

Hello Supervisors!

Thank you for all of the time you spend reading and caring and contemplating on behalf of your residents here in the county. Really, I appreciate it.

It seems important to share my stance on Phase 3. I wish I could say that I'm more informed and up to date regarding the exact phase 3 proposal, but I just don't have the time to attend the full meetings these days.

BUT I want to first say that it is SO IMPORTANT TO ME that SOME VERSION of phase 3 is opened this year.

Having said that, the 10% expansion seems like way too much. Why does it have to be so extreme? Could the concept of expansion be on pause and **phase 3 opened without that**, at least for now?

Is it possible to write in to the ordinance that an environmental impact report will be done and some version of expansion will be considered in the next couple of years?

There are SOOO many people **ready for a legal path forward** in the cannabis industry. I see that people argue that opening up licensing will bring a BOOM that we do not want here. The boom is already here. There are growers who don't really care and seem to be waiting for the county to get serious before they move on to other occupations or places, and there are people who TRULY CARE about getting their legal permits and paying their taxes and being able to be proud of what they do.

I think that the voice of the many residents who do not typically speak up is not being heard. I hear those people nearly daily. PEOPLE ARE READY for a legal pathway forward. And I'm not referring to out of the area investors (although I'm sure there are those as well). I'm referring to LOCALS who may not have had the finances, the property ownership, trust in the system or general ability to apply to phase 1 when it was an option. I'm talking about creative, tidy, responsible, environmentally aware citizens who want to pay their taxes, who want to cultivate in harmony with the environment, who want to invest in an industry that they know can help them to thrive.

**Please consider opening phase 3 with either a much more restricted expansion opportunity OR with a hold on that for now with a future for that contingent upon an EIR.**

**ALSO, I would LOVE to see all of the county meetings summarized to 15min or less videos, for working parents and others that don't have the free time to sit through the multiple hour long meeting. Is there someone already doing this? I DO care a lot about being up to speed with the decisions and subjects being discussed in the county, but I cant do that by attending meetings regularly.**

**ANY IDEAS or direction to point me in?**

Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help (other than sit through all meetings, lol). My community networking skills are excellent in the Round Valley/Covelo area. I'm happy to help get the word out there about important going-ons.

Thanks again!

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