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Support of File 20-0597 Conceptual Approval Discretionary Fingerprinting of Minor Owners

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Please support the change to the commercial cannabis ordinance allowing the Sheriff's Department the discretion on whether or not to fingerprint minor project owners.

The commercial cannabis ordinance is filled with the most stringent regulations. The over burdensome regulations explain why there is only one final commercial cannabis cultivation license application so far. Making the program more workable is in the community's best interest. This measure adds some flexibility for the Sheriff's Department. The most significant operation owners will have to be fingerprinted.

This measure represents an important beginning at fixing a commercial cannabis program.

The next fix that needs to be made is to replace the 800-foot cultivation setbacks with a site-specific standard that the Planning Commission uses to set conditions for each cultivation license. Cultivation operations can be required to show that they will prevent off-site nuisance impacts in the same manner as they currently do with the 800' setback waiver process.

Eliminating the 800-foot setbacks sends a message to the grower community that the County is going to be reasonable in it's licensing process. The County and it's talented staff can protect neighbors from nuisances and also have reasonable and fair licensing standards. A ten-acre parcel is 660' X 660'

There is a win-win to be found for the community, particularly at these difficult economic times. Perhaps bringing back the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee will provide the forum for the Planning Staff and the public to find the site-specific standard language to replace the excessive setbacks.

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