

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.

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.

The changes you are entertaining will only help a select few and injure the majority who live peacefully without bothering their neighbors. Do not give in to the greed of marijuana growers who do not care about Mendocino or their citizens

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

Thank you,

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