

April 18, 2021

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Re: Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (Item #3B)

Dear Board members:

I know you're hearing from hundreds of your constituents with reasons to vote "NO" on this ordinance. The cumulative impact on water supplies, potential fire danger, pollution, traffic are all excellent reasons to vote "NO".

As a long-time professional land use planner, I'd also point out that such a dramatic change in allowed uses in various zoning areas should require an overall environmental analysis. Decisions of such importance should not rely solely on case-by-case permit reviews.

But finally, as an elected official myself, I understand that there are sometimes considerations that might outweigh the overwhelming and well-founded concerns raised by your constituents. What might those factors be? Are you clear and certain about them? So far, I have heard nothing that would justify your over-riding the will of the public. It looks suspiciously like outside money & short-term revenues vs. what kind of county we, the residents, want to live in. Please stand up for us; do not approve this ordinance.

Sincerely,
Madge Strong
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P.S. I have also read this statement into oral comments by phone.