

August 4, 2020

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

From: Jed Davis

Re: Agenda Item 5b

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I appreciate the Board's and the County's staff's efforts to create a regulatory system that is functional and beneficial to all residents of our County.

I support the issues raised and the recommendations proffered by the Mendocino Cannabis Alliance (MCA), particularly to the CEQA and the Provisional License deadline issue.

Additionally, while I fully support streamlining the licensing process and removing barriers to entry, I fear that the proposed Land Use strategy is neglecting the fact that a huge amount of our county's cumulative cannabis production is actually produced by families growing in their back yard. Removing this essential income strategy from a large portion of our county's marginalized communities will only drive them further into poverty or keep them operating in the black market. We must find a way to bring them into the legal cannabis market. The societal cost created by the stress of forcing these families to remain in the black market or decline further into poverty must be considered and is being studied by the Berkley Cannabis Research Center's Hekia Bodwitch and Michael Polsen.

<https://crc.berkeley.edu/current-projects/policy-and-land-use/>

<https://crc.berkeley.edu/current-projects/policy-and-land-use/strategies-for-compliance/>

It is essential that Board of Supervisor's consider the BCRC's findings in order to create a policy that will balance the need to create a regulatory system that protects the environment, allows larger companies to cultivate on a grander commercial scale and preserves the small mom and pop cultivators who as a whole are the "legacy" grower of Mendocino County as well as a probable majority of our overall cannabis economy.

Thank you for your tireless work on this subject.

Sincerely,

Jed Davis
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