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Supervisors:

The proposed modifications to Title 130 (Zoning) pertaining to Distilleries and Wineries should be consistent with the Cannabis setbacks provisions of Title 130. Preferably, the modifications to Title 130 (Zoning) should include modification of cannabis business setbacks making them comparable and consistent with Distillery and Winery setbacks.

The concentrated alcohol contained in distilled spirits and wine is more hazardous than cannabis. 13 shots of a distilled spirit can be lethal. Four bottles of wine consumed could be lethal. The lethal dose for a child is substantially less. There is no lethal dose of cannabis. Distilled spirits or wine can be very valuable (over \$100 per bottle) and the businesses can accumulate substantial cash. Distilled spirits have an added hazard of being flammable. When alcohol burns it can burn with an almost invisible flame. Injury from an alcohol fire can occur before the fire is detected.

The setbacks from the property line or child attracting activities do nothing to protect the community. It does not make a difference whether someone is 50 feet or 1,500 from a distillery or cannabis operation. What does matter are the security, facility, and operational controls that prevent off-site impacts.

Please make the cannabis setbacks comparable and consistent with the setbacks required for distilleries and wineries. Having such obvious unjustified inconsistencies in the zoning policy reflects a systemic bias against the cannabis industry.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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