

Honorable Supervisors,

Nothing like jumping right in as a team. Welcome Supervisors Mulhern and McGorty - I look forward to great things!

Some points I wish you to consider for your meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021:

1. No farmer can go a season without a crop. At this juncture, phase 1 must be able to transition, as most are small business owners - family run who will lose everything if they don't have the ability to cultivate cannabis in 2021, which for many is their only craft/trade - sometimes referred to as an extinction event. Phase 1 must have a place to cultivate this year.
2. Mendocino County traditional farmers are at the stage of retirement - please refer to Departments of Agriculture statistics within your government. They do not desire to farm anymore and they do not want to sell their farm land, but may have to in order to retire. These appropriate agriculturally zoned Ag lands can be leased to Phase 1 cultivators who do not have another option to move forward on their existing cultivation site- the majority of cultivators in Mendocino County. This allows a traditional farmer in Mendocino County the coveted opportunity to retire and stay on their land. This is a long standing model for most agriculture - land owners leasing farmland to farmers, good farmers. There is the ability to have craft farms on Ag lands, just like there are craft farms of lettuce, tobacco, strawberries, and so on being leased on Ag lands.
3. Having a special track for Phase 1 to transition into Phase 3, using equity funds for CEQA requirements, should be included in the Phase 3 rollout. Properties in good standing should lead the pack on this track.

Thank you,

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