

Dear honorable Supervisors-

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As a second generation cultivator, downtown Ukiah business owner, lifetime resident of Mendocino County and Cannabis permit(s) holder I support the comments submitted by MCA.

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Farmers need options for expanding our businesses and Microbusinesses are a great way for small farms and brands like mine to diversify. Let's make it easy for people to get microbusinesses regardless of zoning, if they already hold one of the other license types especially when they have been operating previously.

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I believe that the best way to solve the problem of unregulated cannabis cultivation in Mendocino County is to open a reasonable pathway to licensure for parcels in the county that are not in Opt-Out or Sunset Zones. Many people have been waiting to jump in for one reason or another. Some folks didn't trust the process yet, as there were too many issues and confusion, so they wanted to save the trouble and let the kinks get worked out. Some didn't have the funds to get permitted and bring their properties up to code. Some have been waiting and waiting, meanwhile working to get their properties up to regulation standards, spending thousands and even hundreds of thousands of dollars doing so. Are we leaving those people in the dust now?

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I also feel strongly about farmers needing farmers markets again. Events bring in a good income and amazing networking capabilities and community building. Tours are another important piece of the puzzle, and limiting tour numbers based on location of parcels relative to publicly maintained roads denies this opportunity to many farms that are isolated from their neighbors but are located on private roads like mine.

Attached you will find MCA's memos with recommendations for the Board of Supervisors meeting coming up on Tuesday 4/27 for the following items:

- Item 3a - Facilities Ordinance Amendment recommendations
- Item 3a - Standalone Microbusiness recommendations
- Item 3b - Commercial Cannabis Activities Ordinance

-- Thank you for your time.

-Chiah Rodriques