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Dear Board of Supervisors

As a Tax payer, cannabis business owner since 2016 and Mendocino resident of 12 years and father of 2 I am opposed to the 10% of acreage and Phase 3.

I think further discussion and input from our community is needed. I support the present cottage industry which I think is right the right fit for our community and is sustainable compared to large corporate grows that will boom and bust and leave us here to figure out what to do next keep the community vibrant.

This County is supposed to be operating such that that cannabis business model like mine is desirable and possible. However, the current policies and support are making it such that myself, and many of my colleagues, are not hopeful for being able to maintain our businesses. Voting against the 10% Phase three is one critical step in supporting us.

Please help advocate for the legacy growers.

In Regards,
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Perrin family Farm
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Ukiah, CA
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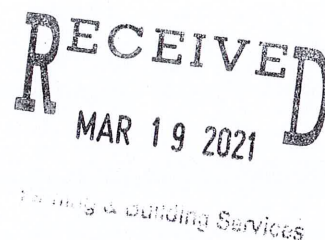
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>>> Matthew Drewno <matt@victorygardensforpeace.com> 3/19/2021 9:00 AM >>>

Hello,

I would like to lend my support to our small family farmers and state that I disagree that cannabis grows greater than an acre should not be permitted and would make the argument that more families could be supported in our community through encouraging our cannabis farms to remain small and diversified and that ordinances should be in place which protect the small farmers in our community.

Today in our country, one farmer feeds 155 people. While some might find that impressive, its actually quite scary- Consider that the average age of our farmers is 60 years old. what happens when that farmer dies? Our relationship to the land is sacred, and our farmers carry the tradition of nurturing that relationship. Our industrialized efforts at agriculture push farmers off the land, force our farmers to sell and consolidate their farms- in fact, most farmers arent even able to support themselves by farming anymore. Around 70% of their income is earned off the farm.

Why do I share these facts? Because years back, economic policies were established which started this sad state of affairs in motion. And that is what we are doing here today, because encouraging industrialized production of cannabis will wipe out our small farmers and our community will suffer for it. We need to figure out how to protect our small farmers, they are a tremendous asset to our community and carry on a tradition that other communities dont have- decades of experience and wisdom on growing cannabis. Why sacrifice that to industrialization?

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in. And please, help our small family farmers keep their place in our community. There are many who are tremendous assets and should be elevated to share their best practices and encourage a more sustainable and diversified community rather than the opposite. Please consider strongly, the impacts of larger scale cannabis grows.

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Thank you, Matt Drewno. Small farmer on the coast and friend of many families who are struggling to keep their livelihood.

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Matthew Drewno

Vice President of Ecology Action Board of Directors

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Mendocino County Planning Commission
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

Item OA_2021-0002, March 19, 2021 – Phase 3 Cannabis Cultivation

Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing to voice my support of the Mendocino Cannabis Alliance memo in regards to Phase 3 Cannabis Cultivation.

Opening Phase 3, with cultivation of up to 10% of parcel size, is bound to see as many, if not more, problems than have occurred under Phase 1. The Board of Supervisors, and county staff, willingly admit Planning and Building is under staffed and overburdened with Phase 1. Introducing a new program, having site specific requirements, is excellent in theory. With the lack of staffing, who is going to follow up to ensure businesses are adhering to those requirements? I would also ask, who are the 'farmers' able to scale up to this size and cease cultivation while waiting to obtain a Phase 3 permit from the County? It will most definitely not be small, family run farms, like mine, but farms with deep pockets and/or outside investment.

I would point out, historically, that large scale agriculture has crushed the small farmer. Dairy, produce, meat, vineyards, etc. Is that what we want for the legacy farmers of Mendocino County?

I recognize as a County we can not control the market or prevent growth. The legal and regulated cannabis market is young. It may be difficult to recognize for cannabis at this point in time, but there is something to be said for small, craft products the world over.

Thank you for your time and thought on this matter.

Be Well.

Meagen Hedley
Managing Director
Spyrock Farms

Angie Lane - Phase III cannabis

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To: "pbs@mendocinocounty.org" <pbs@mendocinocounty.org>, "pbscommission@mendocinocounty.org"
Date: 3/19/2021 12:04 PM
Subject: Phase III cannabis
Cc: Jini Reynolds <jini@pacific.net>, Christine Boyd <wickboyd@comcast.net>,...

Dear Mendocino County Planning Commission and Supervisors,
I do not favor Phase III expansion of cannabis without greater review. I do not favor allowing cannabis farms on rangeland. I am against allocating 10% of a property for cannabis farming. I favor small farms. First and foremost, we are all aware that American tobacco companies are ready to convert large parcels into cannabis to regain lost profits, and they are probably already in talks with the County. Mendocino County is rural and large monocultural farms would destroy the oak habitat, create competitive losses for family farms, and smear the Mendocino brand. Of course big tobacco wants to use the famous Mendocino quality name and the Emerald Triangle reputation for large profits. You, as public servants, know well that this County will bank greater tax revenue. But this will be done at the expense of ALL citizens—growers and those who appreciate the rural nature of our County. Water and drought are major issues in Mendocino County. Please do not ignore water theft and the ongoing truck delivery of water. After the profits are in, the taxes gained will be nothing compared to the environmental degradation and groundwater loss, and the County will have irreparable losses and greater reparation costs in the long term. An example is less lake water in Pillsbury and Lake Mendocino to fight coming fires, and large-scale residential well water loss due to widespread deep wells. County staff cannot currently keep up with all the 800+ permitted cannabis grows, that when finally investigated will indicate some grower actions are outside of what was permitted. Take care of the permitted growers first. Do not make Mendocino County “Marlboro County” just to fill the County coffers. Please listen to your citizens.

Thank you,

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Angie Lane - Reject large-scale Cannabis grows--Agenda item 6B

From: sonja lewis <sonjalewis.i.am@gmail.com>
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Date: 3/19/2021 9:02 AM
Subject: Reject large-scale Cannabis grows--Agenda item 6B

Please do not allow the proposed increased number & size of cannabis grows. Environmentally, our County cannot support the increased water use and likely pollution. It would decrease our County's destination appeal, due to nighttime light pollution. I have lived throughout California and in Idaho, and our night skies here are unmatched!

The Cannabis industry should lean on increased plant breeding for hardiness and vigor, like other agricultural plants, and not depend on hothouse conditions.

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Angie Lane - Urgent read before board meeting today

From: Leslie Wallace <lesliew@sonic.net>
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Date: 3/19/2021 9:37 AM
Subject: Urgent read before board meeting today

Dear Board,

I am writing to you because I am deeply concerned about your proposed Cannabis changes. I am a part owner in a family ranch that we hope to have remain in the family forever. We dutifully clean the PVC pipe and plastic soil bags out of the creek that flows through our property every year. We put up with the smell at harvest. The helicopters that fly overhead. The fear of not locking the gate at night. The sight of people walking through our property on the game cameras... In short, the "Industry" has changed our way of life. We used to wander anywhere without fear, well maybe rattlesnakes, and now we are afraid to walk alone on our own ranch. My grandkids can't take off and play the way we used to. To allow the industry to take over would be a shame. Are you going to plan for additional Police/Sherriff/Security? Are you going to plan to truck in water for the communities that have none because the industry has sucked our wells dry? THEY can pay to truck water in, I cannot. Will you expand the budget of the animal shelter to cover all the "guard dogs" that are abandoned in the fall because owners take off to their winter vacation? Replace the livestock that are killed by abandoned packs? The puppies that are abandoned in the spring because they aren't vicious enough? The list of cost goes on and on!

What about all the people that come up "missing" in the county? Many of whom never get reported because they have never told their family where they are going. And what about my ranch? You will force me to sell because I can no longer feel safe on my own land. Sure, I can get a pretty penny for it, but my family will suffer the loss. What you are thinking about is wrong. You can't tax it to raise revenue to cover any of the costs mentioned here. You will have to raise taxes on the people who live here for a reason, they love the life here. You wont be able to get anything out of the people who are here to make the big bucks, fill the creeks with waste, and strike fear into people who have lived their whole lives here.

How will you answer to us, your neighbors? Think about that...

Leslie Wallace

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