

Lake County Board of Supervisors
255 N Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

July, 8th 2025

Agenda Item 6.9. Consideration of Summary of Cannabis Policy Recommendations and Request for Board Direction.

Chair Crandell and Supervisors,

My name is Amos Flint, and I am a business owner and entrepreneur. I own and operate a restaurant in Santa Rosa and a dispensary in Napa. I am also a licensed General Contractor with the State of California and a Lake County farmer dedicated to building responsible, compliant businesses that contribute to our local economy. I currently operate a six-acre farm in Lake County, permitted for the 2024 and 2025 seasons.

Like all farmers, those in the cannabis sector face growing challenges. Input costs continue to rise while commodity values remain flat. Despite these pressures, many of us are still here, investing, innovating, and creating jobs in Lake County. But to build lasting and sustainable operations, we need the same basic allowances as other agricultural sectors. That includes the ability to operate equipment, maintain infrastructure, and farm on agriculturally zoned land without being subject to restrictive and arbitrary setbacks.

The proposed expansion of the Farmland Protection Zone, along with additional setbacks from homeschools and other uses, would significantly reduce the number of viable properties for cannabis cultivation. These restrictions would not improve land use compatibility. Instead, they would lead to fewer licensed operators, fewer jobs, and lower tax revenue. Meanwhile, the unregulated market would continue to grow in the absence of workable policy.

Cannabis operators in Lake County have made substantial investments to comply with the law. We have gone through the permitting process, constructed facilities, hired local workers, and paid millions in taxes. In 2023 alone, the legal cannabis industry generated 3.4 million dollars in tax revenue for Lake County, second only to sales tax. Those advocating for further restrictions have offered no viable plan to replace this critical revenue or the employment it supports.

Lake County should prioritize businesses that are following the rules, not penalize them with added regulations that threaten their ability to continue. Please do not undermine

the licensed market by making it harder for compliant operators to survive. The future of this industry and its benefits to the County depend on practical, fair, and stable policy.

Sincerely,

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Junction Plaza Farms, LLC.