

Members of the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission

We are writing to oppose item 3b on the agenda for January 25, 2021 concerning expansion of cannabis cultivation in neighborhoods. This is the same discussion the BOS had in February 2020 when many of us in neighborhoods wrote in opposition to expansion of cannabis cultivation that would have an adverse effect on the quality of life we now have.

With all due respect, please consider the position of all of your constituents, and not continue expanding the rights of cannabis growers at the expense of those who don't want to have cannabis grows enlarged and setbacks reduced in our residential neighborhoods. While we respect individual rights to grow a small quantity of cannabis for personal use, we don't need commercial scale cannabis activity in our communities. Police reports of assaults, burglary and home invasions caused by cannabis grows keep increasing. Please don't push crime into our neighborhoods while law enforcement is understaffed and budgets are in constant jeopardy being reduced.

The Board of Supervisors should be fighting to protect our residents property, environment and safety but instead we seem to find the quality of life in our neighborhoods dwindling. We expect increased crime, illegal activity and lack of enforcement if the expansion of cannabis growth is approved in residential areas.

Thank you,

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