

Supervisors Mulheren, McGourty, Gjerde, Haschak and Williams:

As residents of the Deerwood area, we oppose the changes proposed by Supervisors Haschak and Williams in item 3b eliminating or reducing current restrictions on medicinal and adult-use cannabis cultivation within residential neighborhoods.

The intent of 22.18 within neighborhoods was to balance the needs of all parties, and to address safety and the environmental concerns regarding personal and medicinal cannabis cultivation within the neighborhood. The elimination of square footage limits, setback requirements and the ban on outdoor growing in certain conditions were thoroughly discussed for hours by citizens gathered to provide input on the subject and all aspects of 22.18 in general. The BOS and the citizens of the county agreed to the compromises within neighborhoods in 22.18 as it is currently written.

We strongly object to the proposed changes for residential neighborhoods, the lack of public input regarding those changes, and 11th hour notice of these changes. We petitioned to have our neighborhood, Upper Deerwood, absolutely free of industrial or commercial growing or manufacturing and the County agreed to our petition. We cannot open all the county to cannabis in all zones regardless of people and fire risks.

We are in a perilous area for fire and certainly do not need any uses of the land which could lead to increased traffic, and bring in a population who will not take the care we do to protect this area from fire. We formed the Upper Deerwood Firewise and continue to work on fire preparedness. We have only one access/egress and plenty of vehicles now. Beyond the end of Deerwood Road there is open space which could lead to further development of the cannabis industry and surcharge on Deerwood Road.

I urge all you Supervisors, to reject all of the proposed changes that affect our residential neighborhoods.

We appreciate your attention to these comments,
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