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**BALLOT MEASURE PRIMARY ARGUMENT SUBMISSION FORM**

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Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Primary Argument in **FAVOR** of: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Argument **AGAINST**: Marijuana - (Coc: mature Cannabis Cultivation)

1.	Name: <u>Coastside Against Commercial Marijuana</u>	Title (optional):
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Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>		Date: <u>8/12/18</u>
2.	Name: <u>Joaquin Jimenez</u>	Title (optional):
Phone:		Email:
Address:		
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>		Date: <u>8/12/18</u>
3.	Name: <u>Coastside Against Commercial Marijuana</u> <u>Rosa Brady, MD</u>	Title (optional): <u>Secretary</u>
Phone:		Email:
Address:		

Signature: <i>Kora Burdy</i>		Date: 8/12/18
4.	Name:	Title (optional):
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Signature:		Date:
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Argument Against Measure \_\_\_\_ (re: Mature Cannabis Cultivation)

Vote NO on Marijuana Cultivation!

Allowing commercial mature marijuana cultivation in our residential neighborhoods will have irreversible negative impacts on the youth, environment, public safety, quality of life and culture of our community

Commercial marijuana farms, with millions of dollars of inventory, are an attractive target for armed robberies and will increase the risk of crime in our rural communities. Legal marijuana operations in Carpinteria, Monterey, and Sonoma County have been targeted by armed robbers.

Moreover, commercial grow operations may increase black market grow operations on the coast. Law enforcement sources in Colorado, Washington and Oregon report that commercialization has allowed black market growers – often associated with international cartels - to masquerade as legal grow sites.

Marijuana farms are incompatible with the coastal/family culture of HMB and will negatively impact residents' quality of life. Residents of Carpinteria, Greenfield, Sonoma County as well as Oregon, Colorado and Washington have had their quality of life impaired and property values decreased by obnoxious odors from marijuana greenhouses, bright lights, noise from equipment and greenhouse fans and increased traffic. Marijuana farms don't belong adjacent to residential neighborhoods and should be situated only in commercial or industrial zones.

Marijuana greenhouses have the potential to negatively affect the environment with their high energy and excessive water demands, using twice as much water as wine grape cultivation.

Growing marijuana will displace existing crops, disrupting our existing farming industry and its workers.

Research also shows a connection between marijuana cultivation and retail operations and increased use by youth – including use of more potent forms of marijuana.

The risks posed by this industry to our public safety, youth, environment and quality of life far outweigh any benefits. Join with us and vote NO!

Coastsiders Against Commercial Marijuana

Anne Martin, President

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