



November 2nd, 2020

Re: Board of Supervisor Meeting 11/3/2020 Agenda Item 5h & 5i

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

The Covelo Cannabis Advocacy Group would like to offer support for Agenda Items 5h and 5i. We believe it's important to honor the intent of a Cannabis Accommodation (CA) Combining District for legacy operators. Creating economic opportunities is extremely important while still protecting communities. The parcels being proposed would only be allowed to cultivate a maximum footprint of 2500 sq ft, which is the smallest license type both at the County and State level. We should be encouraging small cottage operators as much as possible, especially in the proposed locations because of the devastating fires that destroyed so many homes and farms in 2017. These property owners have demonstrated that they meet the Accommodation requirements and should be afforded an opportunity to become a legal licensed cannabis business. It will help them rebuild their homes, stay independent entrepreneurs, and provide tax revenue to our County. Every small farm is an important asset to a community, especially those that are legacy operators trying to be regulated and be in good standing. We hope this Board will approve the proposed Combining Districts just as you did for our community in Covelo.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on these agenda items.

Sincerely,

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for the Covelo Cannabis Advocacy Group