

To: Mendocino County
Planning Department
Board of Supervisors

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Re: Personal experience of living next door to cannabis cultivation

Awakening to groups of people, silently making their way up a rural road at 2 am; watching them stand outside a locked gate - waiting for a guard to unlock the gate and let them in; unable to sleep night after night due to worry about what would happen next - these are some of the negative effects having a marijuana grow site existing next door to us in rural Mendocino county. We endured loss of privacy ; if we sat in our backyard, we could hear a person stand opposite us on the other side of the fence - smoking, occasionally coughing to let us know he was still there. We endured the stench when the marijuana was ripe. We endured the countless guard dogs that were brought in and chained, left to sit in the sun and if lucky, were able to escape. We were saddened by the presence of 3 small children who lived on the property. We were outraged by the times the farm was reported to authorities but it seemed nothing was done. When the home owner was finally brought to justice 6 years later, we were devastated to see the toxins, plants and rubbish left behind.

We object to the realtors who are promoting property on Fracchia rd for "cannabis cultivation " as well as the neighboring property on Bisby Ave as a "horticulture, packing and processing food items"

We realize there are now regulations on cannabis cultivation but having experienced the adverse effects of having marijuana grown in our neighborhood, we strongly encourage the planning department and board of supervisors to hear our pleas and provide our community with the distinction of a CANNABIS PROHIBITION DISTRICT. There are many untapped areas of land in our county that would provide the cannabis farmer with open land to cultivate which would not impact neighborhoods.

Please visit Bisby Ave and Fracchia Rd - speak to the neighbors, bask in the beauty created by the oak lined roads, the neighboring vineyards and the ambiance of the quiet neighborhoods. There are children, gardens, animals including horses, chickens, and goats who have been rescued and live happily here. We have lived near the vineyards for years - with minimal disruption to our lives. However, we are not equipped for industrial growth in these small rural neighborhoods.

We just want to continue living here as we have for many years; having raised our children, welcomed our grandchildren and now contemplating retirement. Please hear our plea and accept Bisby and Fracchia Rd as a CANNABIS PROHIBITION DISTRICT.

Thank you
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