

**pbscommissions - Public Comment -- 2/3/22 Planning Commission Mtg., Item No. 6b**

Mendocino County

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Planning Commission,

I am writing in favor of the staff recommendation to deny this application. I found the staff report to be thorough and well written and agree with all of staff's recommendations. There is no reason for the County to grant this application and there is no legal requirement to do so since it is a matter of policy. In fact, granting the applicant's request could very likely be found to be inconsistent with various policies in the County's Housing Element. Residential properties like the property associated with this application are not where the County determined cannabis cultivation should be prioritized. Housing on the Coast is at a premium and we should not be doing anything that exacerbates the lack of available housing or property that is zoned to allow residential uses, which I feel this project would do both directly and indirectly. More importantly, the residents of the area already expressed their preferences to retain the neighborhood for residential uses rather than allowing prior unpermitted cultivation activity to continue past the sunset dates.

This applicant, and any other applicant who wished to begin or continue cultivating cannabis, have numerous alternative areas and zoning districts where cultivation is permitted and that is where those uses belong. Further, the water supplies in this neighborhood are already stressed and allowing cultivation to continue would only contribute to that existing problem. Please approve the staff recommendation and recommend that the Board of Supervisors deny this application.

Best regards,

--Jacob Patterson