

Dear members of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors;

I totally support the memo to the Board from the Mendocino Cannabis Alliance in reference to their CCAO memorandum for the June 22 Board meeting.

Small craft cultivators are the ones who have built Mendocino's world wide reputation for the finest cannabis flowers.

The proposal to expand to 10% threatens to destroy the legacy traditions of boutique cultivators and open the way for multi-state-operators. Contrary to locally based small farmers, who spend their income locally, large corporations take money out of the county and answer to foreign investors.

In the midst of a drought with distorted and exaggerated claims of cannabis cultivation's environmental impact, it is singularly irresponsible to propose expansion without an EIR. Rather money from the State should be used to fund a rigorous

County-wide EIR report for the benefit of all the citizens of the County.

The proposed Board action disregards the Planning Commissions recommendations and disregards the community wide objections to this irresponsible proposal.

For the last forty or fifty years cannabis has been the primary economic support of the county, both from the Traditional illicit market and the newly legal segment. The actions and decisions of the county supervisors over the last six years threaten to destroy this industry and take away the livelihood of thousands of small growers.

For those large corporations who keep asking for more "biomass", I say "take it to Fresno". The only way to achieve the quality Mendocino is famous for is to keep it small. For over half a century Mendocino Cannabis farmers have consistently produced the finest cannabis in the world on small plots. To mass produce an inferior quality product would destroy that reputation. Better we continue to be the Napa Valley of Cannabis, supporting small family farms devoted to quality.

Napa valley has about 400 wineries which produce only 4% of California's wine harvest, yet they garner nearly 20% of the state's wine revenue.

Vote NO! on the 10% expansion.

Thank you,

Aum nama Sivaya

Swami Chaitanya