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Hello,

Thank you for spending so much time writing and amending the Cannabis EIR. It is clear a lot of thought went into it. Here are my comment:

1. The fire codes are, in most cases, unattainable for a variety of reasons. 20' roads + 120,000 gallons of water storage will prevent most people from entering the market legally. My suggestion is to have varying fire codes depending on the situation. For example, if one were only to grow outdoor cannabis with no electricity, they should have different fire code requirements than those who are growing indoor with lights and fans, etc. Just as you would not enforce those kinds of regulations on someone growing tomatoes...

2. Fences should be on a parcel by parcel case. For example, the area we want to grow (outdoors) is several hundred feet from a road. Nobody would see the crop—therefore, our situation is very different than someone who is going to grow next to another house or road. Again, it would be helpful to small farmers if you could be more specific with the codes rather than have larger sweeping regulations that could impede people who don't have a large operation.

It is my understanding that most accidents (for example, the loma fire) were started by illegal operations....generators malfunctioning, etc. By easing the parameters (or adjusting them to be more specific), it will allow closer monitoring and regulation to prevent such disasters. By making it difficult for the cottage growers to compete, it will only enable larger cannabis corporations to dominate the market. We've seen how detrimental this has been in the farming industry. If you could just see cannabis as another agricultural crop....but one that improves our local economy....it could enable cultivators who are growing smaller, organic, niche crops, to compete in the local market and stimulate our economy.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments,

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