

## **Sign wars over Measure A in McKinleyville?**

I've been involved in several political campaigns in Humboldt. Always, there's been an unspoken agreement to not engage in personal attacks, to remain civil and to not tamper with each other's signs. The Measure A campaign is the first time I've ever seen such behavior and it is from those who oppose the measure.

In McKinleyville, nearly every Yes on A sign we have placed on personal property with permission has been removed. What kind of people do this? Many No signs are on road right of ways and other public property, which is not legal. What does this say about the No on A supporters? We all obey laws in order to maintain a safe and connected community. I wonder why the No on A people feel entitled to behave like this?

These same opponents have insulted the Measure A authors, attacking them by name. They know the initiative effort was born 2 years ago at Freshwater Grange because they were there along with over 100 people who wanted to do something about the harassment from the mega grows; harassment the County was doing nothing about. These same people who supported cannabis reform two years ago, then turned around and filed a lawsuit to keep the measure from the ballot. They didn't care about the 7,000 people who had signed the petition. The judge ruled against them, saying that all their claims were false. What does this tell us about the No on A people and their truthfulness?

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