

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for taking time to read and consider everyone's point of view. I understand that your decision is challenging with so many points of view, but I am confident that you will make the right one. Thank you for your service.

I support Phase 3 and 10% expansion because of what it will bring for people in the community who need employers who follow laws, have regular and good paying jobs and advancement opportunities, safety for workers and a vibrant and profitable community. I work for a large legal cannabis company and their goal has always been clear "put Mendocino on the Map as the genuine origin of cannabis with tribute to legacy farmers" they use organic products on the earth, not because its popular, but because its the right thing to do. They treat people well, develop their skills and provide steady work.

Other items mentioned by citizens are important water, environment and wildlife, but these are issues that are regulated and can be solved using the advise, research and studies from experts, which is done in many counties. This should not sidetrack you from the valid merits of passing Phase 3 and 10% expansion ordinance.

I work in Mendocino, but live in Napa Valley. Napa was similar to Mendocino with citizens objecting to increased activity. They were able to not only attract 5 million visitors per year, but spend money to improve roads and create more jobs. While doing so, they also preserved the natural beauty of The Valley through various controls that allow wildlife to be incorporated. They were able to improve the county's prosperity. They are a great model for the future of Mendocino.

The largest issue I see and hear about is the danger that exists with employers that don't pay their people, provide decent pay or teach them about how to work safely and they end up dead with no penalty to the employer. People also need work, steady work - to feed their families. Ask any Latino about their thoughts on the ordinance and they will tell you - we need more work.

I urge you to pass this ordinance so companies can expand and bring more safe, good paying jobs to the community.

Gratefully yours,
Molly Morales.