

Dear Supervisors,

I will be brief as you have many hundreds of letters to read for Item 3b. Backup rationale has been presented previously.

I advocate for:

- 1) Respect the will of your constituents as reflected in public comments.
- 2) Adopt amendments to the CCAO as presented by MCA. Accept CCAG recommendations.
- 3) Protect and support small cannabis cultivators as a matter of local quality distinction, economic development and cultural heritage.
- 4) Direct staff to transfer permittees, with well established compliance with local and state regulations, directly to the CCAO system based on a Checklist and Attestation program, as well as CEQA approvals. Specifically apply 10A.17 qualifications, not new CCAO regulations, to this cohort of Phase 3 permittees who do not change their permit type or size.
- 5) Direct Cannabis Program to create workshops to explain Appendix G criteria and review, with the intent of assisting cultivators to qualify for an Annual State License.
- 6) Allow cultivators a proportionate reduction in County gross receipts tax if they reduce permitted garden size in an effort to reduce water consumption.
- 7) Continue allowing water delivery to permitted cultivations during these extreme draught conditions.
- 8) Direct Staff to create, as part of CCAO, a Craft Cultivation license, with lower fees and taxes, much like a Micro-Brewery or Small Production Vineyard, for outdoor, organic, sustainable cultivations 10,000 or smaller.
- 9) Increase flexibility in local building code that allows for Utility Buildings to be included in structures where cannabis cultivation permit activities may be performed.

I oppose:

- 1) Supervisors, past and present, maligning their constituents with purposeful, public, political rhetoric and not substantive, accurate and appropriate leadership contributions to community benefit.
- 2) Cultivation permit size expansion beyond one acre in Mendocino County.
- 3) Permit stacking in Mendocino County.
- 4) Appendix G denial by the County without an appeal process.

Thank you for consideration of my advocacy.