

To the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I am in support of Supervisor McCowen's agenda item which seeks to simplify cannabis cultivation permitting. While the original intent to provide some cover for those seeking to move from the black market to the legal market is laudable, it is reasonable for that transition period to be behind us as the market adjusts to the new legal realities.

I have long opposed illegal cannabis cultivation but have always believed the best and proper solution to be legalization and am happy to see that happening, this change in permitting is consistent with this transition. Moreover, 10A.17 is duplicative of, and sometimes inconsistent with, current State regulations. This unnecessarily burdens Building and Planning's limited bandwidth which is better applied to the important function of serving businesses that will bring jobs to our community and are key to our local future economic well-being.

Best,

Ross H. Liberty