

Dear Supervisors;

I have the following suggestions for cannabis regulations;

1. Open up phase 3 as promised. There is no way to solve the illegal growing of cannabis in the County if there is no legal avenue for growers to take.
2. Simplify the requirements as much as possible. The current rules are a total failure. There will be no conversion from black market to licensed growers if you make it so complicated to comply.
3. Stop treating cannabis as if it is illegal! The citizens of California legalized cannabis. It is as legal as cattle grazing, pears or vineyards in the state of California. Please treat it as such.
4. Stop restricting growing on RL zoning. Many current growers and land owners have RL land. They will not sell their land and buy other land. They will just grow illegally. If not, allow landowners to change their zoning easily.
5. Start taking action. Sitting on your hands is not going to make these issues go away. They will just get worse until you take action to resolve them.
6. Please remember that property values in the County have been driven by cannabis. If you make rules that do not work for the cannabis industry, it will drive down property values. This will make the financial crises that the County faces much worse as property values plummet and cannabis growers depart the County.

Thank you, Stuart Bewley

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