

Dear Board,

I support the CCAG memo for the 10/20 meeting.

Mendocino County is a hemp free zone. We grow high grade cannabis. Hemp can and should be grown in a lot of other places, just not here. It seems what is being proposed is not actually hemp, but low grade cannabis grown by a chosen few. In fact it seems as though not a lot of thought has gone into taking steps to protect neighboring cannabis farms since no one in the county has addressed some very important issues raised by all the public comments received. It just seems as though this is being used as a loop hole to push through large scale production of a crop intended for CBD and not for all the wonderful things hemp is useful for such as: fiber, paper, fuel, hemp seed oil, hemp composites, and the list goes on. And it's wrong to put the plant into two different categories when in the environment the plant uses the same resources to grow. This is a double standard. You can't say that one is more or less harmful for the environment over the other. They both use the same water, air, soil, nutrients. So you can't put all these restrictions on cannabis but not on hemp. The same restrictions for cannabis should be applied to your definition of hemp which is low grade cannabis. This shouldn't be called a hemp pilot program, it should be called "the no regulation cannabis killer county failure program" Who wants to support that? But if that's what we are going to allow, then I will cut down all my trees to grow acres and acres and acres of hemp to make paper. Because that's about as crazy as this pilot program sounds. Hemp Hemp for Nay!

Peace,

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