



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-2

For the meeting of: January 19, 2016

Date: January 15, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass and Supervisor Mark Lovelace
Subject: Letter of Appreciation to Planning Commission and Staff

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair and Board Members to sign the Letter of Appreciation, and direct the Clerk of the Board to distribute the letter to the Planning Commission and Staff.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Bass and Supervisor Lovelace are requesting that all the Supervisors sign the attached letter to show appreciation for the incredible dedication of our Planning Commission, Planners, Counsel and Support Staff in developing the Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Letter of Appreciation.

Signature Virginia Bass
Signature Mark Lovelace

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:
Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Meeting of:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Fennell, Bohn, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Jan 19, 2016
By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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January 19, 2016

Planning Commissioners, Planners, County Counsel and Support Staff
County of Humboldt
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Thank You

Dear Planning Commissioners, Planners, County Counsel and Support Staff,

The Board of Supervisors wishes to express our deepest appreciation to all of you for your incredible dedication and hard work in bringing forward a detailed, comprehensive and ground breaking ordinance to regulate commercial cannabis cultivation in Humboldt County.

Our Board gave you all an incredibly compressed time frame in which to do your work, yet you all rose to the challenge and displayed a level of dedication far beyond your stated duties. Planning Commissioners, who had volunteered for just one meeting per month, committed to an extraordinary 10 meetings in just 28 days, sometimes sacrificing 3 nights a week to this task. Planners, counsel and support staff, whose job duties assume 8-to-5 days, accommodated this demanding schedule calmly and professionally, often with little more than 12 hours between meetings in which to accomplish the work with which you had been tasked (and hopefully get some sleep, too).

No other county in California has developed a framework anything like this, and that means you all were working without any reference to follow. In doing so, visionary ideas put forward by the Commission and the public sometimes had to be tempered by staff's best professional opinion as to what is defensible under CEQA within this accelerated timeframe. Though we may not be able to implement all of those ideas at this time, the draft ordinance developed by the Planning Commission lays out a thorough plan for the work that's still ahead of us. We, as a board, are dedicated to continue this work so that we can finally bring this long-standing industry out of the shadows and into the regulatory fold, to help it become a responsible and legitimate industry we can all be proud of.

Our Board thanks you all for your hard work, your perseverance and your outstanding dedication to the people, the environment and the future of Humboldt County.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, 1st District

Estelle Fennell, 2nd District

Mark Lovelace, 3rd District

Virginia Bass, 4th District

Ryan Sundberg, 5th District