

Dear Members of the Board,

A Yes Vote for Expansion in Phase 3

A yes vote for expansion gives permitted Mendocino County cannabis farmers a chance to compete not only with other counties in the state but also with what will become a high demand nationally and, one day, internationally. Mendocino county has a long history and reputation of producing some of the finest and most sought after cannabis in the world. Without expansion, I fear Mendocino Legacy Farmers will become a novelty.

Zone 3 in particular (I would add Leggett to this as well) could greatly benefit from expansion, adding a much needed boost to the local economy.

I understand expansion is a very contentious topic but I trust between all the agencies involved, the issues of water and environmental degradation will be adequately addressed and closely monitored.

Also, wouldn't many of the negative issues currently surrounding cannabis grows be alleviated if there were some repercussions for unpermitted cannabis cultivation which remains prolific and unchecked? It seems to me permitted cannabis grows are being looped in with all cannabis grows and the negative connotations that go along with it.

I believe without expansion, legal cannabis will be added to the list of other Mendocino economies of the past.

Thank you for your time,

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