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Subject: 4/23 BOS Meeting Comments - Cannabis Events

Dear Board of Supervisor, CEO & Cannabis Manager,

I've been participating with the 'Non cultivation license types Working Group', in particular to understand what the process will be to hold Cannabis Events in Mendocino County. In our discussions Vandy with Building & Planning Services, has indicated that as long as the venue was already approved for events by the county there would be no other requirements as long as all CA Cannabis Events Regulations are followed & a Temporary Cannabis Event Licenses has been approved. I'm now understanding that an Events ordinance might also need to be added to **Ordinance No. 4394, which adopted Chapter 6.36 – Cannabis Facilities Businesses and Chapter 20.243 – Cannabis Facilities.**

I'm now moving forward towards my goal of hosting cannabis events at the Black Oak Ranch, north of Laytonville. The first event would be a cannabis space at the Kate Wolf Music Festival (KWMF), June 27th-30th.

I will be renting vendor space from the KWMF to set up a cannabis event that would consist of 5-6 retail booths, a cannabis informational booth & a lounge area. The cannabis event area will be for 21 and over and not visible from any public place or non-age-restricted area & follow all of the State Cannabis Events regulations. There will be security at the entrance & someone to check ID's. We will also have a 21 year & older specific wristband given to vetted patrons.

For several years, except last year, KWMF has had a space like this when cannabis was regulated by SB420, it was ran successfully & without any negative or legal problems.

In order to apply for the **Temporary Cannabis Event License Application**, I will need to have a letter of 'Local Authorization' to submit with the application. The State requires that the application be filed 60 days before the first day of the event so I'm on a tight timeline. Which means I need to fill this week but can only do so if the county can give 'Local Authorization' in a timely matter.

In reading the proposed language regarding cannabis events in the coastal ordinance, **Sec.20.538.050 – Cannabis Events in CHAPTER 20.538– COASTAL CANNABIS FACILITIES CODE – DRAFT 4.23.19 which reads:**

Sec.20.538.050 – Cannabis Events

(A) An event at which cannabis is retailed shall apply for a permit pursuant to Section 20.460.020, including events of less than 100 people, provided, however, that venues shall also be subject to the following:

(1) The event venue shall be permitted with the state licensing body.

(2) The parcel(s) on which the event is located shall be located at least six hundred (600) feet from any youth center, school, and/or park. The distance between the uses listed in the preceding sentence and the event shall be measured in a straight line from the property line of the event venue to the nearest point of any fenced, maintained or improved area where the users of the sensitive receptor are typically present during normal hours of operation.

(3) All retailers shall be licensed with both local and state entities.

It would seem this language could be recommended for the inland ordinance & go through the county process in time.

Please let me know as soon as possible what is possible.

Thank you,
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