

My Mom and Dad moved to the east side of Willits 34 years ago. They met their neighbors and became part of the community of Willits and of Mendocino County. They taught me how important having neighbors you could help and who you could lean on when you needed help. A proud group of people who stayed independent but were there for each other when and if needed. This group has dwindled as people have moved and/or sadly passed away. New neighbors have moved in. Some of them are made up of the same DNA as my parents and their old neighbors. Others have moved into our area solely to take advantage of Mendocino County's Cannabis policy, or lack of one that works. Trees have been cut, land cleared, water stolen, hoop houses built, roads added, structures built and our environment changed. These things have not been done legally.

We need a policy written to allow people who want to have a business to do so legally and still keep the neighbors, the environment and community safe and able to co-exist.

Please consider all of the factors involved not just big business and potential money making for the county.

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