

May 21, 2018

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To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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Re: Proposed Amendments to the Mendocino County Cannabis Ordinance

Dear Chair Hamburg and Members of the Board;

The Willits Environmental Center objects to the proposed amendment Sec. 20.243.060 Table 1) B) which states: Notwithstanding the above Table 1), Non-storefront Retail locations shall be permitted in any zoning district as an accessory use to a cultivation site under application review or permitted pursuant to Chapters 10 A.17 and 20.242.

We further disagree with the April 5, 2018 Planning Commission Resolution OA-2018-0005 that the proposed amendments to the Ordinance do not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment and therefore are not subject to CEQA review. In regards to the above referenced amendment, there has been no attempt to quantify the number of potential non-storefront retail operations or to determine their likely locations. Retail sales outlets bring traffic, and require customer facilities both of which have potential impacts. These impacts could be significant especially in non-commercial zoning districts and at remote rural cultivation sites. We do not agree that the proposed inclusion of language at Sec. 20.242.040, Use Classifications F) 8), resolves the potentially significant impact of the proposed amendment.

We recommend that the Board not approve amendment 20.243.060 Table 1) B). Retail sales at cultivation sites should be reviewed by the Planning Department on a case by case basis and require a Use Permit. In addition to other benefits, neighbors would have an opportunity to comment on proposed changes to land use that has the potential to significantly impact their human and natural environments.

Sincerely, 
Ellen Drell, for the Willits Environmental Center