



Solano County Farm Bureau

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November 9, 2020

Solano County Board of Supervisors
C/O County Clerk
675 Texas Street
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Supervisors,

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We wanted to reiterate the Farm Bureaus stance on the Hemp ordinance. We request the item be taken off the consent calendar. While we appreciate the efforts that have been made and the attention given on this issue, we feel it would be a mistake to adopt any plans or ordinances at this time.

Considering the limitations that COVID-19 placed on the general public over this year, we have had complaints about how things have proceeded. Also, the hemp industry for CBD has had some significant growing pains, those on the negative side of things being left with product they couldn't move and others bankrupt. As that industry continues to get their feet under them and those in our community try to get back to normal after COVID, time is not a bad thing.

We feel more work is necessary on the plan. We don't want needless or, on the other side, ineffective regulation. First and foremost our concern is with public safety. From our conversations with the Sheriff's department, they have not been included nor have they signed off on this Hemp ordinance. We feel this is unacceptable. The Sheriff's department spent an extraordinary amount of time on hemp in 2019. The role laid out in the plan for the Sheriff is vague and does not adequately state the Sheriff's authority.

The ordinance does not specify or quantify charges for county costs. Though we have been informed that this has been left open to be able to charge an appropriate amount for the permit at hand, we still feel there needs to be some sort of quantifiers.

Though you posted the meeting the interested public was not notified which is required by Solano County Law. The public has for the most part, like the Farm Bureau and the Sheriff, been kept out of the process. There has only been one outreach meeting to the public as a whole in September of this year which was announced only a couple days beforehand. This same body was told there would be adequate notice before the next meeting, however no one was contacted, we feel that the AdHoc meeting was not sufficient in public outreach.

Lastly the ordinance only addresses CBD type hemp and lumps all other hems (food and fiber) into the same category. We are a right to grow County, and though the demand isn't currently there, we feel it wrong to remove possible future options, especially if the hemp variety doesn't resemble cannabis. Also, there has been no discussion on Hemp with already existing commodities.

Thank you for your time and attention to the matter,

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