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Hello Mendocino County Planning Commission,

I have attached our comment for the May 6th, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting on [OA 2021-0002 Memo to PC \(Cannabis Cultivation - Chapter 22.18\)](#).

Thank you,

Matt Maguire, Erin Neuroth
Green Mountain Ranch LLC

Re: Support for MCA Recommendations

Hello Mendocino County Planning Commissioners & Mendocino County Board Of Supervisors,

We are a family owned and operating cannabis business in Mendocino County.

We ask that the Planning Commission and The Board of Supervisors recommend and adopt a viable path that allows Phase 1 and 2 operators to successfully become legal through the Phase 3 process.

WE SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED BY THE MENDOCINO CANNABIS ALLIANCE (MCA) AND THE COVELO CANNABIS ADVOCACY GROUP (CCAG) IN THEIR MAY 6TH, 2021 LETTER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

We strongly encourage a prioritized review for phase 1 and phase 2 operators, at this time it is not determined what path is necessary. *We believe phase 1 and phase 2 applicants will not have the knowledge to determine weather phase one is a viable path or not, by the time the early enrollment window would begin.*

We support hiring more planners immediately to work through transitioning operating cannabis businesses.

We support Phase 1 and Phase 2 operators being permitted, to continue operation (under the rules of 10A.17) while they transition and wait for their Land Use Permit to be issued.

Section 22.18.70(B) We recommend aligning this ordinance with the state water board policy on slope. We do not support changes from the current regulation on slope restrictions for currently operating businesses transitioning.

We support aligning regulations for generator use with Mendocino County Noise and Air Quality Laws and current CDFG regulations requirements for renewable energy. We do not support changes from the current restrictions to not allow generator use as secondary energy source, it is extremely hard to operate a off grid energy system without a backup generator. This will put many off grid operators and homesteaders out of business.

We support existing phase 1 and phase 2 operators be given a chance to apply under the new ordinance regardless of violations prior to 2017. Without knowing what the new 2021 rules from the county were going to be, operators have made decisions in good faith that there is a path forward in this program even with a notice of violation.

We deeply appreciate your considerations and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Matt Maguire, Erin Neuroth
Green Mountain Ranch LLC