



TRINITY COUNTY

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

TO: Members of the Trinity County Planning Commission

FROM: Lisa Lozier, Interim Director Building & Planning

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "LL", is written over the name Lisa Lozier.

SUBJECT: Cannabis Storefront Retail Ordinance DEV-20-02

Please find attached public comments received between 3-29 and 4-6-2022.

4/5/2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to show my support for the Red Barn to become a marijuana dispensary in Trinity County. I grew up in Trinity County since I was a small child. I grew up on Oregon Mountain and my family still lives up there. Now it's a mountain full of marijuana farms. Personally I am very happy they are there. They have provided my family with well paying JOBS. Such a rare thing to find in Trinity (a good paying job). Growers also provide a valuable service to their consumers who rely on them not just for recreation, but as an alternative medicinal source.

As with all good things, there is a dark side to this coin. Some problematic issues we've experienced on our mountain are environmental issues, and criminal issues. We need more oversight to make sure local streams and water ways are not depleted or destroyed. I do agree that more regulation when it comes to the use of natural resources, such as water, is necessary.

They could all be required to dig their own wells, install rainwater collection systems, or purchase and deliver water as a last resort, if they intend to grow commercial marijuana. And limit the use of dangerous pesticides and herbicides which are both toxic to the marijuana consumers, and to the environment. Only residential use should be permitted to use streams and waterways for their home and personal use. And these farms need to perform background checks on the people they hire. Often times growers come and go after a couple seasons without much thought to the community they leave behind. So it's important to use marijuana income given to Trinity County to enforce laws, ordinances, and prohibit illegal operations etc. If we can get these problems under control and build a positive relationship with the marijuana community, Trinity could grow and blossom.

Having a dispensary in Trinity County would provide much needed tax revenue to help combat the problems that exist within the growing communities. Approving the growth of Marijuana in Trinity County has been good for the county by providing more jobs and more tax income revenue.

But what I don't understand is... Why is growing the plant okay in Trinity, but selling in Trinity is still taboo? It makes no sense that marijuana consumers have to rely on the black market or go all the way to Redding to get it. Black market marijuana will continue to thrive in Trinity County for as long as Trinity maintains its prejudice thinking towards dispensaries and its own local consumers.

Black Market Marijuana is usually not good quality or safe to consume, grown illegally, by cartels, etc. Allowing a dispensary in Trinity gives local customers more options and takes away from the black market dealers considerably.

And don't forget, all the extra revenue that Trinity County is missing out on by saying no to this logical next step.

In conclusion I 100% FULLY support Tammy Brazil as the first WOMAN OWNED business to bring a dispensary to Trinity. She has a kind and beautiful soul full of love and light for her community. Her goals for that area would bring in more tourism, more jobs, more income, would lower black market appeal and so much more! Whats not to love about this beautiful dream of hers?

She only wants to bring forth awareness and positive change to the community of Trinity. So lets trust her, and lets do this!

If there is anyone we can trust with such a sacred duty to our community it would be her.

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood. The key to change... is to let go of fear.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terrill Robinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Terrill Robinson

Deborah Rogge

From: clerkoftheboard
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Deborah Rogge
Subject: FW: Support for retail cannabis dispensaries in Trinity County

From: Karen
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 12:06 PM
To: clerkofthecommission@trinitycounty.org; clerkoftheboard <clerkoftheboard@trinitycounty.org>
Subject: Support for retail cannabis dispensaries in Trinity County

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to raise my hand in support of an avenue for local permitted growers to sell their products locally via dispensaries. The cannabis market, like it or not, is the only gold rush on the horizon and we should be supporting those who strive for a responsible industry.

Please consider a way forward for those are willing to do it right.

Best regards,
Karen Sundt

Weaverville



**Trinity County Agriculture
Alliance**

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To: Trinity County Planning Commission
c/o Richard Kuhns, Psy.D
Clerk of the Commission
11 Court St, Room 230
P.O. Box 1613
Weaverville, CA 96093

Re: Zone Amendment DEV-20-02 - Cannabis Storefront Retail Ordinance

Although retail cannabis is heavily regulated by the state, California State statute allows for significant local control. Local jurisdictions retain the right to impose taxes, set density or separation requirements, and/or institute a license cap, a ban, or not, yet only approximately 30 percent of jurisdictions have done so. This lack of retail access is one of the driving factors behind California's thriving unregulated market.

The typical urban regulation for cannabis retail is based on a high density of population, and either creates "green zones", license caps, or requires some degree of separation between operators. Urban environments are also generally consumer, not producer regions, and therefore have specific needs which frequently do not reflect the needs of rural communities.

Producing regions, which are often rural, have the opportunity to develop retail regulations that encourage tourism, and directly support their local farms. Tasting rooms, events, and direct to consumer sales have contributed to the success of the California craft beer and wine industries, and the counties in which they are located for decades. This model can be employed here, and is reflective of both the cultivation ordinance and tax.

These successful destination businesses also encourage ancillary service and hospitality industries by bringing visitors and outside revenue into the area, along with providing jobs for local residents.

Trinity County is at a crossroads as to how we want to envision our county. We believe the majority of constituents and residents of Trinity County desire a strong local economy composed of numerous small, family-owned businesses, and that our local economy would continue to benefit from our world-renowned name as a legacy cannabis producing region.

The Trinity County Agriculture Alliance strongly supports the following recommendations:

1. Zoning

Commercial cannabis retail is permissible in C1, C2, and H.C. under an ordinance with its own CEQA finding.

2. Setbacks

Cannabis retail is subject to state-mandated setbacks from youth oriented facilities and other sensitive receptors. These setbacks are sufficient to protect the public in the permissible zones. No further setbacks are required.

3. Opt-outs

Any parcel deemed appropriate, must be included in the potential for licensed cannabis retail in order for the program to succeed. No findings can be made to show an imminent threat to the general public from a licensed, regulated, cannabis retail business, therefore they cannot be excluded through an emergency ordinance creating a temporary moratorium.

4. Separation

The concept of separation of retail outlets, in order to avoid concentration, is derived from urban planning in regions of high population density. In our rural, production-oriented region, there is no protection offered to the retail business owner relative to competition. Instead, similar to wine tasting and retail in Napa County, there is benefit to creating a destination-type attraction. Separation of licensed businesses must not be used as a mechanism to limit opportunity to potential business owners, or as an attempt to reduce the total number of licensed retailers.

5. License cap

Capping licensed retail in Trinity County would fail to support the needs of either consumers or producers, and provide no tangible benefit to the general population. A license cap would also place the licensed retailers at an unfair advantage over both the suppliers and the customers by artificially reducing competition. Furthermore, an artificial cap on licenses would not allow for a destination attraction. Any "pilot program" used to test the waters of licensed retail in Trinity County would fall short of realizing the potential for cannabis retail in Trinity County.

6. License types

Both adult use and medical license types must be made available. The state allows applicants to simultaneously apply for and be issued both types of licenses.

7. Life of Project

Retail licenses in Trinity County shall be for the life of the project. An annual fee may be charged to cover the costs of annual inspections, and associated paperwork.

To create a retail ordinance which upholds the intent of our ordinances at large, and which supports the small, local farms of Trinity County, we as a county need an ordinance which simply reflects state regulations, without added roadblocks.

Please consider and adopt our recommendations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

TCAA Board of Directors

Trinity County Agriculture Alliance (TCAA) is the first trade association of Trinity County's legal cannabis industry. We represent the united voice of Trinity County's hundreds of cannabis farmers and businesses dedicated to operating responsibly in a regulated industry, practicing environmentally-conscious land and watershed stewardship, and upholding a vital local economy that benefits Trinity County.

Our mission is to foster an ethical, sustainable, and prosperous cannabis industry in Trinity County by empowering our members to advocate for our interests, promote our value, and support the communities we call home.

Deborah Rogge

From: Clark Tuthill
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 5:23 PM
To: Info.Planning
Subject: Marajuana ordinance comment for meeting

Board of Supervisors and Planing Commission,

My husband and I live on Poker bar Road. We have seen much improvement over the years with the help of ordinances. We are opposed to having store front dispensaries anywhere in Weaverville or Lewiston, or anyplace where it can be seen by the young impressionable children. Please make our view and concern know to whomever needs it.

Thank you,

Clark Tuthill. History teacher and coach

Louise Tuthill. Home Economics Teacher

Deborah Rogge

From: Veronica Kelley-Albiez
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 12:24 PM
To: Info.Planning
Subject: Public Input for 04/07/22 Commission Meeting, Proposed Zone Amendment DEV 20-02, Cannabis Storefront Retail Ordinance & Resolution

Good Afternoon,

Public Input for 04/07/22 Commission Meeting, Proposed Zone Amendment DEV 20-02, Cannabis Storefront Retail Ordinance & Resolution

I am not sure where to start on this email for public input as I found myself completely confused and honestly quite offended this past weekend. I have been attending the Cannabis Ad Hoc meetings to be a voice in the process of building cannabis regulations that serve all the residents in Trinity County. I am not elected to learn all about the cannabis industry and I don't rely on any type of business within the industry to feed or house my family. However, I have spent the last four years working to educate myself on the industry and the regulation process in the efforts to provide reasonable input. I have heard at MANY planning and BOS meetings the comment of "where were these voices when we were creating the original ordinances?" While I am confident there were many voices present, the majority of our residents relied upon our elected officials to create the balance their constituents requested.

All that said, this is where the confusion and offense comes in. Even with over 30 attached public input comments from 2020, there appears to be ZERO consideration given to those comments in the draft that FINALLY appeared on the planning commission agenda website on APRIL 1st, sometime after 3:30 pm. I even emailed the department on March 9, 2022, requesting a copy of the documents and received no reply. The notice in the Trinity Journal and posted on the library door state that written comments are only being accepted until March 30th and that the staff report could be found on the website. I have expressed ideas at Ad Hoc meetings about floor plans and business models that may work well for Trinity County as I have researched dispensaries on the coast, in southern California and even Tennessee. This draft document simply falls onto the back of the State regulations which have ZERO consideration of a counties character or desire to create a balance for residents. It is probably one of the most tone deaf documents I have read in a very long time.

Let's start with CEQA - I am not sure how this can be claimed under the Common-Sense Exemption 15061(b)3, as our current General Plan is so out of date it never considered Cannabis or its effects on land use. The definition of this exemption is: "(3) The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." Almost everything in this draft ordinance has the ability to affect areas covered by CEQA. This exemption application should be reconsidered and further studies done. At minimum, all applications should be subject to site specific CEQA determinations. While I see the need for a comprehensive and balanced retail ordinance, I see a greater need for updating the general and community plans before we continue to create such community impacting land use changes.

Zoning Code Compliance references interior occupation to another part of the document that lacks detail that even if just following State guidelines provides specific details that are not listed in our document. We can NOT just leave out information because the County wants to just use State guidelines. We NEED TO DO THE WORK and include more detail. This document has to be clear to ALL residents of Trinity County. Keeping it ambiguous does not lend itself to the mission of transparency and public knowledge.

Proposed 17.43H.020 - Section B: where can someone find the listing of zoning overlay of "Scenic Vista" when looking at a parcel on parcel viewer? Why would this be under a Director's Use Permit application? This, at minimum, if considered should be a C.U.P. which provides the opportunity for a wider range of public input. This is important to protect an area's character. As the County has experienced several changes of Directors in the last four years alone, the community is best to decide what works for their area. Especially as our current general and community plans are outdated.

Proposed 17.43H.030 section C in its entirety. Consumption should be eliminated. As presented, this draft would allow consumption, to include smoking or vaping on the premises. However, these two activities are prohibited where smoking is prohibited by law. This would push the area for consumption to outdoors as smoking is not allowed in public retail spaces. This WILL effect air quality and noise levels. Consumption on site also has the possibility of putting impaired drivers on roadways throughout the county. The same could be said for bars which are already established throughout Trinity County. This also leads to the fact that cumulative effects need to be considered for this type of activity. There should be NO consumption allowed on site!! There is ZERO language covering mitigation measures or the requirement of a C.U.P.

https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/classic/toxics/ets/workplace_smoking.pdf

Proposed 17.43H.050 - Section A - what is the "related administrative policy" referenced in this section.

Section

B(12) - Is this a Cannabis Storefront Retail Operating Standards document created by applicant or is this just a copy of local/state regulation/ordinance? It is not clearly defined which once again puts the applicant behind the 8 ball for submission. These items should have more detail for the applicant to be able to provide a successful document.

B(13) - why is there no requirement for a "consumption area" listed if they are recommending it be allowed.

B(15) - this language appears in all of the surrounding counties ordinances that I have researched. Smart to indemnify the County. May need it.

B(16) - same question as above, where can someone find the listing of zoning overlay of "Special Treatment" when looking at a parcel on parcel viewer? According to the ordinance referenced, this appears to allow cannabis retail storefronts in historical buildings and/or areas. Both of which would appear to be in conflict with the majority of Trinity County residents wishes as evidenced by current permanent "opt out" or "carve out" areas on record. Why would this be under a Director's Use Permit application? This, at minimum, if considered should be a C.U.P. which provides the opportunity for a wider range of public input. This is important to protect an area's character. As the County has experienced several changes of Directors in the last four years alone, the community is best to decide what works for their area. Especially as our current general and community plans are outdated.

Proposed 17.43H.080 - Paragraph one (1) restricts access to county staff to "normal business hours" and would appear to hold law enforcement to that same standard. Cannabis Department staff, compliance, and law enforcement should be granted access AT ANY TIME they request. There should be no limitation on when inspections may occur.

The following items are being left to State regulations. However, I don't believe they fit the character of communities or the desire of its residents. These should be reconsidered and staff should be directed to change.

Hours of Operation: currently the draft allows 6:00 am - 10:00 pm. As there are several C1, C2 and HC properties that are contiguous to all levels of residential parcels, this should be amended appropriately.

Storefront Marketing/Advertising: state regulations state: "Any advertising or marketing placed in broadcast, cable, radio, print, and digital communications shall only be displayed where at least 71.6 percent of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, up-to-date audience composition data." This could be argued in more rural areas of the county. We should better define how storefronts will be allowed to look and/or advertise. The coastal and surrounding county dispensaries all have innocuous storefronts that blend into the business area while not providing an attractive nuisance or advertising where minors may be present.

As stated previously, I believe C.U.P. applications and reviews should be required.

As suggested in 2020 to date, there should be a cap on available Retail licenses.

There should be language that states retail facilities are subject to opt out areas and therefore excluded from operation in opt out or carve out areas.

Most of the dispensaries in surrounding counties have a floor plan that separates id verification area from retail area. The retail area is closed off from view of storefront windows and general public areas. Perhaps this could be incorporated into our ordinance.

Humboldt County has a good regulation on providing information on the potential health impacts of cannabis use to store employees and signage within the facility.

55.3.11.15 The operator shall provide information to all employees about the potential health impacts of cannabis use on children. Information shall be provided by posting the brochures from the Department of Health and Human Services titled "Cannabis Palm Card and Cannabis Rack Card". This information shall also be provided to all employees as part of the employee orientation.

55.3.11.16 The brochures from the Department of Health and Human Services titled "Cannabis Palm Card and Cannabis Rack Card" shall be printed and made available to all customers where transactions are completed.

55.3.11.17 Prior to operation, the operator shall work with the Department of Health and Human Services to provide signage notifying customers of the potential health effects of cannabis consumption during pregnancy and upon nursing children.

<https://humboldt.gov.org/DocumentCenter/View/105029/Ordinance-2669-Draft-Dispensary-coastal-Ordinance-Amendments---hours--health-impacts>

There is no mention of security requirements in this proposed ordinance. Even if the county wants to rely on the States regulations (we should really review and possibly add anything necessary for what is needed in Trinity County), then it should be spelled out in our ordinance.

This draft doesn't address the retail of live plants which is allowed by State law. Does this mean it will be allowed or not?

This draft doesn't address delivery which is allowed by State law. Does this mean it will be allowed or not? If so, won't that affect traffic and a review would be required?

This draft does not address Sale and Return of Cannabis Good - Free Cannabis. Does this mean it just defaults to State regulations?

There are more things to address; however, time constraints exist based upon the late release of the staff report with draft ordinance will prevent me from researching and responding in a timely manner. If all of the suggestions presented by myself and other members of the public are too great, which I believe they will be, to give proper review and educated assessment in a one night process, I would request staff be given what direction is possible with more time allowed for public input. This should be brought back to the planning commission with recommended changes and after the proper public input process has been completed.

Thank you for your consideration of this email.

Sincerely,
Veronica Kelley-Albiez
Douglas City, CA

Deborah Rogge

From: Glenn Bjorkman
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 11:02 AM
To: Carol Fall; Info.Planning
Subject: Commercial Cannabis

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am a resident of Trinity Center at .

My previous home is in the Santa Barbara CA area. I purchased my home in Trinity to move away from the commercial Cannabis Operations that you are considering.

The history of this industry has contributed to the decline of the Santa Barbara area.

We purposely narrowed our search to Trinity Center rather than Weaverville to be away of the drug use that is so prevalent in Weaverville.

Make no mistake, Cannabis products are the first step to the short road ending in Meth or other drugs.

I have seen this destroy many lives in the Santa Barbara area.

Also, all you have to do is look out in the Lancaster area where the Mexican drug cartels have been stealing water to grow Cannabis in very large programs. We would be foolish to think that allowing such operations would be an enhancement to our society. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO ASK YOURSELF WHY.

Lastly, please put into your thought process all the illegal operations that were uncovered during the recent fires even though this was legalized. The taxes the state is charging just put these people back underground.

I request that you respond back to me personally and explain how anyone could think that this is going to be a plus to our wonderful community. I am open to any thoughts you may have.

Thank you in advance for protecting one of the few remaining, beautiful, pristine areas in our state.

Please put a stop to this nonsense.

Glenn Bjorkman

Deborah Rogge

From: Melissa Mitrevski
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:47 AM
To: Deborah Rogge
Subject: FW: Retail Cannabis

From: clerkoftheboard <clerkoftheboard@trinitycounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:42 AM
To: Melissa Mitrevski <mmitrevski@trinitycounty.org>
Subject: FW: Retail Cannabis

From:
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:14 AM
To: clerkoftheboard <clerkoftheboard@trinitycounty.org>
Subject: Retail Cannabis

Good Afternoon:

My name is Susan Bryant and I am a Real Estate Broker in the Trinity, Tehama and Shasta Counties for over 45 years.

I am a former resident of Douglas City. I am in support of Retail Dispensaries in Trinity County.

I am very excited that Trinity County is going to have Retail Dispensaries for the Residents. It is long overdue and will be good for the community as a whole. I support your vote for Retail sales and encourage you to license the "Red Barn Pharmacy"

proposed by the Legendary Pioneering "Dr. Tammy K. Brazil".

Trinity County won the Lottery when Dr. Tammy K. Brazil moved to town.

Retail Cannabis supports the geriatric group (of which I am one) and the medical community as a whole. I am also a STAGE 4 cancer

survivor. I credit cannabis with keeping me alive. Legitimate cannabis is very much needed. Thank you for the Progress!

Susan Bryant. Broker 00595042
Bryant Enterprises Real Estate Co.
Redding, Douglas City, Red Bluff, CA

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From: Olivia Caccavo

Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 7:38 AM

To: clerkoftheboard <clerkoftheboard@trinitycounty.org>; clerkofthecommission@trinitycounty.org

Subject: Cannabis store front retail planning meeting

I hope this message finds all commissioners well,

Retail opportunities for cannabis businesses here in Trinity county are a logical must. The perspective customers are our older populations and our tourists. These groups are often over voiced by TAA, but the same demographic that comes for a bachelor fishing trip, and enjoys camping in our beautiful forests, asks people at the gas station in their trucks where you can get cannabis here, has to hear that you can't. In our community with an aging median population, who grew up in a time of medical cannabis, now how to seek medicine in Redding. It shouldn't be that you have to know a guy to avoid these scenarios. Having to know a guy is black market cannabis.

Cannabis in Trinity has taken massive blows in the years since we first approached creating a pathway for legalization. The farmers are the backbone of cannabis in Trinity and I do hope that can continue. But to support the cannabis industry here, it must be complete. Storefront retail (and off site processing...) complete that loop. It's not a solution to sell all the cannabis grown here, and it doesn't have to be. Store front retail exists to showcase a side of our heritage and commerce that has not had a seat at the table.

Deciding where stores can be seems pretty straight forward. There are very limited areas where storefronts actually are. We have a few small town strips, like Weaverville and Hayfork, where storefronts are struggling and openings for new businesses exist. Let's allow the community members here to open their business doors and try to find success in the very challenging business of storefront cannabis retail without ridiculous limitations.

Thank you for considering these comments. I know how these meetings go and I am so sad to miss this meeting for the kids sports schedule.

Olivia Caccavo

Hayfork.

Deborah Rogge

From: Debra Chapman
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 12:48 PM
To: Deborah Rogge
Subject: Re: FW: email is broken.

Deborah,

Re: Cannabis Retail Ordinance

Please find attached comment.

I have attempted to contact the planning department for two days. Phone number listed 623-1351 goes directly to Frank Lynch voice mail with loud busing sound then says you have timed out and disconnects. When you dial 0 to talk to someone it buzzes like a fax and cuts you off. I wasn't able to get through to complain about the lack of email or phone contact. Talked to Mary at CAO office she gave me an email address for info that's on website.

The fact that the email is not working and the ability to talk to personnel regarding the phone and email issues is alarming. Along with the fact that personnel knew the email wasn't working. How many others have been unable to comment or notify department of problem?

This item needs to be tabled and public comment opened with notification.

Thank you for your response,

Debra Chapman

On Tue, Apr 5, 2022 at 11:14 AM Debra Chapman

> wrote:

Cannabis Retail Ordinance

This letter is in support of a comprehensive Cannabis Retail Ordinance.

It is time for Trinity County to benefit from an industry that has been part of our economy for 60 years. Farmers put their trust in the County at large to create a system to support legal farms. Retail sales are imparitive to thier success.

As a small retail business in Trinity County we have been negatively impacted by the boards failure to move a comprehensive Cannibis program forward and hear the same complaints from other small business owners.

Please support the Cannabis Retail Ordinance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Debra Chapman
Ret. Dist 4 Supervisor
Junction City, CA

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Debra A. Chapman

Junction City, CA 96048

Dear Trinity County,

When my family & I moved to California we were happy to live in a state that recognized cannabis as a legal & safe medicine. The only thing lacking it seemed was safe access for those not near the bigger cities. As a patient dealing with many issues it is so important I have access to reliable, organic, plant medicine. I don't want to drive to Redding or Oregon to find relief, or spend my money at Walgreens or Rite-Aid on poisonous big pharma. Please approve The Red Barn Healing Center. The life saving information Tammy so freely shares is invaluable. She is a benefit to any community lucky enough to have her. Her location is the perfect spot for patients to break up their trip from the coast to Redding and beyond. The patients, their caregivers, the travelers driving on 299, & all of the residents of Trinity County will benefit greatly.
Thank you, Mary Clemens

Deborah Rogge

From: clerkoftheboard
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Deborah Rogge
Subject: FW: Cannabis Retail Ordinance in Trinity County

-Emma Purvis

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From: Everett Harvey
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:16 PM
To: clerkofthecommission@trinitycounty.org; clerkoftheboard <clerkoftheboard@trinitycounty.org>
Subject: Cannabis Retail Ordinance in Trinity County

I am strongly in favor of opening up retail within Trinity County.
This should include retail storefront sales. This provides access for county residents and for county visitors. Those using it for medical reasons would also have easier access.

Sincerely
Everett Harvey

Weaverville, CA 96093

Deborah Rogge

From: clerkoftheboard
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Deborah Rogge
Subject: FW: Retail Cannabis Ordinance

Melissa asked that I forward these emails/communications on to you 😊

-Emma Purvis

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From: Rodney Jones < >
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:45 AM
To: clerkoftheboard <clerkoftheboard@trinitycounty.org>
Subject: Retail Cannabis Ordinance

To: Clerk of Trinity County Board of Supervisors
From: Rodney Jones
Re: Trinity County Retail Cannabis Ordinance
4/5/22

Dear Clerk of Board,

While cannabis sales can be controversial, the science of cannabis is not! All mammals with a spine have an endocannabinoid system. This system controls all life support systems of the human body. Cannabinoids are that critical to human functions. The plant with the most known cannabinoids is cannabis. Having safe and affordable access to cannabis products is essential for communities to maintain health. Back in the early 2000's when this process of legalization was in its infancy there was a lot of speculation due to the false propaganda given to the people by the Federal Government. Those against allowing legal use of cannabis quoted false narratives like, "Cannabis is a gateway drug, Crime will increase if it becomes legal, children will be harmed by cannabis," and a whole list of similar issues. What the 15+ years of legalization have proven is; crime didn't increase, cannabis is an exit herb, not a gateway drug, children are being healed with cannabis when medical doctors have tried everything in their tool kit and failed. Most of the adverse comments back then came from rehabilitation programs and the medical society. Both have a vested financial interest in keeping cannabis products off the legal market. Without a legal source of cannabis products, you are encouraging a black market to continue to exist. This black market is where the crime comes from. It also reduces community health. The community shouldn't have to travel out of the community to obtain safe and effective products. If your community has a pharmacy, it should have a safe and affordable place to purchase cannabis products. While I'm not a resident of Trinity County, I frequently travel through Trinity County, and have many friends and associates in Trinity County. I often stop in the different communities in Trinity County for food, fuel, and to communicate with the people of the communities. With proper regulations you can have a viable market for locally made products and increase your revenue stream for the county. Bring back common sense to government and open the market place, you will be glad you did.

Sincerely,

Rodney Jones

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From: adrien keys
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 12:54 PM
To: clerkoftheboard <clerkoftheboard@trinitycounty.org>
Subject: Retail cannabis regulation comments

Good afternoon,
I would like to have this comment letter submitted to the administrative record, and included in the agenda packet for Thursday 4/7.
These comments are mine personally, not the comments of TCAA, of which I am the board president.
Thank you

Zoning districts C1, C2, and HC are clearly the most appropriate zones, as retail is a primary permitted use. The idea of "keeping it out of sight" only furthers the negative stereotype created by reefer madness and Pres. Nixons' self-declared war on drugs. Prohibition creates the very crime people are concerned about.

Setback from sensitive receptors have already been established by the state, and should be incorporated into our ordinance. Excessive setback requirements are likely to artificially restrict opportunity for both business owners and consumers.

Regulation is a solution to access to safe, lab-tested, taxable cannabis products. Historically unregulated cannabis has been easier to access than regulated alcohol, beer, or wine products. Again regulation is the solution, not the problem.

Trinity County is a production region, and similar to wine country where folks can be exposed to locally produced wine in clean, comfortable environments, retail cannabis businesses will support and broaden the reputation of our area and the producers who live here.

Prohibitive separation regulations will not allow the development of destination tourist attractions, and due to the extremely small size of our County would by its nature, prevent retail cannabis businesses from accessing licensing.

Regulated cannabis retail in Trinity County is an opportunity to drive tourism. Oregon, Colorado, and other regions of California are already seeing tremendous success with regulated cannabis tourism. Diverse, market-driven retail options are essential for this goal to be realized. If the business owners in the historic district in Weaverville feel that cannabis retail is inappropriate in their area, I would like to hear that from them.

Restricting licensing opportunities to a limited number of applicants will do nothing to serve our County. If only one or a few outlets are permitted, they will essentially be given a monopoly. I'm pretty sure that if there was only one drugstore in Trinity County and it wasn't in Weaverville, few people would think one is enough. They also will be able to control prices without competition, and not be able to provide diverse retail opportunities for our many small family owned farms.

We will not be able to ascertain the success or failure of regulation if the whole program is artificially constricted.

Retail cannabis businesses will be paying local taxes of 2.5%, while wineries, liquor stores, and bars pay none.

Senator John Hickenlooper of Colorado has publicly stated his fears of increased youth use of cannabis would increase with regulation has admitted that his fears were misguided, and in fact, that was not the result. Please avail yourselves of the information contained in the link below, or just look up John Hickenlooper cannabis news story.

<https://www.marijuanamoment.net/senator-who-previously-opposed-marijuana-legalization-says-he-was-wrong-about-increased-youth-use/>

It is essential that both medical and adult use licenses are made available. The state allows an individual to hold one license with both medical and adult use types. Please simply incorporate the states' requirements, without adding additional roadblocks.

Regulated cannabis adult use cannabis is restricted to those 21 and over, and medical cannabis to those 18 and over, therefore the fear of increased youth access has no nexus with the regulated industry. Medical cannabis products are exempted from the state excise tax, making them more affordable to lower income patients.

Access to medical cannabis is a pillar of Prop.64, for which the residents of Trinity County voted in favor. There are many medical cannabis patients in Trinity County who presently must drive a considerable distance to access regulated cannabis products, which is especially difficult for senior citizens. The cost of gasoline also causes difficulty, as many Trinity County residents are of low to moderate income, this also transfers any tax revenue out-of-county. The preferred alternative is to allow both medical and adult use licensing in Trinity County without restricting access by limiting retail licensing.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Deborah Rogge
Subject: FW: Vote Dr.Tammy ,Red Barn pharmacy ,Douglas city Ca. To be approved

-Emma Purvis

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In reference to Dr Tammy Red Barn Farmacy . We need a Cannabis dispensary in Trinity county . This is vital for cancer patients and people with chronic pain to be able to safely access this medication. It will also bring revenue and jobs which are so needed in this county . Thank you Therese Lanzisera

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Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Info.Planning
Cc: Carol Fall
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From: Melissa Mitrevski
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:29 AM
To: Deborah Rogge
Subject: FW: Cannabis Retail Ordinance Trinity County April 7th-Letter Supporting dispensary- a storefront

Heres another comment

Best Regards,

Melissa Mitrevski

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Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Melissa Mitrevski <mmitrevski@trinitycounty.org>
Subject: FW: Cannabis Retail Ordinance Trinity County April 7th-Letter Supporting dispensary- a storefront

Melissa,

If you are not the correct person to be forwarding these items to, please let me know!!!

From: Macarena Pepe <
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:18 AM

To: clerkofthecommission@trinitycounty.org

Cc: clerkoftheboard <clerkoftheboard@trinitycounty.org>

Subject: Cannabis Retail Ordinance Trinity County April 7th-Letter Supporting dispensary- a storefront

California, April 5 th, 2022.

Ref: Cannabis Retail Ordinance Trinity County April 7th-Letter Supporting dispensary- a storefront.

To whom this might concern:

My name is Macarena Pepe, i m from Argentina and my ID number is
I have been living in California the last tree years, learning about the Cannabis Medicine.
In my personal experience I heard about Cannabis for the first time when I was studying to become a Criminal Lawyer, in Law College in a subject called "Drugs Law and Regulation" ! I found out about Cannabis as a medicine through my brother who is an Agricultural Engineer-Botanic who loves plants ! When my Mother got breast cancer and had to do chemotherapy, my brother started to grow his own plant and make his own oil to help my mom. Later my brother who suffered from a bad formation in his spine began to use Cannabis in oil and balms form as a pain relief. I was the last one in the family to get to experience the wonderful benefits of this Medicine . I began to use it to relieve my headache and body pain. I truly believe in the effect of this medicine and in our Human Right of access to it. Everybody in this world should be able to can choose Cannabis as their medicine. Because of that I hope, pray and expect this coming Cannabis Retail Ordinance Trinity County helps to keep spreading the Right of everybody to have access to legal marihuana medicine in the Trinity County community.

Sincerily ,
Macarena Pepe.

Deborah Rogge

From: Katie Quinn
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 8:43 AM
To: Info.Planning
Subject: OPT OUT AREAS

We have lived in Trinity County for 26 years and are extremely invested in our community and the county. We have made it very clear to the BOS over the years that we do not want cannabis activities (other than individual legal grows) in our community of Lewiston. We run an Airbnb – our guests do not want the odors associated with cannabis while they enjoy their stay. They want to see the trees, the birds, the wildlife and breathe pristine air.

We have held many, many family and friends gatherings here – and they have also written to the BOS every time to let them know why they love to visit, why they count on enjoying this county in the communities where cannabis is not King. Not sure that Trinity Pines or Hayfork enjoys the same numbers of visitors as Lewiston does. In fact, we could not find one Airbnb rental facility in Hayfork.

Every community should have the right to be an OPT OUT of those cannabis activities that they don't want in their community. We want Lewiston to remain an OPT OUT. Please, go back and look at the many, many letters sent to the BOS with this same message. Please, keep OPT OUTS in this county.

Katie Quinn
Mel Deardorff