

Good Morning Honorable Supervisors, Chair Haschak

Below are the comments that I offered today during public expression.

I am reaching out this morning to make an urgent request to this board - to please consider the immediate removal, from the County's publicly searchable databases, all information identifying the location of cannabis farms and other non-retail cannabis businesses.

Due to the economic downturn, violent crimes and burglary in this County are on the rise. Due to barriers to banking, cash-based cannabis businesses are extraordinarily vulnerable to crime - further incentivised by a thriving illicit market for stolen cannabis products.

Following the unprecedented criminal targeting of licensed cannabis businesses during the recent civil unrest in LA, San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and San Jose - the state cannabis licensing authorities responded swiftly to Industry advocacy and unpublished all identifying information regarding the location of non-retail businesses from their publicly searchable databases.

Today the Mendocino cannabis business community - and the other businesses and residences located near these farms and facilities - urgently need your protection. The resources of our first responders and law enforcement are stretched dangerously thin at present, and this vulnerability threatens to further burden these precious resources.

The public spreadsheets could easily be revised to remove the address and APN columns and still serve their purpose . Applications/permits would still be searchable by application ID number, business/applicant name, property owner name. Additionally, the status of the permit (pending, denied, approved, issued, renewed, application stay, etc.) is helpful for those seeking to know whether someone is in good standing or not.

Having this data posted (without location information) is very helpful to applicants/consultants as they can see their status and other info that saves the county many inquiries.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and thank you all for your leadership and dedication to public service during these extraordinarily challenging times.

Thank you,

Genine Coleman