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Calistoga City Council
Calistoga Planning Commission

RE: Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance

I wish to register my opposition to any outdoor growing of marijuana within Calistoga. I have extreme concerns about home invasion and trespassing issues which have brought numerous violent incidents to other communities and sometimes have impacted neighbors who are not even involved with marijuana growing due to wrong address, or inability of the criminals to determine exactly which property the drug is being grown. Sonoma County Sheriff's Department recently reported that over one third of all murders committed this year in their county were a direct result of drugs, with a large percentage of those marijuana growing related.

Furthermore, I do not want to lose usage of my outdoor areas because of the awful smell created by the growing, which many equate to a "skunk-like" stench.

No commercial growing for marijuana of any size operation should ever be allowed. The smell alone would drive away our proven industry of tourism. It would be like trying to maintain a tourist industry next door to the Richmond or Martinez oil refineries. Any revenue gained from so called cultivation grant money would be offset tenfold by decrease in current revenue streams.

Respectfully,



Scott Atkinson