

Dear Honorable Supervisors-

We are writing today to comment on item Agenda Item 3b. It is of the utmost importance that the county pass a functional cannabis ordinance that will allow cannabis cultivators to get an annual state license. However we have concerns that without changes to the proposed 'Phase 3' ordinance, existing permitted operators will not be able to transition from the failed Phase 1 program into Phase 3.

It is critical that existing good actors be able to transition to the new program without a lapse in permitting or cultivation. No small farm can survive having to take a year off. The current proposal to mandate a Major Use Permit for existing farms that are 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> less in most zoning is a deal breaker as it would impose impossible to meet timelines on existing small farms. Therefore we request that the Board of Supervisors take the recommendation from the Planning Commission to only require an Administrative Permit for existing farms. This is a critical component for existing cannabis farms to be able to remain operating in the legal system.

We also fully support the memo submitted by MCA in its entirety. Please consider these well thought out recommendations. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on an ordinance that will have broad and long term impacts on our community.

Sincerely,

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