



From: Cannabis Business Association of Mendocino County

Date: December 7, 2020

Re: Agenda item 5i

Dear Chair Haschak & Members of the Board:

As a newly formed industry association, the Cannabis Business Association of Mendocino County (CBAMC) represents local medium-sized commercial cannabis operators & affiliated businesses. Core to our mission is the normalization of cannabis as agriculture & we support every step in this direction so that cannabis can be treated like every other crop and contribute to a thriving, diversified local economy.

On behalf of our membership, we strongly support item 5i and we encourage the Board to direct staff to explore every possible path to state licensure, including designating cannabis as an agricultural crop at a county level. As you are well aware, our cultivators remain in a precarious position as our Phase 1 program has encountered myriad challenges and local compliant businesses have no clear pathway to obtaining state licenses at this time.

We appreciate the efforts of the Board, staff, and the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee to navigate solutions, and we hope you will continue to do so by supporting this motion and exploring whether this may be a possible way forward.

Sincerely,

CBAMC Board of Directors

Joshua Keats, Henry's Original

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