

**Willetta Callaghan - Cannabis Update BOS meeting April 10th**

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Dear Honorable Board

I'm sorry I can't be here today but was asked to speak at the Sonoma County BOS Meeting

As we look at the new Canna numbers it's still clear that the small cultivator is not coming into the program at the same rate as the Large operators. It's clear that this is a concern of the majority of the candidates running for office. What are we doing to bring more small cultivators into the program? Now that we have a cannabis manager should we extend the time cultivators have to come into the program past June 30th? Let's let Mr. Overton get his program into gear to see how many more cultivators we can get into the program. The Social media outreach is only 3 weeks old

After the last BOS meeting, I was greatly concerned that we are moving away from the purposely built program for the success of the small farmer. If the cultivator made it through the Mendocino requirement they had a very high chance of success at the state. With talk of "Just having proof of submittal" I fear will leave our smaller cultivators down an expensive road many can't afford. If we change it to get them a Mendocino permit quickly they might be under the false impression they will qualify for a state permit. Do we really want to just get money from local cultivators just see them fail at the state level.? That's not what my impression of the last 2 plus years has been about