

Lake County Association of REALTORS®

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November 10, 2016

CDD/Planning Commission
255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Re: Recommendations to Proposed Ordinance Amending Article 72 of the Lake County code

Dear Commissioners and Director Massarelli,

The Lake County Association of Realtors (the Association) has reviewed the current proposed changes to Article 72, Regulations for the Cultivation of Medical Marijuana. Along with reviewing the changes the Association has also reviewed a letter sent from one of our members, Bobby Dutcher, to Director Massarelli.

The Association is in agreement with Mr. Dutcher's observations and recommendations. There are also concerns about property rights, discrimination and inconsistencies that will promote litigation against the County of Lake.

Cultivation is being excluded from Agricultural (A) zoning and Timber Production Zoning (TPZ). Limiting what crops can be grown may be a violation of property rights. Zoning Districts A, APZ, TPZ, and RL specifically allow crop growing as a permitted use. Lake County needs to stay consistent with the intent of these regulations and not single out individual crops for exclusion.

It is important to level the playing field to ensure that a legitimate business opportunity does not become a money draining battle in the courts.

Sincerely,

Erin Woodward
2016 President
Lake County Association of REALTORS®

cc: Lake County Board of Supervisors
Carol J. Huchingson, County Administrative Officer
Robert Massarelli, Community Development Director

Brian Martin, Sheriff, County of Lake

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