

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

We again write to urge you to consider removing the 10% expansion & adding in an EIR today! With the talk of the County possibly receiving \$18 million from the State through the Governor's Trailer Bill for the sole purpose of helping Provisional licenses become Annual license, it seems that part of that money would serve the County well to fund the EIR. And with the delay of the Cannabis Program accepting NEW applications for cultivation, at least through the declared drought emergency, we now have the time to do the EIR &or even CEQA countywide. Then, for any expansion above what is already covered for Phase 1 & 2 by the MND, once we have the data, we consider appropriate growth.

Obviously, it is easier to regulate a smaller overall number of businesses in any sector, but large industrial farms are not the answer for cannabis in Mendocino County. At a time when the small farms need County support to navigate the State process more than ever, it seems the County is turning its back on the heritage & the ethos of to the local industry. MCA & CCAG offer real ideas from people long working in the field & the focus of their memos to you have been on point throughout the process of creating a workable, equitable, viable ordinance for all. We belong to these industry associations & we support what they say. We are Phase 1 farmers, who hold a County permit (not an embossed receipt) & a State provisional license. We continue on the regulatory path many times over that past few years were sure we were about to reach the finish line, yet each time we get there, the County moves the goal posts.

We see that in addition to the CCAO item, there is a water emergency item on the agenda today, as well as an item to bring back a cap at a later date. These agenda items show that you yourselves, or at least County counsel, even believe this ordinance is not yet finished by the fact that you are already offering to amend it. So then, why pass it as-is today? It's a big decision worthy of questioning, especially when you are no longer on a time crunch nor will you lack the funds & it's clear to all that it needs a more measured approach?

Democracy demands compromise while drought, fires, climate crisis do no such thing!!! Instead the environment begs us to slow down & seek information to be able to create the absolute best practices for the most sustainable future. There has been so much work to get to this point & so much more still needs be done to align Mendocino County's cannabis program with Mendocino County's cannabis reputation of being some of the best in the world. To end on the same note where we began... We again write to urge you to consider removing the 10% expansion & adding in an EIR today! Thank you again for your attention & consideration!

Sincerely, Laura & Marty Clein

Mendocino County Residents

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