

Honorable Supervisors,

We are writing in support of MCA's Memo. We support the CCAG most recent memo on this item as well. Please do not create a hemp pilot program in Mendocino County for all the reasons cited in the memos. There are many valuable questions & suggestions contained within them.

We understand the hemp moratorium ends in February 2021 & cannot be extended. But that does not mean rush to put in loose regulations, no taxes, etc. that may in fact jeopardize the cannabis program. It seems reasonable to as to BAN HEMP in Mendocino County for the time being. There are too many unknowns, as we even heard noted by both the County Ag Dept & the Farm Bureau two weeks go in the meeting on this subject. Let other counties take on the question of whether hemp will contaminate cannabis... after all we know they are simply different varieties of the same stinky plant. We ask you to consider a hemp ban that can of course be reversed in the future if it makes sense. At this time there is much research out there from other states & countries showing there to be a vast number of potential problems.

We wrote to you last March, our letter attached above, none of the concerns we had have been addressed during your discussions. What stands out to us after the arduous process we have been through with no attainable goal in sight, until this County informs Phase 1 operators how to handle CEQA, leaving the fate 1000+ small farms at stake:

1. How does Mendocino have the land, water, staff, etc. for "acres & acres of hemp" as well as the "possibly 60 acres of cannabis on a 600 acre parcel" you are now considering for Phase 3?!
2. If this county is moving forward with expanding in these directions, why can't we find a way to grandfather in the Phase 1 10,000 sqft & smaller farms???!?

We request at the very least, the Board NOT take action on the Hemp Pilot Program at this time.

Thank you,

Laura & Marty Clein