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File 21-0540 Item 26 May 18th, 2021 Hemp Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation

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Dear Supervisors:

Please return to creating a pilot program that allows existing hemp growers to grow this season. Banning hemp is a lost opportunity for existing hemp growers and the county. Allowing existing hemp growers to continue growing for another season does the following:

- Provides revenue to economically stressed agricultural operations;
- Allows potential commercial cannabis growers to dial in their off-site impact prevention;
- Allows potential commercial cannabis operations to dial in their soils, irrigation, and harvest methods;
- Allows potential commercial cannabis operations to dial in their soil heavy metals dust control systems;
- Gains experience with hemp testing under the new USDA regulations;
- Forces Hemp growers to pay a portion of enforcement costs;
- Creates an El Dorado County Hemp brand;

Hemp is the nonpsychoactive federally legal version of cannabis. Hemp is the source of the relatively safe CBD medication.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

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NOTE:

Please allow the following to be included as a public comment for the Board of Supervisors May 18, 2021 Meeting, for Agenda Item 26:
Proposed Ordinance for a Permanent Ban on Industrial Hemp Cultivation in El Dorado County

However, if this ban is rejected, El Dorado County has a real opportunity to embrace the hemp plant and utilize its research potential, to create true economic development opportunities. Given the County's climate and unique geography, the hemp plant has the potential to thrive in El Dorado County and create lasting and environmentally friendly jobs which will have an economic impact for generations to come.

Based on all of the above, I respectfully propose that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors reject this proposed industrial hemp ban, and instead allocate a small research budget for the El Dorado County Department of Agricultural to conduct a cultivation and economic impact study. Upon the conclusion of the study, the County would be in a better position to evaluate any proposed restrictions on hemp cultivation.

If a cultivation and economic study is not feasible at this time, I respectfully propose that the County allow for the "grandfathering" of hemp cultivation registrations which are already in use and allow those who are lawfully cultivating hemp within El Dorado County, to continue to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Opposition to Proposed Ordinance for a Permanent Ban on Industrial Hemp Cultivation
in El Dorado County

There is not one person who has not read, heard or has not used a CBD(cannabidoil) derived product. Pain relief salve, ointment, tincture, soft gel capsule, massage oil, Gummy, or a CBD product for their pet are all but a few of CBD retail health and beauty products. The 2019, the domestic sales of CBD totaled !6 Billion dollars. California was the leading market for CBD in the United States with estimated sales of 730 Million dollars. The domestic CBD market is experiencing an annual growth of 20%.

Our 2019 through 2021 USDA Organic Hemp grown on our Somerset Farm will supply the CBD oil to manufacture our Heart Hemp line of seven CBD health and beauty products. Currently our retail labels are approved for printing, the CBD product formulations developed and product production contracts finalized. El Dorado County Organically grown hemp provides the foundation of our value-added retail products.

Additionally, we are in communication with Dr. Anita Oberholster of UC Davis Extension, Viticulture Department to conduct a preliminary research study on the influence of Cannabis(Hemp) in wine grapes this year. We are proposing interplanting in June 2021, 500 hemp plants in our FairPlay Appellation Zinfandel Vineyard, gathering the required samples, monitoring the air quality, and measuring and recording the corresponding atmospheric conditions during the 2021 to 2022 growing season.

We have our immediate wine grape pioneers to thank. Dick Bethal, Ed Delfino, Lloyd Walker and Greg Boeger were brave enough to risk in the late 60's the labor, grape cuttings and financial investments that have resulted in the present, dynamic level of economic development and first class reputation of El Dorado County's vineyards and wineries.

Your decision today is elemental, yet profound: Enact a permanent ban on Industrial Hemp cultivation in El Dorado County regressing to 2018 or approve an additional year, 2021 to 2022, for the growing of hemp and the development of CBD products while researching the plant characteristics by observation and controlled experimentation.

I respectfully propose that the Board of Supervisors consider the promise and value of this agricultural commodity by rejecting the proposed ordinance for a perminant ban on Industrial Hemp cultivation in El Dorado County.

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