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Supervisor Hidahl:

Please vote to place Agenda Item 18-1103 on the November election ballot.

After a long series of meetings with stakeholders the County Ad Hoc Cannabis Advisory Committee has created a policy that is reflected in Agenda Item 18-1103. The policy reflects the kind of less parochial and more innovative government that your group of Supervisors embody. It will help our community make progress towards a long term workable cannabis policy.

From our perspective this is as much a community solutions ordinance as it is a cannabis policy. Much of the policy is benefitting community members that are concerned about cannabis. The proposed ballot measures have maximum fines of \$50,000 per violation for non-permitted cannabis entities and \$10,000 per violation for permitted cannabis entities.

Additionally, the tax and fees in the policy fund an enforcement program that will enable the county to better combat illegal cannabis growing. Your staff has pointed out that other less remote counties have estimated their code enforcement costs for effective enforcement to be \$3m plus. It is through permitting commercial cannabis that the county can raise enforcement money.

We, like the other agricultural interests in the county, hate regulation, but we recognize that we have something to prove and the heavy duty permitting process contained in ballot measures will ensure that the permitted cannabis cultivation or retail activity will only occur on appropriate parcels that have survived the regulatory standards and community comment.

The zoning limits for permitted activities prevent commercial cannabis from being located in residential areas. Locating in residential areas is one the main causes of problems that the counties of Calaveras and Sonoma have experienced.

The tax dollars generated by the measure can be targeted to effective programs to educate young people about the hazards of substance abuse and other behavioral problems. There is an understanding now that these problems are often due to trauma and isolation during development or other points in life.

Politically the vote on Tuesday is to give voters the decision for the allowable level of cannabis permitting in the county.

If you want to meet with you before Tuesday, I would be happy to do so and answer your questions if I can.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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