



March 1st 2022

Re: BOS 3-2-2022 Meeting
Agenda Item 4b

*4b) Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to Staff to Create an Appeal Process for Cannabis Application Denials and Return to the Board of Supervisors before May 1, 2022
(Sponsors: Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor McGourty)*

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

CCAG supports an appeal process for applicants, especially for those that may be denied in error during the portal submission process. If an applicant wins their appeal, fees should not be assessed on the applicant. CCAG also supports the allowance of cultivation to continue during an appeal. If an applicant is not allowed to operate during an appeal and then ultimately reinstated because they win their case, this could be problematic with the State Provisional licensing status. It makes sense to let these operators continue until the final determination is made that they are in fact eligible or ineligible for a county cannabis permit.

The portal does not leave very much margin for error and we need to be sure that applicants are rightfully afforded an opportunity to appeal. We appreciate the Ad Hoc for bringing this important item forward and hope that all Supervisors will support a fair appeals process.

Respectfully,

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For the Covelo Cannabis Advocacy Group