

November 29, 2023

Dear Board Of Supervisors,

My name is Sean Connell, I was the Cannabis Program Manager for Mendocino County from January 2019 to October 2019, and the Cannabis Division Director of the Trinity County Planning Department from March 2022 to November 2022. Prior to January 2019, I worked for Mendocino County Planning and Building Department. I am currently a Code Enforcement Officer with the City of Ukiah and have been since January of 2023.

I am very familiar with the operations of Kure Wellness since 2016, and very aware that there were sales occurring from the back door since its inception. This practice was open and notorious; County workers certainly were aware that sales were occurring from the backdoor, prior to 2018. Often when I was present at the location, customers would routinely have their purchases of clones and other products delivered to their vehicle from the back door Drive In area. Patients were not forced to come into the facility in order to complete the transaction. I knew this had been happening and I did not have an issue with the ongoing drive-in operations. At that time in the regulations it was in the regular course of dispensary operations to allow for drive-in/drive thru purchases and deliveries for patients in need.

Kure Wellness's owner, Russ Green, as well as his family, have always been strong supporters of the cannabis industry and community as a whole here in Mendocino County. I implore this board to take a broad approach in determining the allowance of continued drive thru operations for Kure Wellness. Allowing Russell to continue drive thru operations will serve as a testament to the approach the County has given to ensure business success regardless of industry endeavors. As the entire region has had a huge financial impact since the insertion of ill prepared regulations on an existing industry. Kure is committed to being a longstanding supportive member of our community, and helps locally whenever possible and has done a lot of good for our community as a whole.

Having a drive in / drive thru has always been an accepted part of Kure's operations. Originally when applications were accepted there was no place to designate an ongoing operation of a drive thru and Kure was never told that it needed to do so in order to have the operations accepted. There was no process at that time to apply for a drive thru and if operations were allowed to continue as they always had been a drive thru will be grandfathered in for this location. Routinely patients who were not capable of getting in and out of their vehicle could be served at their vehicle, and clones would routinely be brought by a worker to a customer's car around the back side of the building. This was part of the permitted operations prior to 2018. While our county may not have had sophisticated application processes at the time, Russ was very clear in his communications with the County that he wanted to continue all the operations that he had previously been permitted to do.

I know well how hard it is for cannabis operators here in Mendocino County, Please decide in favor of continued allowance of Kure's drive thru, so that Russ can continue to exemplify the stellar business model and supportive philanthropic efforts that he is so well known in this community for doing.

I could not be more in favor of allowing this continued use to Russ and believe the county should take action to support this locally owned and operated facility that has served our community from the ground up.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Connell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sean Connell

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