



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors  
501 Low Gap Road  
Ukiah, CA 95482

August 2, 2021

Re: Agenda Item 4f for 08/03/2021 - Disband the Cannabis Licensing Ad Hoc Committee  
Consisting of Supervisors Haschak and Williams

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Honorable Supervisors,

On August 4th, 2020, the Board of Supervisors formed an Ad Hoc Committee to "work with staff and outside agencies on a pathway for cannabis cultivators to get their annual licenses." MCA appreciates the efforts of this Cannabis Ad Hoc to date. Given the lack of annual cultivation permits and State annual cultivation licenses in Mendocino County, and the likely success of a referendum to overturn Chapter 22.18, it is clear that this work is far from done, even if the existing committee has run its course.

In light of recent events and the everchanging County and State cannabis programs, MCA supports the CEO's report that "issues would be better addressed in another format" and strongly recommends the formation of a Standing Committee to continue the laborious task of both overseeing the MCP and providing EVERY potential pathway for Mendocino's cannabis community to obtain their annual licenses. Along these lines, we have submitted a separate memo identifying our three most pressing items to be addressed by this Standing Committee.

Additional complex issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

1. Portal process oversight and direction.
2. Support, Guide and Supervise MCP staff in a practical manner.
3. Gather and implement valuable stakeholder input as all processes progress.
4. Review of Appendix G application process and timelines.
5. SSHR review process and timeline.
6. Statistical data reports and analysis to be used for economic development, etc.
7. In the event that a land use ordinance comes into effect, there will be many issues that will need to be directly addressed with a committed leadership team.
8. Development of licensing solutions for new and legacy operators who have not yet been able to enter the regulated market

For these reasons and more, it is clear that a Standing Committee with a broad scope of work, meeting at least bi-weekly, should be formed.

**We further request that the Standing Committee appoint experts and stakeholders to serve the Committee and to participate in workshop-style meetings.** This will ensure that issues which require greater than 3 minute input have a mechanism to be fully explored in the context of the Public accountability protections of the Brown Act.

In service to the health of our community, our environment, and our local economy, we remain committed to working with the Board to most effectively represent the diverse needs of the wide range of constituents within our County. As always we are available to provide support in this process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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