



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

January 3, 2021

Re: **Item 6A on 1/5/2021** - Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Priorities, Roles and Responsibilities and Development of a Long Term Strategic Plan for Mendocino County
(*Sponsor: Supervisor Haschak*)

Honorable Supervisors,

MCA appreciates the intention to develop a Long Term Strategic Plan for Mendocino County. We are concerned that cannabis is not identified explicitly in the Department Level Plans Matrix attached to the agenda item.

We recommend that a 'Cannabis Development Plan' be incorporated into the Planning and Building Department's plan matrix. Cannabis falls outside of the general plan, due to the fact that cannabis is not currently designated as an agricultural crop. The cannabis industry also has its own permitting process, fee schedule, taxes, etc. Not including a specific plan for cannabis industry and program development would be a dereliction of the County's due diligence on behalf of a multi-million dollar source of tax revenue and an essential sector of the local economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments, questions, and recommendations. We appreciate your careful consideration of the points we have raised.

Sincerely,

Mendocino Cannabis Alliance