

What about the county's pothole problem?

Thank you for sharing so many conflicting stories about Measure A-especially the money story, which we won't fully know for some time, if ever.

But your reporting on who has donated to the No On A campaign — mostly local growers, you say — isn't quite the whole story. It reveals as much as the Fair Political Practices Act requires, but there's at least one major contributor not named: Humboldt County taxpayers.

If we follow the money a little farther, readers will recall that a very large amount — comparable to Humboldt County's anticipated annual budget shortfall — was suspended from what the growers owed in cannabis taxes.

There was reason for the suspension — then as now, our elected and appointed officials and staff had worked tirelessly on behalf of this one segment of the population, which they blindly assumed would return endless millions in taxes. And surprise: bigger was not better.

So while our county officials — still tirelessly working on behalf of one segment of the public — continue to advocate for more and bigger grows, that tax burden will fall on the rest of us. Wouldn't it be nice to have some of that money fixing potholes instead of saying Bad Bad Bad along every county road?

— *Jerry Martien, Eureka*