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Item #33 Adhoc Committee to Regulate Hemp

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Supervisors:

Two years ago, at the request of the BOS, five measures were put on the ballot regarding recreational medicinal marijuana. Despite the overwhelming political plot of the Sherriff saying that it would be a detriment to this county, it was passed overwhelmingly by the voters.

Let's talk about economic opportunity. Hemp, a safe agricultural product has become one of the most popular products. The by-product called CBD has become a phenomenal product for people to use as an alternative to their medical problems. CBD is used for children who suffer seizures, it is used for people who suffer inflammatory diseases, and other types of illnesses that over-the-counter products can't help or they have built up a tolerance to and have caused distress to their livers, kidneys, and other organs. I also is used on animals successfully. We can buy those products in feed stores, tobacco stores, and convenience stores.

If we have farmers growing HEMP, it is an OPPORTUNITY to be in front of a product that can be used safely without psychotropic effects and provide alternative medicinal help to those who need it.

All of you have embraced our Agricultural economy, and this is just another product that can enhance El Dorado County. It seems that someone who is trying to suppress this product might be confused that it is like marijuana. It is not.

Agriculture cannot survive without profitable economic opportunities. With timber production and grapes prices are being flat, why is this considered a bad addition to our rich Agriculture business and being asked to be removed?

Governor Newsom's, recent legislation will increase the value of California hemp and allow manufactured products from it to be sold throughout the nation and world. Take our county forward, rather than backward. So many, including myself benefit using CBD for our medical conditions. Since I basically shop mostly in El Dorado County, and buy wines here, why wouldn't I want to purchase CBD products that are produced here?

Hemp farming in El Dorado County should be embraced and supported by all who want our county to thrive and be economically strong.

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Dear Supervisors;

It is very distressing that the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office is involving themselves in the growth of hemp, a perfectly legal agricultural product that has been grown all over the United States in rural areas for decades and is used in the manufacture of many products. Yes, it looks like marijuana. For some reason, when I was a teen growing up in downstate Illinois, this did not confuse me or our local Macon County Sheriff one bit. Farmers had planted it between corn rows since WWI.

Currently, one of the more profitable uses of hemp is in the production of CBD - which, again, is not psychoactive. Some people find it very useful and helpful in relieving aches and pains and helping with sleep.

During these times, especially, why would we be involved in shutting down helpful and potentially profitable small agro-businesses because our county Sheriff's Dept. can't be bothered to do a little research before conducting a raid? You'd think with all the money we give them, they'd have the ability to keep track of who is producing legal agricultural products in a safe and fully regulated way.

I also object to EDSO having any influence at all on a Ad Hoc Hemp Committee. It's really quite beyond their purview. This concerns me very much; people who are abiding by California law must fear for raids by EDSO? That is a recipe for disaster, and for potential financial impact on our county if anyone is hurt or suffers loss due to rogue actions by EDSO.

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