

Dear Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors:

Please uphold the Planning Commissioners' decision to deny the WeGrow's Major Use Permit UP 20-22 and Initial Study IS 20-25. I fully support their wise decision.

The one hundred plus oak trees they seek to remove will have a very significant negative impact! Oaks are a keystone species in our local ecosystem. Removal of these mature trees will affect the natural environment and habitat including a variety of plants, animals, and numerous bird species inhabiting the area.

Saplings cannot replace the value of mature trees and will take decades to contribute to the ecosystem as mature trees do. Our region has already been severely impacted by wildfire and tree loss.

This cannabis grow may or may not be short-lived based on current challenges facing the cannabis market, however, the negative impact of removing mature trees will be immediate and long-lasting. This devastation should not be allowed!

There have been many other shared concerns expressed by approximately 45 homeowners who share a property line or have a direct line of sight of this cannabis project site. They will be impacted in numerous ways by this including view, light and sound pollution, odors, and traffic. Road and electricity use will increase dramatically and the infrastructure is not truly suitable for the kind of increases in daily usage anticipated in the application. Impacts on the groundwater supply are an additional cause of concern.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lisa Kaplan