

Mendocino County General Government Committee 501 Low Gap Road Ukiah, CA 95482 August 6, 2021

Re: Item 3b - Public Expression

Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing to follow up on the items that were discussed in this Committee on June 14, 2021 regarding the County Legislative Platform and important advocacy at the State level regarding cannabis regulations.

As directed by this committee, the Mendocino Cannabis Program met with MCA, CCAG and Origins Council to discuss recommendations that had previously been directed by the Board of Supervisors but that did not make it into the 2021 County Legislative Platform. Unfortunately, despite the direction of this Committee in June, it appears that some items have yet to be addressed. Those items are as follows:

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE to direct cannabis program manager to work with County lobbyists on cannabis issues and report back to the committee

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE to direct a redline of the legislative program return with recommended edits at the next General Government Committee meeting.

We are aware that MCP is understaffed, and continue to advocate for more support for the department. As neither of these items was agendized for the meeting on August 9, we request an update on both of these Directives, and a timeline for their implementation.

Given the focus of MCP on the Portal process for the next three months, we request that this committee directly engage MCA, CCAG and Origins Council in revisions of the 2021 Legislative Platform, and the development of the 2022 Legislative Platform as early as possible in the process to maximize opportunities for input.

We would appreciate the committee addressing this item at this time.

Sincerely,

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