

Honorable Supervisors,

I am writing to update my previous comment Supporting the MCA memo and opposing the adoption of a Hemp Pilot Program in Mendocino County.

I urge you to review the following quote from The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel from August of THIS YEAR, in an area of Colorado that saw massive expansion into the Hemp market:

“There’s hundreds of thousands if not millions of pounds of hemp flower that has not sold from last year. We created a huge, huge oversupply and you’ll have that in agriculture,” Clarke said. “We’ve seen that over and over again when you have new opportunities and all of a sudden leave it to the American farmer to really oversupply those new opportunities.” Is this the kind of future you want for our County when we have an active cannabis program that needs your help and is already generating Millions of dollars in revenue?

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And if you search 'Hemp Market Oversaturation' you can find dozens more.

Now is not the time to jeopardize the world renowned cannabis culture of Mendocino County for an ill advised, poorly thought out 'Pilot Program' while Hundreds of cannabis farmers who have been taxed to the hilt in this county are still not guaranteed Annual Permits.

If you care about the future of Mendocino County's economy, you will roundly reject this Hemp Pilot Program at this time.

Sincerely,
Michael Katz