

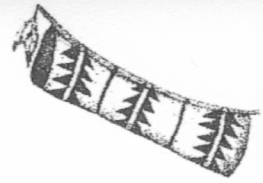
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Chairman Joe Davis

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Mark Thurmond DVM, PhD, Co-Sponsor, Humboldt Ballot Measure A, Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative

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Dear Dr. Thurmond,

I am writing on behalf of the Hoopa Valley Tribe to support Measure A, also known as the Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative, the purpose of which is to promote environmentally responsible cultivation practices and support watershed health for residents, property owners, and ecosystems.

In particular, we support provisions to stop expansion of industrial 'mega-grows' and set caps on total acreage and future permits. We sincerely appreciate the goals to reduce the overall cannabis footprint, promote healthy environments and rural communities, ensure public involvement in future decision-making processes and continue to transition the industry away from industrial mega-grows to small-scale, environmentally-minded cannabis farms.

We believe that the provision that disallows new wells that impair watercourses and springs benefits the Hoopa Valley Tribe greatly due to the fact that a majority of cannabis applications in the upper Supply watershed depend solely on wells as their primary water source. Although the Measure falls short on how enforcement will be paid for, we support it wholeheartedly as clean, healthy, and abundant water supplies are at the core of our traditional values. The health of our people and the wildlife we have relied on for sustenance for millennia depends on it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (530) 625-4211.

Sincerely,

Everett Colegrove Jr.,
Vice Chairman
Hoopa Valley Tribe