



Public Comment #30

County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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Do Not Ban Hemp!

Matt Phillips <skatermatt76@yahoo.com>

Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 9:59 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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- > I am a lifelong El Dorado County Resident, and I live in Coloma. Please do not ban industrial hemp! Why would El Dorado County do this? Such a great opportunity for the economy and a valuable resource it can be used to make so many things! I strongly disagree with this and can't understand why they would even be considered?! Horrible idea!
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- > Sent from my iPhone



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Public Comment, EDC BOS Meeting 9/13/22, Agenda Item 30: 22-1528

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Mon, Sep 12, 2022 at 11:19 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear County Clerk of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors;

Please formally submit my comments in and for the record for the regular meeting of the EDC BOS, Tuesday, 9/13/22.

I am writing to you in hope that you and The Board will positively consider the CEDAC and the Agricultural Commission recommendation allowing for a two year Industrial Hemp Pilot Program in El Dorado County, 2023 and 2024. Both subcommittees have extensively and exhaustively researched, communicated and met with the various stakeholders since assigned the near impossible task by The Board last year. All of the concerns of law enforcement and safety issues regarding industrial hemp in El Dorado County can never be met as the EDSO has repeatedly stated they will only support a permanent hemp ban regardless of subcommittee proposals.

The EDC Industrial Hemp Pilot Program Concept for the 2023-2024 seasons as submitted considers all issues and concerns of all stakeholders, including law enforcement's basic need to maintain "law and order". All stakeholders are in agreement of maintaining a goal of "law and order". It is the responsibility of Board of Supervisors to determine and draft the law. The EDSO need only enforce that law and not create the law.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture in regulating Industrial Hemp in the State has evolved regulations, protocol and systems to ensure marijuana is not cultivated in place of hemp. If those regulations were to be adopted, implemented, and enforced in and by El Dorado County, a reasonable, functional and safe industrial hemp cultivation program would occur. For your convenience the latest CDFA Industrial Hemp Regulations are below.

This proposal will be controversial and challenging to adopt in its simple form on Tuesday. I have great hope that the Board will accept the Pilot Program as the first and best alternative. Alternatively, please reject enacting a ban and instead approve The Pilot Program Concept and adopt a "Resolution of Intention" for its development. This will keep it on the timeline to be done by December.

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/CaliforniaIndustrialHempLawandRegulations.pdf>

My local USDA Organic CBD Company, Heart Hemp, is selling CBD Wellness products in many Placerville stores. This is real economic development in El Dorado County and is a result of our participation in the 2019 and 2020 County Industrial Hemp Cultivation Program. With this in mind please discuss and approve the two year Industrial Hemp Pilot Program Concept in El Dorado County on Tuesday. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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