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Re Item 6 3/8/18

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Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 3:20 PM
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Tom Balenko's Ordinance

Hi Ruth and Leslie. I'm forwarding this email for tonight's meeting.

Diana

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: March 8, 2018 at 5:50:57 AM PST
To: tcpc.McHugh@gmail.com
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This micro license seems like it has been crafted by Tom Balenko. His entire goal is to make it unsustainable for any small grower to exist so him and his business partner Jake can take over the county's cannabis industry. Rumor has it they have Judy Morris in their pocket as a silent owner and their goal is force everyone to distribute through them. Hence, why she scrambler to get Terry Mines nominated rather than other more qualified candidates after Keith Groves incident, they feared they would loose power. With these restrictions, they can dictate who gets paid, if at all, and when. Toms distribution company has already taken product from 7 farms before the new year. When they were passed bad checks, they told the farmers there are no guarantees. With the restrictions you have proposed on the micro license, you make it so that it is not cost effective to ever get one. The state has varied levels of fees that go to \$4.5 million but you say 500 pounds. Which is barely 400k today before expenses. That doesn't put a dent in the expenses to set up a micro license and the cost of the facilities necessary to get one. However, if the state standards were adopted here, it would make it more difficult for Tom Balenko to rob people or pay them very little, like they are already doing.

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TRINITY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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To Whom It May Concern, including but not limited to: Mike McHugh, Graham Matthews, Diana Stewart, Richard Hard and Dan Frasier:

I'm writing today to express my opinions and collected facts, in support of, allowing Cannabis Microbusiness into Trinity County, allowing indoor as part of the 1C Specialty Cottage license, and revising the Opted-out areas in Weaverville, Lewiston and Hayfork. My name is Kylie and I have studied and worked in a field creating and sustaining successful families. I and am utilizing my credentials of working with children families for the past 10 years, to give standing to my support. First let me state, I am very concerned about the sustainability of successful families in Trinity County. From economic hardships, to rampant drug problems and lack of accessibility to resources, the families in this area are at risk. I have hopes that by moving forward on the Cannabis Ordinance including Microbusiness and reducing the opted-out areas, that we as a community can promote healthy, thriving families in a successful county.

Issue 1

Microbusinesses will be a positive addition to the Cannabis Ordinance for the following reasons:

- It will allow for small, sustainable farms, who will create less of an environmental footprint than large commercial farms. Families living here, are invested in, and care about the health of the river, their land, and community resources.
- It will allow families to not only invest in themselves by providing more options for economic independence, but also in turn, to invest in their community.

- It will encourage entrepreneurs, who currently contribute to over 50% of all US Businesses, to start and keep their business in our county.
- It would give the already local, talented, sometimes multi-generation, farmers the chance to keep their own gardens.
- We live in a unique climate, which creates unique cannabis, that can be set apart from cannabis grown in other areas. We have the ability to market small batch, locally grown cannabis from family owned farms.
- Cannabis has been in this area for a VERY long time. We are located in the Emerald Triangle which is world renowned for producing some of the best cannabis in the world. Cannabis has been providing semi-legal supplemental income to our working families since at least 1996. Banning Microbusiness would disqualify those families from continuing to support themselves financially. While a cottage 1C license is available, with outsourcing the processing and transportation, they are forced to continue to cut down on the amount of profit attainable.
- Jobs provided by big commercial farms will bring economic stimulus to the area. However, allowing Microbusiness will give families the opportunity to not be reliant upon the big companies, and alternatively be able to create their own place in the market.
- Thriving families are made when basic needs are more comfortably met and financial security is obtainable. Pairing these factors with stronger school systems, community resources, and a thriving community as a whole is how this ordinance can help to set the next generation in Trinity County up for success.
- I personally would prefer to see more sustainable, family owned and operated microbusinesses in our area and less large commercial farms.

Question: will this Microbusiness license allow families to cultivate indoors?

Issue 2

A Type 1C license "Specialty Cottage" according to state guidelines allows for: cultivation using mixed-light up to a 2,500 sq. ft. Area, or up to 25 mature plants for outdoor cultivation, or 500 sq. ft. or less of total canopy size for indoor cultivation, on one premise. However according to the Trinity County Application for Cannabis Cultivation, indoor cultivation is not permitted. I'd like to

point out, that with a medical recommendation, according to the state guidelines; "qualified patients are exempt from the state permit program if cultivating less than 100 square feet for personal medical use. Primary caregivers with five or fewer patients are allowed up to 500 square feet (AB 243, 11362.777(g) and SB 643, 19319)". Therefore, if one can already cultivate 500 square feet with five patient recommendations, why are we not allowing the same cultivation area to be permitted under the Specialty Cottage license?

Issue 3

Opted-Out areas.

Questions:

- 1) Who drew up the parameters and decided upon the boundaries?
- 2) What percentage of landowners within the Opted-out areas are in support of this?

According to the Planning Department's Evaluation of Environmental Impact, 50% of all residents in Trinity County are located in the unincorporated communities of Weaverville, Lewiston and Hayfork. A large portion of these communities are also designated as opted-out areas. Meaning we are excluding a large percentage of our residents from economic opportunity. We want to support our local families, not exclude them. Allowing Microbusiness in these areas further promotes independence and economic stability.

Additionally, the Evaluation, has identified 11 zoning districts as appropriate locations for issuance of Cannabis cultivation licenses. Included in those districts are Rural Residential- less than 5 acres and Rural Residential- less than 2.5 acres. After reviewing the Trinity County Parcel Viewer, I found, most of the parcels specifically located within the Lewiston opt-out area, fall under those two zoning categories deemed appropriate for Cannabis cultivation.

I propose the following options for revising the Opt-out areas:

- A. Remove the opt-out zones completely and rely upon the appropriate zones recommended by the Evaluation to see who is eligible for cultivation licenses. An

example: the appropriate zones do not include Single Family Residential- High Density as part of the recommended zones. Therefore, if we follow the guidelines, a family located in the Lewiston neighborhood, for example, would not be able to obtain a permit in the first place. Whereas, a family in the currently opted-out area, who owns more than 2 or 5 acres, zoned as RR5 for example, would have the opportunity to utilize their own property.

- B. Allow land owners with more than HALF an acre to be exempt in their opt-out zone, if their property is included within the list of zones deemed appropriate by the Environmental Impact Evaluation. This would keep the opt-out area intact as is, while allowing landowners with acreage to utilize their own property.
- C. Allow land owners with more than ONE acre to be exempt in their opt-out zone, if their property is included within the list of zones deemed appropriate by the Environmental Impact Evaluation. This would keep the opt-out area intact as is, while allowing landowners with acreage to utilize their own property.
- D. Consider a revised opt-out area. See example for Lewiston attached. Notice it still includes the high-density neighborhoods, along with the historical bridge. I encourage other individuals in Hayfork and Weaverville to submit their own opt-out revisions or suggestions for their areas.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to the continuation of progression in our county, applaud the progress that has already been made, and am excited to see further expansion on the empowerment of the families in our area.

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