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Subject: Dec 19th Meeting

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I would first like to say thank you for your continued efforts to help the cannabis cultivators in our county obtain a permit to cultivate under the new commercial model.

I have a few comments for the December 19th meeting.

Agenda Item 5J

I fully support the board adopting ordinance 16.08.015 allowing the use of portable toilets. This is such a great step forward and a wonderful compromise for small farmers of our community and I hope you will all vote Yes!!!

Agenda Item #4AA

I fully support the board's approval of the Building Amnesty Extension thru June of 2018. This will only help to get more buildings into compliance. At the same time this will help strengthen the participation level of the cannabis cultivation ordinance for many people in our county struggling with building issues and lack of funds to bring them into compliance. This extension will help many people across the spectrum.

Agenda Item #5H

Chief Ajax Letter dated Dec. 4th 2017

I would like to thank John McCowan for your letter to Chief Ajax on Dec 4th. You addressed very important topics regarding the state licensing program and how necessary revisions need to be implemented for it to work with our local county ordinance. I would like to state that if the state is unwilling to change the track and trace issue in regards to temporary licenses, that the county work with small farmers and allow a 120 day grace period for those obtaining a temporary permit with the state by not requiring them to participate in the county track and trace. Once they receive their state issued regular license, then require cultivators to participate in the local track and trace program. Thank you John McCowan for speaking about the 1 acre cap in your letter as well. It's so important that the state recognizes small farmers as we move forward into 2018 and I personally appreciate your efforts to include language about this in your letter.

Agenda Item #4k

I am in support of the board's Authorization to Release a County Counsel Opinion, Pursuant to the Request of the Public Health, Safety and Resources Standing Committee, on the Ability of Mendocino County to Exempt Limited Density Rural Dwellings (Class K) from Otherwise Required California Building Code Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) and Fire Sprinkler Standards

Building Use/Ag Exempt Permits

I fully support all of the recommendations Scott Ward has made in regards to ag exempt structures, portable toilets, revisions to the Class K ordinance. I hope these revisions can be implemented as soon as possible since temporary state cultivation licenses are now available.

Please reduce the cost of the ag-exempt hoop house to reflect a more accurate cost of construction to \$2 per sq foot instead of the proposed \$9. This is WAY too expensive for a structure that is made purely of pvc pipe and plastic. The whole point of the hoop house construction is that it's affordable to construct and saves small farmers lots of money. By adding an extremely high permit fee to the equation, the county will be doing a great dis-service to the entire intent of a hoop house structure. Please consider a more affordable permit fee amount.

Zoning Clearance

I would also like to see RL, FL and TPZ parcels that want to increase their garden size to be required to obtain a zoning clearance instead of an administrative permit.

Trimming

I am wondering if the board can please consider some sort of special permit for the trimming of cannabis without the need for a commercial structure. Is it possible folks can set up a table outside without the need for a building to trim the cannabis as a compromise? There is not much needed for cannabis processing of flowers at this basic level and if it will be okay for cultivators to make tinctures out of their kitchen, we should allow cultivators to be able to use basic scissors to trim small leaves off of a flower into a tray. This is the final issue that is a major hangup for many small cultivators. Please find some solution to this very important topic. The state is allowing cultivators the ability to process their OWN cannabis on site without the need to apply for a processing license, so can the county please follow this lead by making a special permit type for the sole purpose of processing their OWN cannabis onsite, especially if they do not employ anyone to do this task. That's what small cottage farming is all about.

Thank you board of supervisors for all your hard work in 2017. We small farmers really appreciate your efforts to work with us to find compromises that can work for the greater good of this county while maintaining the integrity of the law and our codes.

Happy holidays to everyone!

Sincerely,
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