

I have heard about the Board of Supervisors vote to allow expansion and new cannabis grows in Rangeland. I am outraged that the BOS voted for this change despite the recommendations of their Staff, our Sheriff, the Farm Bureau, ranchers, environmentalists, and constituents. Those of us who live in Mendocino County know that the cannabis industry is not running smoothly and has not been incorporated into our lives in a balanced and safe manner. Why would they vote to expand the problems that we are currently facing? The health and safety of Mendocino County is at stake. The following issues are among the most obvious:

- 1)  
The Planning Department cannot deal with the number of permits that are current
- 2)  
The Planning Department has other serious commitments to the community
- 3)  
Law enforcement cannot keep up with the increased number of violations
- 4)  
Large grows are bringing huge numbers of transient workers into our communities
- 5)  
Transient works have no place to live and so, create unhealthy encampments
- 6)  
Robberies, traffic accidents, murders, carjackings, and kidnappings are increasing
- 7)  
Ranchers encounter problems with their cattle grazing
- 8)  
Firefighters encounter problems with frenzied growers
- 9)  
The Eel River and its tributaries are being siphoned and polluted

Please give Mendocino County a chance to recover from the existing unintended consequences of our out-of-control cannabis situation. Expanding the problem without dealing with our inability to enforce our current regulations is reckless and dangerous. Cannabis is not a panacea for our county. At this point it is a monster on the loose.

Please help the county reconsider this ill conceived vote.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our county safe.

Sincerely,  
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