

Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Djerde and Williams,

I am addressing agenda item 3a). I ask you to extend the Temporary Moratorium on the Commencement of Phase Three Cannabis Cultivation.

I write as an advocate for small locally owned business as the primary economic engine for Mendocino County and the best chance for economic resilience.

I write as a resident who purposely lives in a rural area where I can see the night skies and where the nights are quiet.

I write as a resident of Redwood Valley who chose to live away from commercial activity.

I write as a person who has lived through 3 major wildfires in 7 years, two of which came into close proximity of my home and when I saw neighbors lose their homes.

Item 3a) intersects in notable ways with item 5a) and 5b) on the April 12 Board of Supervisors agenda. The juxtaposition of water supply, drought preparedness, and impacts of cannabis production on fish and wildlife, oak woodlands and species diversity cries out for your attention.

I ask this Board of Supervisors to listen to the many residents of this place we call home and do the right thing to protect the quality of life we all celebrate. Step one extend the moratorium on Phase 3 of cannabis cultivation.

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