

Dear Supervisors,<sup>[1]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup> Legacy cannabis farmers and the Mendocino County cannabis industry need your help. We have two issues which must be addressed:

First, we need the supervisors to come to a consensus and give us a path to obtain CEQA so that we may obtain our full state permits (CEQA checklist/Appendix G).

Second, we need a path forward for expansion, where appropriate, that is based on a site specific Use Permit, not based on outdated zoning maps.

Range Land makes up roughly 40% of Mendocino County and roughly 40% of the existing cultivation permits in Mendocino County are on Range Land. Hobbling existing farms that happen to be on Range Land in a misguided effort to prevent the subdivision of ranches makes no sense.

Mendocino County can continue to be a vibrant part of the cannabis industry, but only if we take steps to stay competitive. The State is not going to wait forever for us to get our CEQA in order. Other counties are already allowing farms to expand well beyond 10,000 square feet, making it hard for local farms to stay viable. A thoughtful cannabis policy can provide Mendocino County tax revenue, good jobs, a sustainable industry and a future that includes opportunities for our community to prosper.

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We also need a path forward for expansion, where appropriate, that is based on a site specific Use Permit, not based on outdated zoning maps.

Please come to a consensus and give us a path to obtain CEQAs that align with the State (CEQA checklist/Appendix G), and to establish a Use Permit to allow for expansions where appropriate.

Thank you for everything you do,

Sincerely,

Ari & Annapurna Steffen Flying Tiger Farm