

Dear Supervisors,

The three memos that MCA has compiled are clear doable action items that need your immediate attention. Please keep them in mind as cannabis comes up through the meeting today.

- 1.From the Equity grant edits to make it more in alignment with the original application & opening up the opportunity to more farms.
- 2.To the need for the specifically earmarked money that will help Provisional Licenses to transition to Annual License, in other words the \$18million+ grant writing to happen ASAP.
- 3.To extending the portal date to at least the end of the year... while the bugs in the system are fixed, forms edited, staff hired, etc.

Mendocino County's entire cultivation program could be an Equity program at this point & with another \$18million we could create a thriving network of independently owned cultivation, distribution, retail, micro-business... all to stimulate tourism & taxes! PLEASE SUPPORT SMALL FARMS!

You know by now, it's not all on the applicants, but also the systems that have been faulty since day one. It's convoluted at every turn, a tangled web of over-regulation. But please at least give us a fighting chance. The County & State agencies continue to point fingers at each other. The smallest farms continue to exist in limbo... None of you wants to see us fail, you have said so yourselves. Great! So please take actions that support that. Everyone we know (us included & we were not required to go through the portal, we have a permit) is stuck somewhere along the path to licensing. TIME & MONEY WOULD HELP!

Create a direction that will assist as many of your applicants as possible toward annual state licenses. We are at a critical threshold, your actions now are ultimately responsible for what happens to hundreds of family run businesses, thousands of peoples lives & livelihoods. PLEASE SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS!

Thank you,

Laura & Marty Clein