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Re: Phase 3 Cannabis Expansion

PLEASE DO NOT expand the growing of Cannabis.

My husband created the Round Valley Business Park (zoned Industrial) after the lumber mill closed many years ago. He brought his CNC precision machining company from Germany, trained and employed many residents throughout the years. When he decided to retire, he tried to sell the Business Park. Both he and I were astounded at the large sums of cash that were laid on the table beside the purchase offers from Cannabis operators. It was tempting, but he did not want to see this industry in Covelo, so he declined two different offers.

We speak as residents of a beautiful valley, both of us having property for over 40 years here, with many friends who have been here 3, 4, and 5 generations. Have you been to Covelo lately? Have you ever been to Covelo? It has four beautiful seasons! But things have been changing...

Instead of little white picket fences around the yard to keep the small children and puppies in, we have 8 foot fences (plywood or metal) to keep competitors or law enforcement out.

Instead of 40-foot wells that would supply a household throughout the summer, our neighbors are having to drill new wells as deep as 100 feet because water is being diverted and not flowing as readily underground.

Instead of a functioning sewer system (Covelo Community Services District) there is so much by-product of marijuana in the fluids it is becoming impossible to treat.

Instead of the sweet smell of freshly mown hay, we have the stink of marijuana.

Instead of a quiet night to hear the crickets and bull frogs, we have the sound of automatic weapons nearby.

Many other issues are uncomfortable in our community as a result of the 'growing of marijuana' and the people it attracts: respect for other people's property, fences cut in the hills, trespassing, 'grows' on the back of our property, etc.

Again, PLEASE DO NOT expand the growing of Cannabis, instead give law enforcement the tools they need to keep our residents safe, help them enforce the laws we currently have.

Respectfully,

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