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## Support For CCUP20-0001 Cybele Holding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery

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El Dorado County Planning Commission

Subject: Support For CCUP20-0001 Cybele Holding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery

Dear Commissioners:

Please approve the CUP and Cannabis Annual Operating Permit for CCUP20-0001 Cybele Holding Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Nursery.

Cybele Holdings has spent over 2.5 years and a significant amount of money creating the model commercial cannabis cultivation operation. Cybele not only meets all of the county's excessive regulatory requirements, they also will improve the conditions in their neighborhood while mitigating any potential impacts of its operation.

Cybele Holdings has/will:

- Improve local roads;
- Provide firefighting resources including stored water;
- Provide active security for its property;
- Pay excessive cannabis cultivation taxes to the county;
- Provide new jobs and employment taxes for the county;
- Contribute to community groups;
- Preserve agricultural land.

The CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project thoroughly reviews potential impacts and provides mitigations for them. The document responded to all commenters. Cannabis is an "agricultural product" within state code. No other agricultural product operations are required to do such an extensive pre-project environmental review. One of the goals of CEQA is to protect agriculture. Cannabis cultivation sites could transition to non-cannabis agriculture crops within days. Cannabis cultivation preserves the agricultural uses of the sites.

Hopefully, there will be more cultivation permits that come before the Planning Commission for approval. Future projects will likely need setback waivers similar to the ones you issued to Pure Life. For example, a setback waiver was issued to a school bus stop 200' from Pure Life, ironically located in the Solid Ground Brewery parking lot.

KCRA recently did an investigative report on El Dorado County's legal cannabis permitting. You can see good video of the Cybele Holdings project in the report. <https://www.kcra.com/article/el-dorado-county-growers-major-permit-delays-years-after-legalizing-cultivation/39931196#>

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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