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To: Planning
Subject: Cannabis Industry I-502 Producer/Processor

Planning Commissioners -

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

This industry has helped change my life for the better. It has helped me financially, mentally and physically. It has helped create jobs for many people as well as myself and I appreciate the financial stability it has awarded me. I have a baby boy on the way and I am able to support myself as well as save money for maternity leave. It would be wonderful if there could be more time and energy focused on helping those in the community with issues such as maternity leave, and less on removing industry and service which has only helped the area grow. Our industry has also helped out the local businesses in the area. The boost to the local economy has been widespread. Hardware stores, motel industries, gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants and many more have profited from the increase in business. I know some have complained about the increase of dust, but I believe that is due to natural causes. We had one of the worst fires last year which caused a huge amount of dust and ash. When the wind picks up, the natural protection provided by the trees and bushes lost in the fire leads to horrible quality, and is not something that can be attributed towards our facilities.

I believe that The LCB does a stellar job at enforcing all rules and regulations. Employees are not permitted to consume cannabis on the property. This helps eliminate the driving under the influence some are concerned about. There is no marijuana that goes uncounted for, which makes it near impossible for anyone underage to obtain while in the hands of a producer, processor, and/or retail.

Sincerely-

Marie Will