

Supervisors,

If the report described in the item "If McCowen Gets His Way" from the August 1, 2020 edition of the Anderson Valley Advertiser is correct, or even close to correct, I want to record my strong objections. The article can be found online:

<https://www.theava.com/archives/131547#15>

The Supervisors and the County have sanctioned and licensed grows that are nothing short of a nuisance to the communities in which they are situated. In Yorkville, which is beginning to feel like the new Covelo, we feel socked in with grows. Where I live on Elkhorn Road alone there are three adjacent grows (in addition to the chemical lab that was recently busted). There is an enormous grow (apparently licensed), which causes a regular flow of huge equipment, trucks, flatbeds, construction noise, day and night etc. to the point where the road feels like a commercial thoroughfare. How this grow got licensed is a mystery because it was not operating before 2016. There is also an illegal adjacent grow which the County has busted twice but is not gone. This grow was noisy and had lights shining at night. There is a another adjacent grow of uncertain status which has fan and generator noise 24/7.

As a resident, I'm sick of the preference given to growers, the lack of oversight to keep these kinds of disruptive commercial enterprises out of residential areas.

These grows create a "drug-friendly" atmosphere where residents don't feel safe. Also on Elkhorn, adjacent to the licensed grow, we had a bust last week of someone apparently involved in chemical drugs and whose bail is currently \$500K. There is a factual connection between the land on which the grow sits and the property where the bust took place.

We're tired of this, and the County's "we love you, growers" and "get lost, annoying residents" attitude. You don't have to deal with the ongoing noise, the disruption, the road damage, and the helicopters overhead, all related to turning residential areas into commercial entities. Yes, we can go onto the cannabis complaint site (which may or may not respond) but that puts us in the risky position of turning in neighbors. When these neighbors shouldn't be operating commercial businesses of this size on this road.

I think it is time to understand what your licensing has caused before it is too late. Make business locate in truly business areas and have them act like real businesses, not this "do what you can get away with" attitude in the middle of residential areas.

Thank you.

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