

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Email to:

RyanSupervisor Sundberg
5th District

April 4, 2014

Supervisor Sundberg,

Last night I attend the Humboldt County Planning Commissioners meeting (4/3/14) and was completely taken aback at AGENDA Item #2. MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAND USE PHASE II; this was supposed to be a continuation of the hearing dated March 6, 2014. Instead I found at the bottom of the Item, Staff Recommendation: "*open public hearing; take public comment; continue Item 1 Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance Phase II to May 1, 2014 at 6:00 pm or appropriate date.*" On March approximately 60 people came forward to testify and the meeting ran over about an hour beyond their scheduled time so the chair recommended that "this hear be continued until the next regular Planning Commission meeting" and adjourned the meeting.

April 3, 2014, 6:00 pm the Planning Commission reassembled and opened the meeting. Item 2 was opened for testimony and three (3) people testified after which the Chair closed testimony and open for discussion by the commissioner. Only one commissioner asked about the possibility of extending the hearings and as to how it would affect the outcome of the Ordinance if it ran into the growing season how it might affect the growers and their crop costs.

A motion was passed to ask the BOS to appropriate extra funding for the budget so the Planning Commission could hold hearings in other areas of the county so they could hear from Garberville, Willow Creek and possible McKinleyville." **I request that you deny this funding**" and make the Planning Commissioner do their job! How many "Public Hearings" are needed to vet and Ordinance? This Ordinance was vetted in Garberville, McKinleyville and Willow Creek plus several community meetings held by individual Supervisors in their districts, plus two "Public Hearings" held at the Supervisors Chamber by the Planning Commission. Because of the declining interest at the second hearing (4/3/14) I see no need to continue this process and waste the tax payers money so the commissioners can travel around the county to hold more hearings. This proposed Ordinance has been publicized in the papers and the news and anyone who wished to come forward to speak their piece for or against it has had plenty of opportunity.

This Ordinance could NOT be passed and be in effect in time for the harvest if it was fast tracked! May 1, passed out of Planning Commission – earliest BOS could hear would be 6/3/14 – 30 days to pass and go into effect 7/8/14 – Certified by Coastal Commission as it makes a change to the Local Coastal Program (LCP) last of July mid August at the earliest.

Respectfully,
E.B. Duggan

Willow Creek CA

CC: Rex Bohn, Estelle Fennell, Mark Lovelace, Virginia Bass
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