


Re: Cannabis hearing cancelled

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To JIM E Owen

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Dear Frances and Star,

We had a visit yesterday late in the afternoon from our neighbor Ruben who runs the grow below us, and we've come to the conclusion that the way this rezoning request is written is not something we can subscribe to. Our understanding from the beginning was to stop any *new* grows from entering the neighborhood as well as to get rid of any illegal ones. Our neighbor Ruben is legal for the last few years (since the beginning, he applied for permits) and has put in substantial investments, paid all the fees and taxes, and tried to do everything correctly. We are at a point where we feel that people like him who are doing the correct thing that any business is asked to do should not be put into the same category as those who are renegades from the system. We may not like seeing the hoop houses there in our neighborhood, but we also feel that tolerance and understanding is in this case called for, since he is very willing to listen to any complaints that may arise.

We definitely would not like to see *new* grows come into the area, given the already overloaded impact on our roads, the water, and the general atmosphere of a rural environment. In the meantime, traffic, road wear and tear, water usage, etc by all the other grows just beyond this area that have sprung up, legally or illegally, like on Colony Drive and into the hills via Webb Ranch Road and others going into the east hills will continue. Road D will remain a major thoroughfare for all of this related traffic, no matter whether this rezoning proposal goes through or not.

So instead of punishing the one who has tried to comply with all the regulations and do the right thing, we feel it would be better to work on our grievances with Ruben as they arise, communicating our misgivings about noise and dust, directly. He has assured us that he will do everything he can to make this situation more livable.

After a lot of cursing about our local government that put us in this position, we realized that we didn't read the work in progress diligently enough to catch the consequences for those who have met the requirements of the law and are willing to act in a neighborly fashion. We apologize for this. In this context, we would like to withdraw from the rezoning request.

Respectfully,

