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Supervisors:

We want the hemp growing season to exist for 2021. The agricultural areas of the county have very limited options for making money from their large tracts of land. Hemp is a new revenue source for the agricultural industry. The Governor is developing a hemp program that will enhance the value of California hemp.

We believe that a simple and not overly burdensome ordinance can be quickly drafted by your County Counsel and the Hemp Ad Hoc Committee. Federal Hemp regulations recently adopted provide more flexibility for Hemp harvests by allowing up to 1% total THC. It also allows for remediation rather than the destruction of hemp that has too much THC.

A simple and reasonable ordinance should include:

- 1) a prohibition on growing male plants;
- 2) a requirement for installing odor controls if odor at neighboring residences reaches the 7 D/T standard.

Our community needs your attention to encourage a solution to the Sheriff's refusal to do background checks. His refusal is blocking all commercial cannabis licenses from moving forward.

Allowing hemp licenses could be part of the solution. THC commercial cannabis CUP license applicants could also apply for a hemp license and do the required Hemp background check which is the same background check that the Sheriff is asking for. Nevada County does not do background checks for its applicants because the state does a complete federal and state background check and the state has a standard for who is allowed to get commercial cannabis licenses. Calaveras only uses CalDOJ information for the same reason. Our County should not reinvent the wheel, delay the will of the voters and delay the economic benefits of an El Dorado County cannabis industry.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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