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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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Mendocino County Permit:

AG-2017-0104

Expiration: 02/15/2019*

*Waiting on renewal appointment.

CDFA Provisional License:

PML18-0001545

Expiration: 04/19/2020

RE: May 14, 2019 Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee Report

Dear Supervisors:

As a licensed cultivator and business owner, my role is to generate profits and tax revenue for the county. Mendocino County's role is to ensure economic stability and growth opportunities to the business owner. It doesn't matter if I own a convenience store or a cannabis business - the responsibilities of both sides are the same.

Unfortunately, neither side has been able to accomplish these goals within the last two years. As in most startup scenarios, a period of 2-3 years are needed to stabilize and bring profitability. If this program does not choose a course, hinder the growth or support the growth -- a hefty percentage of cannabis business owners will not be profitable enough to support the cost recovery standards and tax revenue projections.

Transferability. Support a clear path for all Phase 1 permits to transfer into the name of a new applicant without the use of a Use Permit or Administrative Permit and retaining the setbacks from Phase 1.

Live Scan. Support the option to streamline the Live Scan and definition of an Owner with CDFA. Allow the Applicant to provide the County with proof that the Owner Application was accepted in the permit application. In my experience CDFA has been much more efficient than dealing with the county. CDFA has a solid process to review owner records and allow for appeals.

Tree Removal. Support to not hinder the ability for Applicants and Permit Holders to create a defensible space of 100 feet around homes, developed sites and structures. Consider a notification process for cultivators to alert Planning & Building when they need to clear trees and brush which would dramatically increase the chance of surviving a fire and assist in firefighter safety.

Cooperatives. Support all efforts to promote and encourage cultivators to form cooperatives.

Sincerely,

Courtney Bailey