

Highland Farm project as it relates to Hunting

My name is Greg Pope and I have been a tax paying voter in Lake County for 21 plus years. I am here to support the appeal. My property is adjacent to Highland Springs County Park. I have been an avid hunter all my life, a paying member of multiple wildlife protection agencies. I am most concerned that our county officials will have knowingly allowed the violation of the 1,000 foot setback between the park and the cannabis grow project to be violated. Being a conscientious hunter, safety comes first with me. Did you consider that harvest season for cannabis coincides with hunting season in Zone A? I know hunters who have been hunting this zone for generations and know nothing of what is happening here today. You will have people with rifles within 100 feet of a group of individuals protecting their crop? The possibility of misinterpreted intentions between hunters and armed cannabis workers can have a deadly outcome.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE ONLY PARK IN THE COUNTY WHICH ALLOWS THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND THIS IS ALREADY A SERIOUS THREAT AND CAUSE OF MANY CALLS TO SERVICE WITH THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT. This is a park the county has always encouraged activities such as hunting on. By allowing this setback to be violated, a safety hazard is created. A gross violation of public safety. I am not against cannabis but allowing this in the middle of our park is violating too many regulations that are supposed to protect the public, not put them at risk. The job of our planning department is to allow land use of similar nature to be adjacent to each other. We could not get further apart than HUNTING AND GROWING

CANNABIS. That's all I have to say. Thank you for your time.

N.B:

It has come to my attention that the Lake County Community Planning Department not only requested an extension for the first appeal hearing but is now considering requesting a second extension. My research indicates that any changes made to the applicants permit are illegal and that if the applicant wishes to make any changes to the application they will need to submit an entire new application. But I am sure the planning commission and Bof S's is aware of this.