

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I am disturbed to see the changes in the Final Draft of Item 3b which removes cannabis cultivation protections from our rural residential Neighborhoods.

Agenda item 3b would remove protections for neighborhoods.

- **Removes** law and allows Expansion of Medical and Recreational Cannabis in neighborhoods: 100 sq.ft becomes 6 plants. 200 sq. ft. becomes 12 plants
- **Removes** Setbacks for neighboring grows
- **Removes** requirement for recreational cannabis being grown in a structure

We have addressed these laws before and are disturbed to have to revisit this issue repeatedly to maintain the protections we've worked so hard for.

Last February 25th 2020, at the BOS, neighbors had to fight against a proposal to expand personal grows from 100 square feet to 6 plants.

We believed this issue, having been thoroughly debated by the public and the Board had finally been settled and we could go back to enjoying our neighborhoods. Please do not keep putting us through. We have the right to enjoy our neighborhood free of marijuana grows, cultivation, dealing and selling, along with the foot traffic that comes with removing these restrictions.

If the restrictions on square footage and the ban on outdoor growing in our neighborhoods is removed, it will have the effect of eliminating the Sunset and Exclusion zones. All of our work to protect residential quality of life will be lost.

How often do we have to fight to **maintain the protections** we've worked so hard to get? We are not asking for new protections, but only asking to keep current protections in place.

We have worked for years to protect our neighborhoods from commercial cannabis operations, and we do appreciate the protections we have now. Please do not change them.

The Board of Supervisors has recognized the impacts of commercial cannabis operations in residential neighborhoods which is why we have protections and regulations in place. Please do not dismantle them.

We appreciate that the Board has consistently stood up for neighborhoods and ask you to do so again.

Sincerely,

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