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Dear Lake County Board of Supervisors

I'm writing this letter to voice my opposition to allowing a cannabis business at the site of the historic Kelsey Creek School House. With so many other alternatives available, why would the county put a historic spot in jeopardy. Because pot is still illegal at the federal level, by definition, it attracts a criminal element. Please vote no.

Sincerely,

Linda Maria Hedstrom

CANNABIS FARM IN BIG VALLEY

LMH comments, concerns re: Lake Co CDD Initial Study (IS)

- Lead in soil is common in county agriculture areas; has site been tested? Workers can be exposed. Lead is a HUGE health risk.
- Would plants proposed for above-ground potting beds be totally indoors? Proposed artificial light outside of normal daylight hours would be huge area impact. Initial Study says cultivation proposed as "year-round."
- Nothing mentioned about smell! Upper Lake illegal grows produce a huge seasonal smell problem. Carbon air filtration system required for greenhouses might not be sufficient (outdoor loading for transportation, etc.).
- Noise from security system (alarms?) can impact neighborhood.
- Since servicing of equipment is proposed on-site on impermeable surface, oil runoff/catchment system with off-site disposal should be required (similar to maintenance yards). Aquifer could be severely impacted by leaching oils, chemicals, etc.
- "Chemicals, fuel and fertilizer to be stored" on-site. County should require list of items to be stored to review for potential impact, including explosive and contamination potential.
- Applicant proposes using up to 16 seasonal workers. Initial Study doesn't address how/where they'll be housed. Farmworker housing is EXTREMELY limited in the county; hundreds of seasonal farmworkers live in illegal and substandard conditions annually during peak county agricultural harvest seasons. County's Housing Element Policy HE 4.14 states: *The County should not approve projects that reduce existing farmworker housing. Staff should work with applicants of all new project proposals to reduce both the direct loss of farmworker housing and possible negative impacts to farmworker housing providers.*

- Is the Kelsey Creek Schoolhouse listed on the state's list of historic structures? Was it mentioned by the CA Office of Historic Preservation? If not, why? If the schoolhouse isn't listed, isn't it potentially eligible to be listed and therefore should be considered with Initial Study potential impacts?
- The county's CDD CEQA checklist also failed to adequately address the following ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: *a) Hazards and hazardous materials* (storage of chemicals, fuel and fertilizer; exposure of people to lead-contaminated soil); *b) Hydrology/water quality* (potential to negatively impact Big Valley Groundwater Basin, including leaching chemicals, etc.); *c) Land use/planning* (Kelseyville Unified School District owns adjacent property and potentially could develop a future school facility there regardless of Agricultural zoning); *d) population/housing* (grossly inadequate farmworker housing available, particularly for seasonal workers. Must be addressed under both county Housing Element and state law).
- Additional local agencies need to respond to initial study. Air Quality Control District? Local agricultural commissioner? Was Kelseyville Unified asked to review and comment? Need to review those comments!!!