

Honorable supervisors,

Once again, I urge you, the Supervisors of Santa Cruz County, to keep commercial cannabis cultivation out of the neighborhoods. This business belongs in Commercial or Agriculture zones, where it can be regulated, not in residential zones, including residential/agricultural (RA) zones. This is best for neighborhoods, the community and the environment.

We have a sufficient quantity of medical marijuana already, there is no need for more growths, especially in residential areas.

As Rachel Dann stated: “The regulation of commercial cannabis cultivation in Santa Cruz County potentially represents the most significant change to land use policy in decades and has the potential to fundamentally alter land use in the rural and urban areas in terms of neighborhood compatibility, housing and land prices, commercialization of residential areas, and the protection of our natural resources.” I strongly support the view that some of you supervisors advocated previously that cultivation be limited to commercial agriculture and other commercially or industrially zoned property.

Respectfully,

Burney Le Boeuf

Dear Supervisor Coonerty and other supervisors,

The recommendations of the C4 committee cannot be taken seriously. They are biased advocates of the cannabis business. They clearly want to maximize growths and have not made it a priority to protect neighborhoods or the environment in the process. The tenor of the report is to grow more cannabis everywhere in the county, including residential zones, and restrict growing as much as possible and to hell with the community. There is no basis for the setbacks they propose other than to minimize setbacks as much as possible from schools, parks, roads, etc. It is as if they pulled these numbers from a hat. Indeed, the recommendations are so out of line, that they do a disservice to legitimate growers. There is no common sense in what they propose; it is simply self-serving. I say throw out the report; it serves no purpose.

Respectfully,

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