

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing regarding Case #R_2019-0009, which you will be considering at your meeting on November 3

I have been a resident of Redwood Valley for more than twenty years and have seen my neighborhood change drastically due to marijuana growth.

When I see that someone is asking to change the zoning of 14 parcels, it makes me greatly concerned! Mohawk Trail is right in the middle of a residential neighborhood along West Road. If 14 parcels were to be developed into commercial marijuana growing, the quality of life for families along West Road would be greatly diminished. The smell, the increase in traffic, people and machinery movement, the possibility of increased crime and the major water usage all have the potential to cause stress and damage to families trying to live peacefully in our valley. There is plenty of land in the surrounding areas that can be used for cultivation; rezoning residential land seems unnecessary and lacks concern for the wellbeing of all families in the area.

It also sets a precedent for other growers. If you pass it this time, there will be others requesting the same privilege. Such an occurrence would make our valley a haven for growers, driving families out, and eventually leaving Redwood Valley as a stinky cesspool of crime and drug dealers and seekers.

I personally have three neighbors who are marijuana growers. Because of them, we cannot open our doors and windows to enjoy our beautiful fall because the smell is so bad. They are aloof and uninvolved in the neighborhood. They cut down beautiful trees to give their plants more sun.

Please do not rezone our residential area. People need to be able to enjoy their homes.

Thank you,

Carmen Turrill