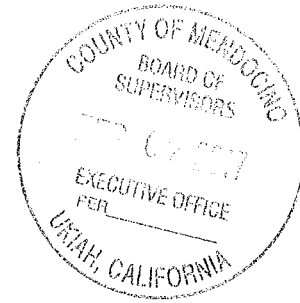


To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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Date: February 6, 2017



Dear Board of Supervisors,

You have many complicated and sensitive variables to consider in deciding the final outcome of the medical cannabis regulation.

I am most interested in the complicated aspect of whether or not you will allow a commercial agricultural business, which involves growing cannabis, to operate in established neighborhoods: a business whose product emits powerful odors, that involves large dogs, high fences and big pickups and affects the quality of life of people that have lived in these neighborhoods for 10, 20, 30 or more years. These people have paid their taxes, raised their children and some are ready to retire and enjoy grandchildren. We bought our homes in a safe, peaceful and healthy neighborhood not expecting to have to deal with increased traffic, bright lights and the fear of home invasions.

The neighborhood where my family has lived for over 30 years was an ideal place to raise three rambunctious boys. Our grandchildren visit us frequently. Now my neighbors and myself have dealt with more than three grow houses, increased traffic, cannabis odor, and growers who aggressively confront anyone who may approach their "home" in order to protect their investment. We are afraid that our neighborhoods will develop a negative reputation because of cannabis growing and homes will lose their value and not remain the preferred place to live that we have enjoyed for many years.

We have lived and invested in our neighborhoods and our communities. We have made a commitment to be good neighbors and help each other. We welcome new families to our community and hope that we can live peacefully in a safe and healthy environment. This is not a statement against the expansion of a legal business. Rather, it is a request that the medical cannabis regulation restrict those businesses to appropriately zoned areas in our country.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, .

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Dickinson".

Candie Dickinson