

Reader responds to Measure A My Word

Selena Rowan's My Word has the same misinformation that the Humboldt County Growers Alliance (HCGA) touts in their very well-funded, erroneous, campaign.

When HCGA tried to get Measure A removed from the ballot, Judge Canning in his decision against HCGA wrote: "The initiative or referendum is one of the most precious rights of our democratic process."

Rowan alleges "secrecy" and a "small inner circle." False! Development of Measure A included case-study analysis of agencies and public comments on the 2018 EIR, and nearly 200 interviews with organizations, businesses, cannabis farmers licensed or not, agencies, citizens, and HCGA executive director who became too busy fighting taxes to communicate.

Rowan wrote about proponents: "categorically stating that farmer's opinions don't matter." False! No such statement has ever been made.

Why is limiting the size and number of grows alarming? Rowan doesn't provide examples of how small farmers will be harmed. Rowan alleges that "planned 50 new habitat enhancement projects on small cannabis farms" funded by CDFW is ignored. False! It would be a violation of Measure A should the county discourage environmental practices including habitat enhancement, solar panels, and water tanks.

As the Hoopa Valley Tribe writes in their support: "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."

Read the initiative, at least the first 10 pages.
(<https://cannabisinitiative.org/initiative/>). Yes on Measure A.

— *Ann Alter, Kneeland*