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Lake County Board of Supervisors
Supervisors Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, Simon and Green

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns with you about this agenda item. One of my concerns is that decisions affecting the direction of the cannabis ordinance are made piecemeal without the benefit of robust discussion. Discussions will occur later.

By removing temporary cannabis events from the realm of Minor and Major Use Permits and their review for environmental and safety issues, the public loses a safeguard. Vintners who host tasting rooms must apply for a Minor or Major Use Permit as applicable. It is reasonable to expect the same of the cannabis temporary event hosts.

By following the task force's recommendation and placing temporary cannabis events under Zoning Permit, the public isn't notified. Neighbors, familiar with area safety issues (e.g. road conditions of unmaintained dirt roads), have no means to have safety issues addressed. The cannabis event skirts review for public safety and environment (e.g. does the cannabis event site have ample parking that does not violate security and setback requirements?). And how are cumulative effects of cannabis special events to be managed--when more than one cannabis event host holds an event in the same area--sharing the same road?

Monthly or weekly special events traffic on unmaintained dirt roads is disconcerting. Special events require a permit when the expected draw exceeds 500 visitors. In rural parts of the county, unmaintained dirt roads will be overwhelmed well before the 500th guest arrives at the cannabis event.

According to California Department of Cannabis Control (CDCC), a temporary cannabis events last one to four days; people can consume cannabis at these events. Driving on narrow, poorly maintained dirt roads is a challenge when sober. Once the county issues a zoning permit, is it possible that the zoning permit allows for repeat events at frequencies undetermined without reapplying for another zoning permit?

Additional revenue streams are important, but they should not be pursued at the expense of longtime residents' health, safety and well-being.

While the Planning Commission at its 14 Dec 2023 meeting didn't offer changes to the task force's recommendations, the commission didn't approve the recommendations. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny7J18exhXI>; go to time 2:31:22] Minutes from this meeting haven't been posted.

Thank you for your consideration.

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