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Honorable Supervisors:

We kindly ask for your denial to the decision to allow business license processing for cannabis operations whose land use entitlements are not final, due to appeals. The ordinance provides that land use entitlements must be final before the project may qualify for a business license. Staff's unilateral action improperly "reserves" cap acreage for grows under appeal, even though the approvals are not final. Appeals typically address cannabis operations that raise land use compatibility and related issues, and should disqualify that project from proceeding with business license processing. The existence of entitled grows in excess of the cap that were not appealed establishes that County revenues could be realized more quickly by advancing these noncontroversial grows and not reserving cap acreage for projects under appeal. Please direct staff to only accept projects on the Eligibility List once all appeals are resolved and the permit approvals are final.

Additionally, we question the actions of the current permitted growers who are acting outside of their "permitted" conditions. For example, Busy Bee has expanded growing cannabis into the adjacent parcel that was bought from the Mosbys. Was this permitted? They also have more than 100 worker cars on the property- again outside of their allotted number of employees. We have seen similar noncompliance with the West Farms operation.

Is anyone monitoring this activity?

Our community does not need any more pot - it smells, makes our citizens sick, scares away tourists and over utilizes one of our most valuable resources - water (and clean air).

Please do the right thing for the community.

Dianne Pence