



Public Comment #30

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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I urge you to oppose item 16 - allowing the cultivation of cannabis.

I urge you to support item 30 - allowing the cultivation of industrial hemp.

The sheriff's opposition to growing hemp (item 30) details his fears that cannabis will be planted in with the hemp, that school kids will be endangered, that the scent will be noxious, and all this is because people ignore signs and rules. Yes, cannabis is dangerous to people who have mental illness, as detailed in this article on the SAMHSA website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/marijuana>

If you follow the Sheriff's reasoning, you will oppose item 16.

However, I take issue with the Sheriff's position on hemp. In fact, hemp is an industrial plant with many benefits. Consider the research of the Rodale institute, [Industrial Hemp Trial - Rodale Institute](#), which states that:

"As a cover crop, hemp enhances soil health by shading out weeds—reducing the need for synthetic herbicides—and adding diversity to [crop rotations](#), improving [soil health](#).

Hemp is also versatile in the market, with thousands of uses for its seed, oil, and fiber. Hemp can be used to make textiles, building material, livestock bedding, paper products, bioplastics, and more. It is stronger and more durable than cotton, yet requires less space and less water to grow."

Please take more time to consider the cons of cannabis and the pros of hemp and revise your responses to these two items. It makes no sense at all to promote cannabis cultivation while suppressing hemp cultivation.

Industrial Hemp Trial - Rodale Institute

Rodale Institute is exploring the potential of Industrial Hemp as a cash or cover crop to address weed pests and...

Thank you for your consideration.

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