

Supervisors of Mendocino County
January 24, 2021

Re: Oppose Item 3b – eliminating or reducing current restrictions on cannabis cultivation within residential neighborhoods

Supervisors:

We oppose the changes proposed by Supervisors Haschak and Williams in item 3b eliminating or reducing current restrictions on medicinal and adult-use cannabis cultivation within residential neighborhoods.

We, along with many others, find it is becoming difficult to remain in our homes due to the drought, wildfire threats, high property taxes, exorbitant fire insurance rates and being dropped by our insurance carriers after many, many years. Shouldn't there be somewhere in our county that people such as ourselves can be free to live without cannabis grows?

We also feel like you, Supervisors Haschak and Williams, do not respect the time our neighborhood representatives have given to this subject. If you want your constituents to become involved in the decision making process, why do you seem to disrespect their time and efforts?

The intent of 22.18 within neighborhoods was to balance the needs of all parties, and to address safety and the environmental concerns regarding personal and medicinal cannabis cultivation within the neighborhood. The elimination of square footage limits, setback requirements and the ban on outdoor growing in certain conditions were thoroughly discussed for hours by citizens gathered to provide input on the subject and all aspects of 22.18 in general. The BOS and the citizens of the county agreed to the compromises within neighborhoods in 22.18 as it is currently written. We strongly object to the proposed changes for residential neighborhoods, the lack of public input regarding those changes, and 11th hour notice of these changes.

We urge all Board members reject all of the proposed changes that affect our residential neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Rick and Judy Carter

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