

June 7th

Dear Supervisors,

I write to you as a Legacy grower and an environmentalist. I wanted to ask you clearly to please keep our ordinance. Now, I believe we can do a few things here and I wanted to share them with you.

I am under the impression that this meeting is NOT about scraping the ordinance as much as it is about directing staff to investigate avenues to make sure our Mendocino growers get their licenses renewed and can finally have state certification.

1. We need a round table with all the parties; cannabis, enviro, bureau, DFW, and staff in order to sort out how to check the CEQA boxes with our ordinance.

Having our own ordinance is very important to both the Legacy growers and the environmentalists. It is our agreed upon code of conduct here in Mendocino. It is our value system and our shield for those agreements. It is also in alignment with the county plan.

2. If we are directing idle staff to do research on state requirements to help our small farmers finally get their license, we also must use our idle staff to research what we need to do to get our ordinance to be our CEQA compliance. We want our county to continue to be the lead agency for our CEQA.

It needs to be accepted that there is a strong environmental backbone in this county that will not break. Our industry needs to be in alignment with our overall character as a people. Please let your intelligence lead the way here. Common sense suggests that we want our ordinance. Please don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Thank you for listening,
Traci Pellar, Laytonville