

Hello,

I am writing this email in comment to Item 3B, the draft Land Use Ordinance and Events. My name is Joleen Logan 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 in Potter Valley at the school and my family raises grass hay and cattle in the valley. 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 above appraised value 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 cartels 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 first 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. In 2008, voters passed Measure B. How is the BOS allowed to alter the regulations in Measure B without going back to a vote of the people?

In the draft ordinance changes of section 6 regarding Special Events I am concerned with the requirements that events over 1,000 attendees will have on our own community. We host the Potter Valley Rodeo every year and this event is our largest fundraising event. A group of 15 people plan for over 4 months to make enough money to carry our small organization through the year. All profits go back into our community creating recreation and programs that benefit our youth. By creating this permitting of large groups you are asking for our community to pay more fees that reduce our revenues, and will create more work for our small group of volunteers. I propose that you insert an exception of filing a special event permit for small non-profits. By asking the planning and building department to handle these new requirements you are asking a department that is already stretched thin to do more work.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joleen Logan

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