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BALLOT MEASURE PRIMARY ARGUMENT SUBMISSION FORM

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form. In addition to the information provided here, the argument shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) who submitted it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association or citizens/organization, the name of the association or organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Primary Argument in FAVOR of:

Primary Argument AGAINST: Measure — (re: Nursery Ordinance)

1.	Name: <u>Coastaliders Against Commercial Marijuana</u>	Title (optional):
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]
	Address: <u>Half Moon Bay CA 94019</u>	
	Signature: <u>[REDACTED] President</u>	Date: <u>8/12/2018</u>
2.	Name: <u>Jim Williams</u>	Title (optional):
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]
	Address: <u>Half Moon Bay CA 94019</u>	
	Signature: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Date: <u>8/12/18</u>
3.	Name: <u>Joaquin Jimenez</u>	Title (optional):
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]
	Address: <u>Half Moon Bay</u>	

Signature:	[Redacted]	Date:	8/12/18
4.	Name: Coastside Against Commerce Rosa Brody, MD	Title (optional):	<del>secretary</del> <sup>EB</sup> secretary
Phone:	[Redacted]	Email:	[Redacted]
Address:	Half Moon Bay, CA 94019		
Signature:	[Redacted]	Date:	8/12/18
5.	Name:	Title (optional):	
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Signature:		Date:	

With their signature, signers state that they have read the argument and believe it to not be false or misleading.

PLEASE ATTACH A HARD COPY OF THE ARGUMENT TO THIS FORM. AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE ARGUMENT IN WORD FORMAT IS ALSO REQUIRED. THIS MUST BE SENT TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE, OR YOU MAY SUBMIT A FLASH DRIVE WITH THE WORD DOCUMENT.

Argument Against Measure \_\_\_\_ (re: Nursery Ordinance)

Vote NO on \_\_\_\_

Allowing commercial cultivation of immature cannabis plants in HMB gives the cannabis industry a foothold from which it will aggressively lobby to be allowed to grow mature marijuana plants, sell marijuana products and manufacture marijuana concentrates and edibles. This is their stated goal. The body of evidence showing the significant public health, safety, and environmental threats posed by this industry continues to grow as documented in a recent report: **Lessons Learned From Marijuana Legalization in Four States and DC.** by Smart Approaches to Marijuana (learnaboutsam.org).

Marijuana cultivation could have significant negative environmental impacts on our fragile coastal environment due to high water and energy demands. Opening the door to this industry not only puts our environment at risk but also our youth – by sending a message that marijuana is “just like any other crop”, which normalizes its use and contributes to their belief that marijuana is harmless. Representatives of the San Mateo County Health Department have testified to the known risk to youth of “normalizing” the production, distribution, and use of marijuana.

Growing marijuana in HMB will displace existing crops which we will never get back, permanently harming our farmers and the many Latino workers.

Religious leaders, the school community and its leaders, and the Latino community are all opposed to commercial cannabis in HMB. Public sentiment, as seen in many meetings, is against commercial cannabis in HMB. Join with us and vote NO on \_\_\_\_.

The oversaturated California cannabis industry produces 13.5 million pounds of pot per year while only 2.5 million pounds is consumed by California residents. It makes no sense to cultivate more of this plant especially when it poses such a risk to our youth, the environment, and our community.

Coastiders Against Commercial Marijuana

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