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Board of Supervisors:

Re: Cannabis Cultivation Land Use Ordinance

I am a long time resident of Ukiah, on & off since 1950. I have seen lots of changes & I am not opposed to change. But the Cannabis Cultivation Land Use Ordinance is a proposal that is way out of step with the values & needs of our valley. I have watched as the oak woodlands were taken over by vineyards and the fruit orchards razed. (And people wonder "Gee why aren't there any bees?") Now you propose to broaden Cannabis cultivation into an already "mono-cultured" environment where scarce resources ~~are~~ will be even more decimated. Why would you consider such a drain on our water supply (especially now!!) a good thing? And why would you move forward without an EIR?? It eludes me. And it angers me. (You will not have my vote again.)

I have lived in the same home in Ukiah on the Westside all these years. Lately I have been surrounded by neighbors on all 3 sides who are growing... and growing more than allowed — but who cares? The guy who lives behind me burns his Cannabis refuse in his back yard near ~~my~~ back fence. The fires ~~blow~~ blow smoke for hours at a time into my home. (But the city said he did it during "burn time".) When I asked the neighbor to stop, he said he was "roasting marshmallows"... Yeah right.

I would suggest that, instead of moving forward with your "expanded proposal," you focus on enforcing the rules you have in place. Lax enforcement is not a good omen going forward to expanding cultivation.

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