out of business.
2. Exemption from Transportation within Mendocino County. Most farmers live far off from the main arteries of transportation in our County. The Small Farmer of the Cottage Industry size cannot afford to pay for Transportation off site within Mendocino County – it will put them out of business.
3. Exemption from Distribution within Mendocino County will allow the Cottage Industry license farmer to continue to operate – they cannot afford a Distributor.
4. Exemption from taxation would create a significant savings for the smallest farms.

It is our organizations' understanding the majority of 2017 new licenses will fall into the Cottage Industry license here in Mendocino County. We need to protect our Cottage Industry craft in Mendocino County, what we are known for here in our community.

Sincerely,
The Small Farmers Association and CGA Mendocino County Chapters

- February 7th Agenda Item 5B - Cannabis Growing

From: gary alton <galton1541@gmail.com>
To: <BOS@co.mendocino.ca.us>
Date: 2/5/2017 2:35 PM
Subject: February 7th Agenda Item 5B - Cannabis Growing

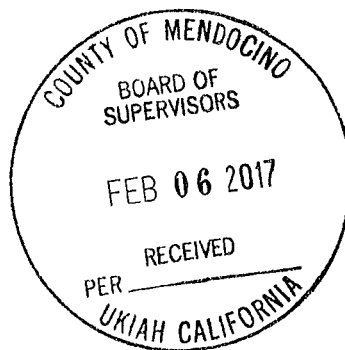
Board of Supervisors,

We are expressing our concern regarding the potential for commercial growing of cannabis in the Deerwood subdivision. We have lived here for thirty years. This a rural residential area of RR1, RR2, and RR5 zoned parcels. Allowing commercial grows here will create health and safety issues, including increased traffic, road maintenance needs, impact on the residential water supply, fire risk to eastern valley woodlands, environmental degradation, and exposure to criminal activity to residents and children. Of major concern is the probable negative impact on property values.

Commercial growing of cannabis should be restricted to commercial and agricultural zoned land parcels, not residential zoned parcels regardless of parcel size.

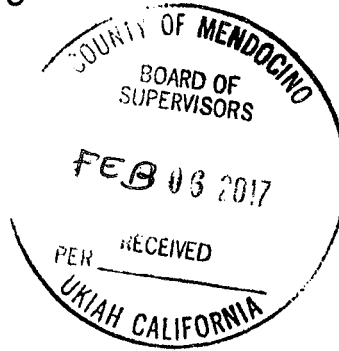
The Board needs to carefully consider the impact of commercial cannabis growing on the quality of life in Mendocino County for all residents who live and work here.

Gary and Cherie Alton



February 3, 2017

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
Room 1010
Ukiah, CA 95482



cc: Planning & Building Services

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in regard to the ordinances addressing marijuana cultivation in our county, in particular areas zoned R1,R2,RR1,RR2, and RR5. As a long time resident in one of these areas I have been deeply concerned by the change in our neighborhoods over the past few years. Grow houses in our residential areas have proliferated bringing with them the problems well documented in communities in Colorado and Washington.

In our area, a neighborhood with winding 2 lane streets with no sidewalks, it has become unsafe for families to walk and children to play because of the severe increase in traffic, most of which does not obey the 25 MPH posted speed limits. Makeshift fencing has been attached to the tops of existing fenced areas when plants grow tall degrading the appearance of those and neighboring properties. Menacing dogs have harassed and chased residents who have for years walked the neighborhood for exercise. These dogs have made it difficult for children to walk to their friends' houses, for families with small children or dogs, and for the elderly to walk safely down the streets. Houses on 1 acre plots routinely have multiple vehicles parked on every inch of property. I have personally counted as many as 13 vehicles parked at one site in addition to commercial equipment, dumpsters, trailers, small tractors, and multiple large trucks needed for the work on the site.

I understand the Board is making an effort to establish a working relationship with growers, however, I feel the Board has overlooked those

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of us who have been the backbone of the community for many years. We shop local, entertain local, and participate in local activities. It is a grave mistake to allow the growers' desires for land to outweigh the quality of life issues for stable communities. At a time when our community is trying to attract doctors, teachers, and their support personnel, it seems unlikely that Ukiah can make a compelling argument for moving into an area where surroundings are visually degraded, traffic is increased & unrestricted, odors permeate the previously clean air, and one is unable to take a simple walk in his own neighborhood because of safety issues.

When we moved to Ukiah in 1987, we looked for a home in Redwood Valley, Potter Valley, and both the east and west hills of Ukiah. We selected a home in Deerwood for its space, peace and sense of community. That sense of community and peace have been eroded. I ask that you give us back our neighborhood by prohibiting any marijuana cultivation, indoors or outdoors, in areas zoned R1,R2,RR1,RR2 and RR5.

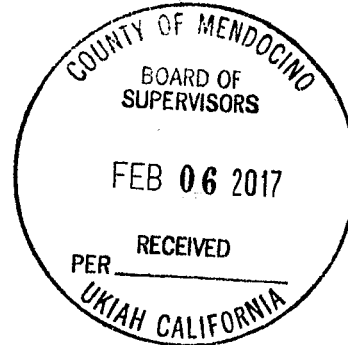
Sincerely,



Philip Gary

February, 1, 2017

Mendocino County
Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, California 95482



Re: Marijuana Cultivation

Dear Board of Supervisors,

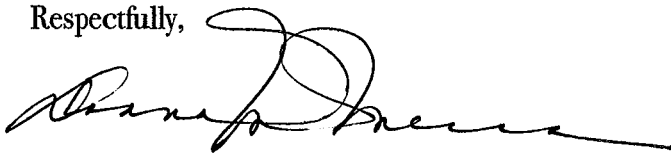
I am a resident of Ukiah on the east side hills. In the past few years we have seen a significant growth in the number of grow houses in our previously quiet neighborhood. I am writing to request you prohibit the continued growth of this industry in our residential neighborhood and to remove those existing here in less than the proposed 2 year sunset period.

I have lived here with my family for 30 years and until recently I was proud to share my home and my extended neighborhood, namely the Greater Ukiah Valley Area, with friends and extended family. This is no longer the case. Our quality of life has changed for the worst because of this industry. We are no longer free to walk the neighborhood with grandchildren and dogs. Parents are DRIVING their children the distance of 2 blocks to play with friends because they are afraid of aggressive dogs that have harassed them. The amount of traffic has increased significantly, usually speeding on winding roads, making it difficult to walk casually in an area with no sidewalks and almost no shoulders. The visual surroundings are greatly diminished because of yards with multiple vehicles parked all over the properties, the industrial equipment - trailers, small tractors, multiple large trucks, and employees' vehicles - and makeshift fences to hide growing crops. In the past this was an area where you knew, and socialized with, your neighbors. Now residents are

concerned about the comings and goings of strangers at all hours and of retribution from growers if complaints are filed.

We moved to Ukiah for the quality of life it offered. We are not alone in thinking we may be forced to move away from Ukiah for the same reasons. The very areas the city hopes will attract new people to our community are under attack from an industry that does not have the greater good of Ukiah as its motive for being here. Take a lesson from the desert that is now Humboldt. I strongly urge you to prohibit all marijuana cultivation in residential neighborhoods and to eliminate the 2 year sunset proposal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Mecca", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donna Mecca

cc: Planning & Building Services

From: <randolphdale@yahoo.com>
To: <bos@co.mendocino.ca.us>
Date: 2/6/2017 9:35 AM
Subject: Inquiry from BOS Contact page

February 6, 2017

Re: Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance

Dear Board of Supervisors:

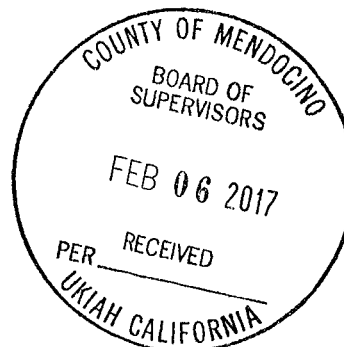
We live and cultivate medical marijuana in the 3rd District. In 2016, we participated in the 9.31 program. The expenses of the 9.31 program (application fees, zip tie fees, third party inspector fees) were excessive in comparison to other counties. Please reduce the expenses of the new medical marijuana cultivation ordinance.

Please take into account medical marijuana cultivators are required to operate on a nonprofit basis. Please take into account cultivators with limited financial resources, crop loss due to weather, crop loss due to disease, crop loss due to theft, and loss in value of crop. In 2015, the average price for outdoor medical cannabis in the 3rd District was \$1,400 per pound. In 2016, the average price for outdoor medical cannabis in the 3rd District was \$1,000 per pound. This is a 28.6% loss in value of crop. The loss in value of crop will continue as supply increases with implementation of Assembly Bill 243, Assembly Bill 266, Senate Bill 643 and Proposition 64.

Thank you for consideration of reducing the expenses of the new medical marijuana cultivation ordinance.

Sincerely,
Randolph Dale
Resident of the 3rd District.

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To: <bos@co.mendocino.ca.us>
Date: 2/6/2017 9:42 AM
Subject: February 6, 2017 R... from Web

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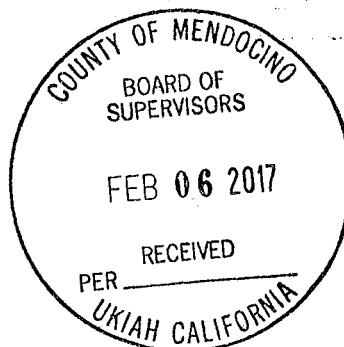
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- 9.31 Transportation

From: Ron Edwards <ckanursery@gmail.com>
To: <bos@co.mendocino.ca.us>
Date: 2/6/2017 10:32 AM
Subject: 9.31 Transportation

Dear BOS

I am going forward with full state licensing for our cannabis nursery. The state will require a transportation license to go along with the Nursery license to deliver the perishable clones we sell. I would like to request when working on the in county transportation section that was proposed you will provide Nurseries with some type of certificate to assist us when state licensing comes in 2018

Some type of Certificate with the ability to file a transportation manifest with the county would be extremely helpful. We deliver clones throughout Northern California to qualified Dispensaries and licensed cultivators

Thanks for your consideration

Ron Edwards
CKA Nursery
Willits Ca
707 709 6242





To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
From: Concerned Redemeyer road Neighbors
Date: Feb. 6, 2017
Re: Commercial Cannabis in Residential Neighborhoods
CC: County Counsel, Clerk of the Board, Carmel Angelo

The Redemeyer Neighborhood is zoned RR1 and R1.

We do not want commercial cannabis grows in our neighborhood, including Indoor Grows.
No processing or manufacturing either.

This is a residential neighborhood. We do not want commercial cannabis operations of any type in our neighborhood.

I agree with the planning commissions's suggestions to use the monies received to enforce the regulations set forth. I would however like to see the grows in residential neighborhoods completely stopped within 6 months maximum, not 2 years. We have already been forced to live with this far too long.

We bought our home in a nice neighborhood where we could raise our family and our children would be safe. With the lack of enforcement to eradicate illegal grows, we have virtually no recourse but are left to watch these illegal operations flourish. They continue to do what they do and we continue to be forced to watch them do so. They speed up and down the road, peel gravel when they pull into their driveway, they've set up cameras in the trees on the fence line, and on the outbuildings. But they are "trying to be good neighbors". I am disgusted by the fact that some of our neighbors have been visited by the task force, had their properties seized, yet here we are coming into the next season and they are getting set up to grow yet again, the only difference is it's indoor now, not outdoor.

We urge you to prohibit all Indoor commercial cultivation of marijuana in RR5 and lower. Allowing or even encouraging indoor cultivation as an alternative to outdoor cultivation defeats the purpose of excluding cultivation in residential neighborhoods. Indoor cultivation presents virtually all of the same threats to neighborhood peace and safety as outdoor cultivation,

including the increased risk of home invasions. All of the other negative impacts, including decreasing property values and limiting housing availability, will still be present with indoor cultivation.

Issues:

Loss of quality of life, safety.

Loss of property values.

Home invasions

Drug traffickers

Guard dogs (that dig under the fence & come into our yard)

High fences

Bright lights

Fire

I would like for my girls to be able to enjoy their neighborhood again. Be able to go out front to play and ride bikes, shoot hoops etc. instead they are relegated to the back yard where we can watch them and not have to worry about the neighbors endangering our children with their fast cars and shady characters.

Thank you,

Misty Allenbaugh