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This email is in support of alternative 2 - the most permissive alternative. In order to reduce black market (unlicensed) activity, the path to licensing grow and manufacturing options needs to be easy and straight forward, not just for large already established commercial operations, but also for small business start ups that are trying to develop a product. Just as in any other industry (e.g. wineries), there needs to be support for the creative entrepreneurial process. This means that co-location and access to legal growing / manufacturing areas are high priorities in the growth of a new business which may not be initially profitable.

The EIR states:

"Under the More Permissive Project, multiple licenses would be allowed by right for all eligible zoning districts, if the total canopy does not exceed the maximum canopy square footage restrictions for the zoning district. On CA parcels, the More Permissive Project would increase the maximum canopy size to 44,000 sf, which could better facilitate co-location."

This is extremely important to the successful use of the regulatory process and encouraging new businesses to follow it.