

Hello Supervisors:

We SUPPORT the changes proposed by Supervisors Haschak and Williams in item 3b eliminating or reducing current restrictions on medicinal and adult-use cannabis cultivation within unincorporated areas of Mendocino County.

While you will likely hear some concerns from people who were whipped up by an ex-supervisors factually inaccurate views, they are in large part based on rumor that 15' monster plants will overwhelm neighboring bedroom windows, wreaking all sorts of havoc. It was not explained to these good yet anxious neighbors that persons in cities or towns are not allowed the freedom to grow 6 plants outdoors, no matter where in the yard. Please realize that many of the feelings against this change come from fear. If you support the changes as I hope you will, these neighbors will need be worked with gently until they realize their fears of monster plants attacking their homes are unfounded.

State Law allows a person to grow six plants. If there are two individuals in a household, they are each allowed six plants. Allowing at least the unincorporated parts of the county to meet state guidelines would be a blessing to those families.

Speaking for my family, my grown son, a TBI survivor, goes through the produce from one plant every month which means six plants is only a half-years supply. Even that half-year is a blessing to our household, helping him maintain his equilibrium while he continues to heal into the man he was before the Traumatic Brain Injury. If we had to pay for all that flower, we would be hard-pressed. His having the ability to participate in growing his own flower has contributed significantly to his healing and overall well-being. It would be wonderful if another family member could also grow six plants on our acreage to fully supply my TBI-surviving son for the whole year.

Please support the changes in item 3b, and 3b itself. If not for the community at large, then for my son and others like him.

Thank you,

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