

To: Board of Supervisors  
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Local Farmer  
Re: Cultivation and Economic Development Ad Hoc Committees

As of this date, there have been no public meetings scheduled regarding the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee and only one introductory meeting in three locations regarding the Cultivation Ad Hoc Committee. Additionally, I haven't noticed the Ad Hoc Committees providing any reports during the monthly BOS meetings (I haven't been at every BOS meeting so I may have missed a report).

**I would like to request** that the BOS appoint a working group made up of community members who would be willing to volunteer to work with the Ad Hoc Committees. This group can be made up of cannabis industry people as well as those who are not.

There have been many issues that have been addressed by the public during public comment that this group can take and work on to come up with solutions, terminology, and do problem solving. This group could then meet with the Ad Hoc Committees and present these issues for dialog and hopefully, logical and fair implementation. The BOS has the final say anyway, so why not give it a try.

Personally, I have volunteered to be on the Policy Committee of a local cannabis alliance. This group has been in the process of formally organizing so I am not speaking for this alliance, I am only speaking for myself; but I can say that I and many members of the Policy Committee are committed help the stakeholders and the county address the many problems with our current local ordinance.

Many of us come to Board of Supervisor meetings and voice our concerns and present solutions, yet we don't seem to be moving forward effectively with the Board of Supervisors. Being allowed to actually work with the Ad Hoc Committees, we could begin to see some progress and the Board of Supervisors could begin to build trust with the community that they are being heard and represented by their district supervisors.

Please consider this request.

Thank you.