

I am writing this email in comment to Item 3B, the draft Land Use Ordinance and Events. My name is Katie Delbar and I am a resident of Potter Valley. I am born and raised in Potter Valley and my family has been here since the 1850's. I work for the USDA Farm Service Agency and my family raises grass hay, timber and cattle. I am very concerned with the changes in our valley that have occurred since cannabis cultivation has been allowed to be grown on agricultural zoned property. I have seen prime agriculture land converted to hoop houses, which sit on concrete or rock, large fences erected and ponds built. Landscapes are forever changed and will never be the same again. These eye sores are also loud, bright at night and bring in people to our valley that do not respect our community. We have seen and heard what has happened to the community of Covelo over the years, mainly due to illegal growing of marijuana and the people that brings in; crime, murder, arson. I am determined that this will not happen to my community. Properties are selling at a premium and families like mine cannot afford to buy anything at the prices that cannabis growers can pay. These landowners bring nothing to our community. They are not on any community boards, and do not contribute financially. These landowners are no longer "locals" and I believe that organized crime and members of the mafia are here and present. It is time to look at solutions to these problems in our communities before moving forward and opening cannabis cultivation up further. Lets try to get through the fist phase before looking to open other phases.

I am also concerned with section 2 (c) in the draft cannabis facilities document where there is a proposal to change the set back of 1,000 feet to 600 feet and omit "churches" in the language. Churches and their buildings host many youth in our communities and are gathering places and should be protected from the smell, noise and other byproducts that marijuana grows create. I really think that 1,000 feet should be a minimum set-back! Please rethink this change and keep it as it is written.

Thank you for your consideration,

Katie Delbar