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Dear Supervisor McCowen,

My husband Ron Hock forwarded me your message about the BOS Cannabis Ad Hock meeting held at our house a few weeks ago with you and John Hashak and a few neighbors. I have also read Ron's reply. Please know that **I, too, can envision a one-year only extension to the May 4, 2021 sunset.**

- You already know **that legal cannabis growing businesspeople underestimated neighborhood opposition in the Simpson Lane-Mitchell Creek Drive** when they took the operational risk to develop their growing operations. They did so */prior/* to the BOS vote on Cannabis Accommodation Combination districts in the County on November 16, 2018 and knowing their permits included a two-year sunset.
- You also know that **cannabis growing permits are bureaucratically time-consuming, expensive, and demand expensive infrastructure.** Consequently, legal growers in our neighborhood are caught between belief in the promise of operating a legal business, questionable business decisions, bureaucracy, neighborhood opposition, and a slow delivery of an industrial zone that would help.
- **I am soundly opposed to commercial cannabis in our rural residential zone** here in my Simpson Lane-Mitchell Creek Drive. However, I am open to a restricted one-year extension of the sunset clause to May 4, 2021.
- At the few meetings I've attended, **transferability of permit has been brought up by growers to the BOS. I think transferability of a cannabis growing permit is a reasonable request.** The Bureau of Alcoholic Beverage Control allows liquor license transfers in California. Those applying may operate for a proscribed period of time before the final license is issued, and are highly regulated throughout and subsequent to the process of licensing, etc.
- **If your goal is to garner fees and taxes from the cannabis industry in our County, you might want to consider the benefits of transferability.** Not only would it help permitted growers facing a sunset, it offers the County another fee structure, which would also allow cannabis businesses -- the entities as well as those who own and operate then to continue in a reasonable manner.
- **How about allowing transferability so that growers facing a sunset have a mechanism to purchase another permit and move about the county and/or sell the permit they've spent so much money on, as well as extend the sunset by one year bound by revocation if violated.**

Sincerely,
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