

To Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of myself and family and many others, I highly encourage the Board to extend the deadline for submitting and or responding to incomplete applications to the Mendocino County Portal for Cannabis Permits.

We have found this entire process with all of the State agencies and County to be extremely slow, confusing, dysfunctional between agencies, overly complex, and poorly timed considering cultivation and other responsibilities this time of year, etc. and now the rains!

We originally submitted applications to the County in 2017 and struggled to obtain County permits at the time. Our County inspector at the time, Matt Holcolm, explained at the time that all of the other inspectors had quit and then the program moved to Building and Planning.

We and others have complex interconnected issues to deal with and there is just not adequate time and open communications for an efficient process.

It is difficult to proceed with a business plan and capital improvements to meet business needs and compliance requirements, when one doesn't know if permits will actually be granted. Which comes first: the Chicken or the Egg? Massive capital spending or licenses to move forward? So we are trying to sort out transition solutions.

Please consider extending the opportunity for enhanced communications and resolution of issues, by softening the deadline criteria and just giving more time to sort through this quagmire.

Thank you so much for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Stuart Marcus