

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in full support of the MCA recommendations. I am a farmer in Hopland in District 5 on 80 acres of rangeland. I was part of the 9.31 program and was one of the first to submit an application for the 10A.17 program. I've held a CDFA temp license in 2017 and have since held my provisional license since 2018.

Cannabis should be treated like other agriculture. This program has been more complicated than I ever would have imagined. I understand some of the problems stem from the state, but as a county we need to work together to first change what we can here, and then work together to change things at the state level.

I bought my property a long time ago. I built my home on it and I raised my son here. I take care of my land and I'm happy to invest in measures that protect our environment.

What can I be doing to make sure I'm eligible for my annual license as soon as possible?

Can you assure me and other farmers like me that one way or another we will be able to continue farming and participating in the regulated market after 2021? We've paid our fees and our taxes, jumped through all the hoops. We should be assured that completion of CEQA compliance process for us will be the priority for the county's planning department.

Respectfully,  
Matt Davis