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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE S

The current Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance permits medical marijuana cultivation in residential and agricultural areas and provides reasonable opportunities to grow marijuana for personal use, regulates nuisances related to criminal and commercial cultivation, and provides guidelines for legitimate marijuana cultivators to be good neighbors. The County's ordinance was written with extensive input from all sides and it works.

Measure S **dramatically changes regulations** regarding size, location and manner in which marijuana may be cultivated and **removes important neighborhood protections** from nuisances associated with larger marijuana grows, including odors, noise, dust, traffic, glare, and hazardous materials, and **removes fencing, height and security** requirements that reduce criminal activity, exposures to children and neighborhood intimidation.

Measure S would:

- Increase areas allowed for medical marijuana cultivation in all zones
- Allow large agricultural grow areas in Residential Agricultural zones
- Allow indoor AND outdoor cultivation on the same parcel (currently either, but not both is allowed)
- Allow cultivation on parcels without a legal residence
- Eliminate prohibitions against cultivation in commercial, industrial, and business park zones
- Eliminate requirement for written landlord consent to cultivate marijuana
- Decrease setbacks from 1,000 feet to 600 feet from schools, churches, parks, licensed day care and youth-oriented facilities
- Eliminate setbacks from outdoor living areas on adjacent parcels
- Eliminate 1,000 foot setbacks from school bus stops, **allowing cultivation adjacent to school bus stops**
- **Remove special enforcement provisions.** Current law provides special due process provisions for enforcing this ordinance. Measure S **removes this entire section.**

Those of us who live in residential neighborhoods and on agricultural properties have a right to expect protection from nuisance and public safety issues associated with marijuana cultivation. Measure S removes that protection and returns Nevada County to a time when law enforcement lacked tools to protect us against nuisance growers. Vote NO on Measure S.

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