

# Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative

for the November 2022 Humboldt County Election Ballot

The purpose of the **Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative** is to amend the County's General Plan in order to protect residents, land owners and our beautiful natural environment from harm caused by large-scale industrial cannabis cultivation.

- 1. Support small-scale, high quality cannabis cultivation.**  
Structure and implement ordinances and policies that encourage small scale production while minimizing environmental and social impacts.
- 2. Prevent large-scale grows that damage the environment and harm the community.**  
Limit new and expanded commercial cannabis cultivation permits to Outdoor, Mixed-light Tier 1 and Nurseries with maximum cultivation area <10,000 sq ft.
- 3. Limit the number of permits and acreage under cannabis cultivation.**  
Cap the number of permits and acreage under cultivation just above those approved and existing as of March 4, 2022. Require a vote of the people to increase caps in the future.
- 4. Reduce the impacts of cannabis cultivation on water availability and water quality.**  
Prohibit reliance on diversions from streams and rivers for commercial cannabis cultivation between March 1 and November 15 of each year. Require analysis of the effects of groundwater usage on instream flows and other water users. Prohibit applicant self-certification of compliance with private road standards.
- 5. Ensure greater public participation and official accountability in decision-making.**  
Require expanded public notice of cannabis cultivation application. Expand the range of applications subject to discretionary review and public hearings.
- 6. Ensure that existing operations are inspected and compliance verified prior to permit renewal.**  
Require in-person, on-site inspections, correction of violations and investigation of complaints before permits can be renewed.
- 7. Limit use of generators in cannabis cultivation operations.**  
Over time, phase in requirements that limit generator size and restrict usage to emergency purposes for all commercial cannabis cultivation.

## Would You Like to Help?

We are in need of donations and volunteers to help with the petition signature drive.

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*A new vision for cannabis cultivation  
in Humboldt County*