

Dear Board Members,

Among other things, the last-minute proposed, back door changes to Mendocino County's local cannabis cultivation ordinances:

1. Are improperly noticed to the public;
2. Disregard environmental concerns set forth in previous voluminous records;
3. Disregard neighborhood public safety concerns and will lead to increased violence in residential neighborhoods;
4. Disregard quality of life issues and the purpose of zoning laws; and
5. Ignore the hard work and compromises made by all sides on these issues over the past several years.

Should the Board make the serious mistake of adopting these proposed wholesale changes, not only would it be a slap in the face to all of those who worked together for compromise, it will predictably lead to more litigation, a stay of the ordinance, and more embarrassing waste of taxpayer dollars in the middle of a pandemic!

Whoever slipped these changes into the former drafts should be fired. This is not how adoption of ordinances is supposed to occur!

Sincerely,
Vince Lechowick