

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

I want to address the issue of setbacks from residences. Currently the new part of the ordinance calls for a 300 foot setback between cannabis related activities and residences.

This is unacceptable for a number of reasons, especially in a residential community that shares fence lines with ag land.

The recommended 300' setback allows growers to utilize private property as part of their setback. How can neighbors ignore the presence of cannabis activity when it is so close to their back yards? 300 feet from residences means that if one's house is set 150 feet back from one's property line, cannabis related activities could be just 150 feet beyond their property line. Rural residents inhabit their properties as much as their homes, using them for family recreation, gardens, pets & animal husbandry, orchards, projects and many other things. Most ppl in rural communities spend part of each day outside. Three hundred foot setbacks for these neighborhoods from cannabis activities is **not** the way to support community compatibility.

The Petaluma Gap area is host to many grow sites. Most of them are on ranchlands and tucked well away from neighbors, and as long as the growers are environmentally responsible, they are not considered a problem.

However, when cannabis seeks to enter residential neighborhoods it becomes problematic. 300' setbacks from residences will set in motion a persistent, adversarial dynamic. However, 1000 feet from residences or 800' from property lines, could lessen many of the effects of having cannabis within sight, smell, and hearing of families and individuals who are heavily invested both financially and emotionally in their homes, properties, and communities.

Ample setbacks will go a long ways toward allowing all stakeholders to be compatible neighbors. Now is the time to set policy that will help rural communities and cannabis growers to be good neighbors. Please require 1000' setbacks from residences for cannabis related activities. Thank you.