

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Doreen Blumenfeld and I have lived in Willits for over 30 years. I am urging you to restrict the growing of marijuana by large growers.

In my residency in this county I have seen increased crime, decreased water resources and an overall decrease in the quality of life and safety. Allowing this ordinance to pass would strike a deadly blow of life to the beautiful family farms and organic vegetable farms that are left in our area. I and many others treasure the variety of agricultural areas in this region. Sheep, goats, horse and beef farming is a diversity that enriches our area and adds to the uniqueness of inland Mendocino. Having large corporate grows would decrease the water resources in an already serious drought time. I and many residents are seriously conserving every gallon of water we use. Using this precious resource to grow more pot will be the death of this community we love. Please see our community's life and strength: beautiful farm land, diversity of animals and truck gardens, artists, musicians, and skilled craft workers and small businesses and growing families. Yes, this area is financially struggling, but allowing corporate takeover of our resources will be a crime that will last generations.

Respectfully,

Doreen Blumenfeld