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Mendocino County  
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Subject: Exempt Industrial zones from requirement for cultivation site to be legal parcel prior to 1/1/16

Honorable Supervisor Brown,

Thank you for your efforts in creating appropriate cannabis regulation policy. In yesterday's session the Board suggested for staff to include a restriction limiting cultivation permits to parcels that were legal prior to 1/1/16. I am writing to express my concern over this limitation and respectfully request the Board modify to either:

1) Include an exception for property located in an Industrial Zoning District (I-1, I-2, and P-I)

Or

2) Include an exception for property located in an Industrial Zoning District (I-1, I-2, and P-I) with an *approved* subdivision prior to 1/1/16

With the aim of complying with evolving regulation, I purchased a property that has a preferred zoning for cannabis businesses in order to be able to continue to cultivate legally. It is an Industrial zoned subdivision property. I have been working very hard to complete the conditions of this 4 parcel subdivision that was *approved* prior to 1/1/16 and will be completed in early 2017. Extensive energy and resources have been spent to complete the subdivision and plans have been made for cannabis businesses on this subdivision.

Refining the ordinance to allow cultivation on legal parcels completed after 1/1/16 in Industrial Zoning Districts is consistent with the aim of ensuring minimal public nuisance. This modification will also help facilitate the possibility of enterprise zones in the future that encourage co-location in appropriate areas. Your consideration in carving out an exception for parcels in Industrial zones is critical to ensuring cannabis businesses have appropriate areas where they can legally thrive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Pope

