



December 7, 2020

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Mendocino County  
501 Low Gap Road  
Ukiah, CA 95482

**Re: Agenda Item 5h for BoS Meeting 12/8/2020**

Dear Supervisors,

Dragonfly Wellness Center stands in opposition to enhanced code enforcement measures, as suggested in Agenda item 5h. We are crystal clear that all actions taken by the County that further impede or target cultivators will have dire consequences for the entire supply chain. Increased law enforcement actions will, as they inevitably have in the past, result in those negative effects.

We stand in firm support of our trade association's recommendations. MCA is correct in its prudent advice to not pass such enforcement measures with first carefully considering the possible ramifications.

We've been down this road before. Let's remind ourselves of the big picture in California right now.

Of those counties in our state that can rightfully claim the added value of sun grown, legacy cannabis cultivation, only one county surpasses Mendocino in numbers of active, provisional and annual cultivation licenses. That is Humboldt, which seems to appreciate the golden egg that is at the heart of its economy.

**We can't blow this.** We are currently in a crisis that threatens to destroy the very thing for which Mendocino has been known. Whatever you hear from new consumers in So Cal that belies the singular value of Emerald Triangle cannabis, those of us who have been part of the decades-old cannabis culture know that this value exists. And it deserves to be supported, expanded, and heralded to the world.

**So, how do we not blow this?** Don't take us backward with "enhanced enforcement measures" that show every sign of repeating past mistakes that "accidentally" mis-target innocent farmers and cause more collateral PTSD damage to our community. Law enforcement responses to compliance failures, building code violations, environmental damages and other transgressions are a step backward from the direction we need to be heading – toward civil, administrative penalties and consequences. We need to

bury the drug war and prohibition mentality in the ash bin of history. This type of ordinance does not belong in Mendocino County.

Thank you for your dutiful consideration.

Respectfully,

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CEO