

Let's return to small-scale, environmentally sensitive cannabis cultivation.

I am writing to encourage a “yes” vote on Measure A because I have personally witnessed the tremendous negative impacts of large-scale growing operations on the environment and the community. When I moved to Honeydew in 2000, it was a wonderful place to live, but this changed as industrial grows moved in.

I personally experienced my previously reliable well going dry because of creek diversions upstream. I witnessed landslides resulting from illegal grading, and the unprecedented deterioration of Mattole Road with the escalation of heavy truck traffic.

As crime increased, more and more fences blocked the vistas that were part of the valley's charm, and the glare of security lights polluted the once-dark night sky. The smell of diesel and the sound of generators filled the air of the valley that had once been such a special place to live.

I am voting for Measure A because I want to see a return to small-scale, environmentally sensitive cannabis cultivation that will support small, local growers and the great community that is Humboldt.

— *Jennifer Raymond, Ferndale*