

June 1st 2021

Re: BOS 6/2/2021 Agenda Item 4a

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the memo submitted by the Covelo Cannabis Advocacy Group regarding Agenda Item 4a.

The recommendations outlined by CCAG address some of the numerous tax inequalities that exist in the tax structure implemented for cannabis cultivators as opposed to all other businesses operating in Mendocino County. The claim has been made by the BOS that cannabis needs to be seen and treated as a legitimate industry rather than viewed through the lens of “prohibition “. I agree with this narrative however in actuality the cannabis industry in our county experiences gross and blatant inequalities from ordinance design, regulations, implementation and tax structure.

The CCAG recommendations outlined begin to bring cannabis into alignment with all other businesses operating in Mendocino County.

I hope you will consider these tax restructuring recommendations.

Thank You,  
Leslie Hines