

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your commitment to supervise the business of the county. The people have voted you in your office trusting that you would manage our communities with honesty and integrity. The issues of concern are real for each one of us whether we are in the cannabis industry or not...specifically, but not limited to, water!

Please consider doing an EIR before moving forward with your plans to expand. I have lived in Round Valley for over 30 years. I've raised my children here and own a housecleaning service for over 25 years now. I am not a grower, and not against them, so my issue has nothing to do with marijuana. My deepest concern is the water issue. The illegal grows that have produced crime, garbage, pesticides and literally changed our community, is another issue that has not been addressed or dealt with at all. I have watched good tax paying citizens move away because of things getting so out of control.

It appears that you are losing the trust of the communities you serve with the proposal of this ordinance that seems to be very rushed. It's common sense to everyone that we should look at the impact on our environment and community before you vote to move forward on such an aggressive plan.

Please do what is right for the people and get an EIR report before moving forward as the money is being provided with the \$18 million from the state! At every referendum meeting I've been too I haven't heard one grower oppose this idea as they are usually environmentally mindful people. Yes the County needs money, but sacrificing the families that live here--and their need for water, is not the way to do it. Everyone I speak with agrees that an EIR is an acceptable place to start, and we can continue the conversation after that information is discovered.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Kind regards,
Sheila Matthias