

Rather than simply looking for additional tax revenues, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors should be supporting the general overall interests of the County. Marijuana production is not environmentally friendly, particularly during a water shortage. Neighborhoods do not appreciate the smell and greenhouse lighting all the time. It's shown to bring in a criminal element that is dangerous and not wanted - we don't want the entire county looking like Covelo with drug cartels all over it. And more marijuana is not needed - there's no shortage of it. If the BOS is concerned about the tax base, then it should be putting in more efforts to attract businesses that will provide a tax revenue and jobs. Part of that is increasing the available housing so businesses can hire people. There is no reason Mendocino County shouldn't be booming economically, yet here it sits with little growth. Cannabis is not the answer and anyone supporting this lame idea has to be in the growers' pockets and will not have our family's vote.

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