

**Bennett Valley Citizens for a Ban on Commercial Marijuana Facilities
Petition to Preserve and Protect Bennett Valley 2018**

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

From: Residents of Bennett Valley, in unincorporated Sonoma County

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The residents of Bennett Valley believe that the County-approved Bennett Valley Area Plan is being violated by allowing any industrial and/or commercial marijuana operations. In addition to State of CA environmental regulations, State of California water resource guidelines, and the County’s responsibility to provide adequate police protection and safe roads, most major policies of the 1979 Bennett Valley Area Plan are not being followed if the county issues permits for industrial and/or commercial marijuana operations. The Bennett Valley Area Plan was developed with public hearings, research, and input of the Board and local residents recognizing the limited road capacity and access to the area, the open space & building design considerations, the residential character, and the minimum size parcel requirements to protect the area from development and commercialization. The elements of the adopted plan have been applied and enforced over many decades. Ignoring the tenets of the plan for any reason is a clear violation.

Specific to the Bennett Valley Area Plan, we point our Supervisors to the following Criteria for Exclusion in the proposed revisions to the Cannabis Ordinance: 1) Areas where there is inadequate road access or other conflicts; 2) Areas where the prevalence of cannabis operations is detrimental to the residential character of area; 3) Areas where, because of topography, access, water availability or vegetation, there is a significant fire hazard; 4) Areas with sensitive biotic resources or significant environmental sensitivity exists;

Accordingly, the residents request the Board of Supervisors to freeze, deny, or cancel all in process or future permits for industrial and/or commercial marijuana operations planned in Bennett Valley and further request **Bennett Valley be designated an Exclusion Zone where any commercial or large scale marijuana production or grow operations are prohibited.** Furthermore, all marijuana operations that may have already received a permit will have until the end of the current growing season to dismantle and cease operations, or by December 31, 2018, whichever comes first.

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