

As a resident of Redwood Valley, I am writing to express my concern with the request of Mr McGinty to rezone a parcel or group of parcels and to suspend the Sunset Provision for Residential Districts. Redwood Valley is a rural residential area where people live and engage in relatively small family and commercial agricultural activities. That comes with a certain amount of expected farming activity such as an occasional tractor on the road, escaped sheep, crowing roosters, etc. What we don't expect is activity that interferes with the quiet enjoyment of our homes such as generators running 24/7, glowing grow-houses that light up the valley and remove our view of the stars, seasonal extremely noxious odors inconsistent with typical rural life, and excessive amounts of speeding traffic. In addition, it has brought more crime to the community with several incidents of break-ins/thefts. Farming is an activity that takes place outdoors, plants that grow in the sun and rest during the night. The activity on these cannabis "farms" is not farming. It's factory farming and belongs in an industrial area, not a residential one. At one time when you would drive around Mendocino County, you had beautiful views of trees, meadows, orchards, residences and barns. Now you have views of huge white grow-houses. As well as being an eyesore for residents, I can't imagine that will help the tourist industry when it resumes.

Please keep our community the rural residential area that we have invested in for many years. Growth is necessary, but should be handled in a way that enhances a community, not destroys it. I am requesting that you deny this request to further develop this land for factory farming of Cannabis and further more that you protect our valley in the future from this type of activity.

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