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Grassroots Organization

Promoting a sustainable future for Humboldt County

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Who is California Cannabis Voice Humboldt or CCVH?

The conversation started in June of 2014 with a group of 35 people, stakeholders in our community. There was diversity in the crowd. We had business owners, small farmers, environmental proponents, county agency staff, state agency staff and people concerned about the future of Humboldt. We all came together for a common cause, a land use ordinance that the County Board of Supervisors could support. The ordinance would set the ground work for small farm cannabis culti-

vators to come out of the shadows, make the transition into transparency and legitimacy. This framework would bring non-compliant famers into compliancy through environmental controls such as, grading permits, permitted water containment methods, and building permits. CCVH evolved out of those first several meetings with a core working group of people that came together to form our local voice. CCVH is a grassroots nonprofit organization promoting a sustainable future for Humboldt County by educat-

ing, advocating, and being the voice of the cannabis community. Our vision is to build a community that has an economically and ecologically sustainable cannabis industry while honoring our heritage. We are currently working on a land use ordinance for parcels larger than 5 acres. It is estimated county wide that there are over 10,000 small cannabis farms. CCVH consists of a 13 person volunteer Board of Directors and 3 paid staff. Staff runs the day-to-day business and the Board holds regular monthly meetings on

the first Monday of every month. The organization is not a membership based group, but rather a group that is rallied by its' supporters. Keeping local control of policy is a primary focus for this organization and that is why we have reached out to our local law makers and environmental advocates for help in developing this ordinance. Within the organization we have a Policy Committee. This committee has been instrumental in developing dialogue and fostering relationships with local agencies on achieving a land use

Cannabis Voice In Action

CBD

Cannabidiol (CBD) is a compound in cannabis that has medical effects but does not make people feel "stoned" and can actually counter the psychoactive effects of THC. After decades in which only high-THC Cannabis was available, CBD-rich strains are now being grown by and for medical users. Scientific and clinical studies underscore CBD's potential as a treatment for a wide range of conditions, including arthritis, diabetes, alcoholism, MS, chronic pain, schizophrenia, PTSD, antibiotic-resistant infections, epilepsy, and other neurological disorders. - ProjectCBD.org



ordinance that can be supported by all members of our community. There are a number of volunteers that work behind the scenes setting up meetings in County watersheds. These watershed meetings were started as a way to educate small farmers on "best practices" management in their neighbor woods. Willow Creek always holds a meeting on the first Saturday of the month, usually held at the Willow



Creek Golf Course. The third Saturday of the month there is a meeting at the Mattole Grange, and the fourth Saturday there is a meeting held on highway 36 at the Van Duzen Grange. Attendances at these meetings have been upwards of 200 people, showing our organization that there is a need and a want for small farmers to be regulated.

CCVH has also orchestrated a number a small farm tours for State Officials such as, Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, Assembly member Jim Woods, Congressman Jared Huffman, and even some representatives from the State Board of Equalization such as Fiona Ma and George Runner. To bring this many figureheads together in one meeting is a monumental achievement by a small organization representing the community that we love. These State Officials are watching the path we are taking in our community to see how post legalization might look after a November 2016 election.

Now is the time to let your voice be heard. Register to vote. Join our e-mail list. Check out our website at cannabisvoicehumboldt.org or Visit our Facebook Page (facebook.com/ccvhumboldt). We need your support, feedback, and donations.

12 Guiding Principles

1. The State will issue licenses to the following; cultivators, distributors, manufacturers and transporters of medical cannabis.
2. Patients and caregivers will still be able to grow and possess their own cannabis pursuant to Proposition 215. However, no patient or caregiver may sell cannabis without a license. Cooperatives or collectives may apply for a license to engage in protected activities.
3. License fees will be fair and on par with license fees issued by Alcohol Beverage Control. Fees must be set at levels that allow for businesses with different levels of capitalization to participate.
4. Businesses will be allowed to make a profit.
5. Fees may be imposed at the state or local level but must not be set so high that they encourage a black market in medical cannabis. Fees will be allocated to public safety, local general funds, schools and substance abuse prevention.
6. Outdoor growing must comply with all applicable environmental laws set by the state and local governments.
7. Indoor growing must comply with all state and local fire and safety standards and should reduce the carbon footprint and other environmental damage through use of alternative energy and energy-saving devices.
8. Cities and counties may zone where cannabis-related businesses are located but must not discriminate in setting regulations nor prohibit such businesses, except that zoning may mirror zoning rules for alcohol businesses.
9. Extracts and other products derived from cannabis plants are explicitly allowed and regulations will govern how such products can be safely produced and distributed.
10. No restrictions on sources of capital financing for these licensed business entities.
11. Promulgated rules and regulations for licensed entities are reasonable, have a rational basis, are not cost-prohibitive and are not punitive or unnecessarily restrictive.
12. Establishment of appellation zones just like what was established for the wine industry.



Thank you,
California Cannabis Voice Humboldt