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Hello,

I would like to add my public comments on the proposed regulations of cannabis in Santa Cruz County. I have reviewed the past and proposed regulations and although I was unable to attend the recent presentation I had friends who reported back to me about it. I have had several conversations with the licensing office about their method of enforcement of code violations at this time.

- 1.) It appears to me that the goal of the county is to get tax revenue from cannabis sales
- 2.) The regulations that are current and the proposed future regulations that are intended to protect our water, land, for fire safety and for personal safety seem to be good or good enough.
- 3.) What it will take to get a license is likely to be way too difficult for the kind of persons who want to make money by cultivating cannabis - and so they will likely skip it - and be unlicensed.
- 4.) Being unlicensed, they will just do whatever they like - cutting down forests, using pesticides and fertilizers, polluting the watershed, etc., without interference.
- 5.) Enforcement of the regulations, current and proposed, seems to be nonexistent. The proposed regulation does not have any detailed mechanism for seeking out violators, enough staff to track down violators, and very meager fines for violations. If the county wants tax revenue it will have to front load some money for strict enforcement of the regulations in order to convince growers to get licensed and not violate codes. It will have to be much more painful not to be licenced than to get licensed. Considering the amount of money to be made from growing cannabis fines should be much higher, and land confiscation considered.
- 6.) Law enforcement seems to be absent.
- 7.) I particularly despise the section on there being no obligation to enforce - although that is exactly what is happening.

For citizens who do not want land and environmental destructions the proposed regulations are not reassuring. Please return to the drawing board and plan ahead for significant enforcement in conjunction with law enforcement. I personally have no confidence that the current office has any ability or personnel to find, pursue correction or any enforcement mechanism to prevent the inevitable landslide of environmental and safety problems that cannabis growing entails.

Yours,

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