

Dear BOS Members,

I am alarmed at the proposal for opening up the rangeland to increased Cannabis cultivation.

Where I have seen Cannabis grown (much of it is happening in Yorkville), the water table becomes degraded. I see pollution from the pesticides and fertilizers used. The rural rangeland becomes crowded with workers driving big trucks, and often they need to have water trucks come every week to supply the plants with additional water. The local wildlife numbers plummet – I don't know if this is from the toxic pesticides used, or from incidental killing by the growers.

We do not have the climate or soils for this kind of crop cultivation.

There should be environmental Impact Reports required for each proposed site for growing, and the CEQA should be followed in every case.

I don't believe the Planning Commission has the expertise, nor time to manage the oversight of this kind of expansion of industry.

Please vote NO on this ordinance.

I am expecting my Supervisor – Ted Williams to represent the majority of people in his district and vote for how they feel – Vote NO on this expansion of Cannabis cultivation.

Thank you,

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