

Reader questions objectivity of planning chair

The questionable impartiality of Humboldt's Planning Department regarding cannabis disturbs me. The latest example being the column by the Chairman of the Humboldt County Planning Commission opposing Measure A. He doesn't sound impartial. He urges people to read not Measure A itself, but the Planning Department's analysis of Measure A, which was heavily influenced by the Humboldt County Growers Alliance. He probably didn't read the Initiative himself, or the legal rebuttal to the Planning Department analysis.

His claim that "Cannabis farmers in Humboldt are already under stricter rules on water use than anyone else in the county or, actually, in the entire state" reminds me of the timber companies claiming California forest practice rules were stricter than any in the country, while their clear cut slopes were dumping sediment into our riverbeds.

— *Kate McClain, McKinleyville*