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Subject: Procedural Change Requests - Cannabis Program - for Meeting on 8/22

Subj: Procedural Change Requests (No Amendment to Ordinance Needed)

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

The following requests are taken from the letter submitted by Casey O'Neill and are, to my knowledge, changes that can be made procedurally rather than through by amending the ordinance. Please consider the following:

1. Formation of Cannabis Advisory Group - Please give staff direction to move forward with the creation of an advisory group on a fast timeline (60 days) made up of volunteer stakeholders who report directly to the Board of Supervisors at each Regular Meeting.
2. Better Communication with State Agencies - Please give staff direction to make communication with state agencies a primary responsibility of the Cannabis Manager and have list this as one of the key purposes of the Cannabis Advisory Group.
3. Require Progress Reports - Please give staff direction to include regular progress reporting on the status of the overall program at each meeting in conjunction with the reporting of the Advisory Group.
4. Good Standing Status - Please give staff direction to incorporate a status of 'Good Standing' by way of a provisional permit for all applicants who have begun the submission process and not been denied for any reason. This is important for for cultivators to meet State Licensing requirements.
5. Provisional Permits for Exception Zones - Please give staff direction to allow applicants seeking an Exception as part of the Overlay Process to submit their applications and receive provisional permits so they may continue operating while they wait for the Exception process to be implemented.
6. Trimming/Processing - Please give Planning & Building staff direction to allow for trimming/processing for Cultivators with fewer than 5 employees in structures without requiring commercial building permits or ADA compliance.
7. Hoop Houses - Please give Planning & Building staff direction to expand the definition of hoop houses so as not to be so restrictive, and to not have hoop houses phased out over time.
8. Delayed Submission of Plans extended to 180 days - Please give Planning & Building staff direction to increase the timeframe for delayed submission of plans from 60 days to 180 days.
9. Confirm Outstanding Building Issues have 1 year for amnesty - Please confirm that people have 1 year to resolve outstanding building issues as part of the amnesty program and that these issues will not be cause for denial of a permit.

Sincerely,

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