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**From:** A Brown <Brown.R.Anthony@outlook.com>  
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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Planning Commissioners

Planning Commissioners -

Please reconsider the zoning changes currently being drafted in OCC Title 17A.290 that are negatively impacting Marijuana Operations.

I am sole provider of my family of 4. I wouldnt want it any other way. I have found a career in the county when the best option I had before was a job. I struggle with depression as I am manic depressive, but, sense starting my career over a year and a half ago in the recreational marijuana farming feild I come home happy everyday. This career bring my family happiest and supports our needs. We are no different then wheat farmers or orchardists. We work hard, plant our seeds and put our all into a harvest to make it all back. To say the I502 community gas no impact is to ignore facts. Local unemployment has raised sense bringin these jobs the county. Raise the local economy threw new money to the county and invested in local businesses. Every single business in this county has had in one way or another an impact from recreational marijuana farming. To set a standard for one type of agricultural and divide it fro.by he rest would require a complete reclassification of all agricultural work in the county and restrictions on such businesses. When looked up what qualifies as an agricultural worker is simply States any plant that grows roots in the soil. Marijuana is not just Manufacturing it is also growing and harvesting just like an orchard grows its fruit and harvest it before it manufactures into individual packaging for sales to the customer. The growth and sale of recreational marijuana should be treated no different than Apples oranges and cherries picked in the very trees in this County. Please do not take away my job and my career my family is supportive and dependent on this I would never ask another farmer to drop what he's doing and find another passion.

To support this emerging industry, please implement the following:

- Maintain the current definition of Marijuana as an agricultural crop with the right to farm (17A.020.060 Agriculture)
- Include the definition of farm to include marijuana (17A.020.370 Farm)
- Do not require conditional-use on marijuana operations (17A.290.030)
- Allow permitted use across all zones (pg 106 of OCC 17A Zoning)
- Eliminate the Amortization Period to require permitted, unpermitted, or legal pre-existing marijuana operations to cease operations on January 1, 2017.
- Eliminate additional conditions that would increase operational costs or inhibit business development (17A.310.100 Potential Conditions)

We also ask that you help the effort in asking Commissioners to repeal the moratorium, which prohibits the siting of new producers, processors, and retail operators. (Resolution 17-2016)

Sincerely-  
Anthony Brown