

April 19, 2023

To: County Of Mendocino Planning Commission

Re: April 20, 2023 Meeting — Agenda Item 6b. CASE#: R_2021-0002

Rezone request to establish a Cannabis Prohibition (CP) Combining District over 207 Assessor's Parcels in Redwood Valley.

Dear Honorable Planning Commissioners,

I am the long-time district manager of the Laytonville County Water District, Chair and founder (1997) of the Laytonville Area Municipal Advisory Council, editor and publisher of the Mendocino County Observer, and over the years I have served on various local government, non-profit and private sector committees and entities. However, this submission is purely and entirely my opinion and doesn't reflect the position or opinion of the just-referenced organizations.

The substantive and procedural underpinnings of California's and Mendocino County's Cannabis regulatory frameworks, unequivocally establish that such laws and codes were created for both those who desire to cultivate marijuana, as well as those who elect not to do so.

Clearly, the existing County Ordinance provides a mechanism for citizens, who meet certain criteria to establish a Cannabis Prohibition (CP) Combining District. From the record provided, it appears that citizens living within the designated neighborhood in Redwood Valley, have successfully satisfied and complied with the Ordinance's criteria and standards for establishing a CP Combining District.

Therefore, I recommend that the Planning Commission approve Option 1.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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