

Hello, County Supervisors, and in particular, my recently elected rep, Mo:

First, thank you for the work you do in service of the diverse and passionate people of Mendocino county, a place dear to my heart.

I will be brief and to the point. Please do not consider making any expansions or major changes to current cannabis business in our county without appropriate and thorough environmental impact assessment. Expanding business that depends on our already tenuous natural resources without knowing the long term effects on water use and irreversible land use would be a terrible legacy, unless it is done thoughtfully and scientifically. I personally voted many years ago in favor of measure G as a very young voter, and saw the incredible change and permission this gave to the outer world to change our culture and take advantage of our new permissiveness to support cultivation. Please, until there is an accurate environmental impact assessment of our current resources and the impact of current cannabis cultivation, and, an assessment of the impact of commercial expansion, let's work to protect our most precious asset: Our natural resources. We also need to work to better support our existing small farmers and hold current offenders accountable rather than opening the door to even more expansion without a clear understanding, based on science, not simply financial interest.

Thank you: Again, please do not consider making any expansions or major changes to current cannabis business in our county without appropriate and thorough environmental impact assessment.

My best,

Rose Easterbrook