

June 21, 2021

Board of Supervisors  
501 Low Gap Rd  
Ukiah Ca. 95482

Re: Cannabis Expansion Ordinance 22.18

Dear Supervisors,

My voice, along with those of countless other Mendocino County residents, have not been heard by the majority of this Board. It is not too late, you can still listen. The majority of the people in this County do not want this ordinance with its 10% expansion. Consider doing what Sonoma County did when confronted with large scale opposition to their similar ordinance: they shelved the ordinance and initiated an EIR. I am convinced that the majority of the County support first doing an EIR, getting the data as to where we stand, then responsibly crafting an ordinance that reflects the results of the EIR **and** the "will of the people". Our water resources are under a huge assault. Witness what is happening in Round Valley with millions of gallons of water taken from the valley and trucked to, mainly illegal grow sites. Know that nitrites and nitrates are showing up in the aquifer. It is this County that has let this get completely out of control and it is this County that must first clean up this ungodly mess, start the EIR process and try very hard to regain the trust of the people. Then and only then should expansion be 'put on the table' for discussion. This you owe to the people of this County.

In the event that you decide to vote this ordinance through, know that there are two referendums ready to collect the necessary signatures to freeze the ordinance and send the decision to the voters. You should know that **WE Will** get the necessary signatures.

The decision is yours.

Regards,

Ron Stark  
Covelo/Albion