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The county needs to research what is actually happening where grows have already been established.

The Loma Chiquita fire was started by a generator that was used for a grow.

Having permitted grows seems like it should work, but that will not stop how the grows are actually taken care of by the growers.

People think that marijuana is grown without the use of chemicals and it's organic, but in reality chemicals are used to increase the harvest. These are usually chemical that are no longer allowed in the United States. We are no longer talked about plants, but trees that require a chainsaw to removed them.

Before subjecting the residence of the county to the smells, traffic, noise, and crime that come along with grows, speak with the enforcement agencies that deal with this on a daily basis.

Did anyone attend the three day marijuana conference that was held in San Jose last year? If so, remember not one of the areas that have permitted commercial grows said that it was working out for them. They are not seeing the tax revenue that everyone seems to think will jurisdictions will get. They have had to increase their law enforcement staff to deal with the increase in crime.

If commercial grows are going to be permitted, they should be in **Industrial Zoned areas, not Agriculture or Rural Residential** areas of the county. They should be treated the same as the canneries that are in the county.

Would you want this next to your house? Do you want your kids or grandkids smelling this when they are playing in the backyard? Who will be responsible for property values falling because this is next to your house?

Before passing this, maybe spend a day with the **Santa Clara County MET team** during an eradication and actually see what happens at a grow. Most people would be surprised, it's not as organic as everyone thinks and it's going into your water shed.

Santa Cruz County is not ready to take this on. Our road infrastructure is not sufficient as it is, now add another reason for people to jam Highway 1 and 17. Trying to get law enforcement to respond to the rural areas of the county is a miracle as it is, now add this on top.

**Until you have actually seen how things are in the field, subjecting the residence of this county to having this next door is atrocious.**