

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE A

Measure A is a referendum on Ordinance 4075 adopted by the Butte County Board of Supervisors. A referendum submits a Board-adopted ordinance to a vote of the County's registered voters. On February 11, 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 4075, amending Chapter 34A of the Butte County Code. A referendum petition to either repeal Ordinance 4075 or submit it to the voters received the required number of signatures. On June 10, 2014, the Board of Supervisors chose to submit the Ordinance to the voters. If approved by the voters, Ordinance 4075 would:

1. Set cultivation limits based on cultivation area, by lot size:

<u>Lot size (acres)</u>	<u>Cultivation area</u>
0-0.5	Indoor only (detached structure 120 square feet maximum);
0.5 – less than 5.0	50 square feet;
5.0 – less than 10.0	100 square feet; and
10.0 plus	150 square feet.

2. Permit cultivation indoors or outdoors on lots greater than 0.5 acre;

3. Require minimum recommendations:

- lots 0.5 – 5.0 acres in size must have one or more recommendations associated with the plants;
- lots 5.0 – 10.0 acres in size must have two or more recommendations associated with the plants; and
- lots 10.0 or more acres in size must have three or more recommendations associated with the plants.

4. Require a single cultivation area, length and width of the cultivation area shall not exceed a ratio of 2:1;

5. Require cultivation and harvesting setbacks from property lines (with exceptions for unusual hardships):

<u>Lot size (acres)</u>	<u>Setback (feet)</u>
0 - 0.5	15;
0.5 - less than 5.0	50;
5.0 - less than 10.0	75; and
10.0 plus	150.

6. Provide that any person may make a complaint relating to violations;

7. Require that growers reside in Butte County for one year prior to cultivating;

8. Require growers have a permitted permanent water well or connection to municipal water, not engage in unpermitted drawing of water and not permit illegal discharges of water;

9. Prohibit cultivation:

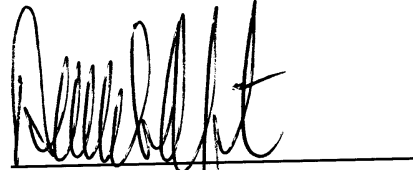
- within 1,000 feet of a school, park or similar facility;
  - within 600 feet of a school bus stop;
  - within 100 feet of an occupied residential structure on an adjacent parcel, with exceptions;
  - in any location where plants are visible from a public right of way; and
  - in certain designated zones.
10. Require growers to obtain landlord's written consent to cultivate;
  11. Require fencing unless grown on 5 acres or more and not in public view;
  12. Impose civil penalties of \$500 per day for the first violation and \$1,000 per day for each subsequent violation.

A "yes" vote means you support implementing these provisions.

A "no" vote means you do not support implementing these provisions.

If a majority of the votes cast on the measure are "yes", then the measure will be approved and Ordinance 4075 will become effective. If a majority of the votes cast on the measure are "no", then the measure will not be approved and Ordinance 4075 will not become effective.

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Butte County Counsel

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The above is an impartial analysis of Measure A. If you desire a copy of Measure A, please visit <http://buttevotes.net> or contact the Butte County Elections Office as 25 County Center Drive, Suite 110, Oroville, CA 95965, (530) 538-7761 or (800) 894-7761 within Butte County and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.