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Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed zoning change that would permit produce stands to sell cannabis products by allowing produce stands within the Timber Production and Special Use Zone District. This change raises serious concerns about public safety, regulatory enforcement, and the overall character of our community. First, allowing cannabis sales at produce stands creates significant oversight challenges. Unlike licensed dispensaries, which operate under strict regulations for security, age verification, and product safety, temporary produce stands lack the infrastructure to ensure compliance with these critical safeguards. This could increase the risk of unauthorized sales, including access to minors.

Second, the potential for increased roadside activity presents safety hazards. Many produce stands operate along busy streets or in temporary locations that are not designed for high-traffic retail sales. Adding cannabis sales to these stands could contribute to unsafe conditions, including traffic congestion, impaired driving risks, and inadequate security measures.

Furthermore, this change could alter the character of our community. Cannabis sales should remain limited to properly regulated dispensaries that are equipped to manage responsible distribution, rather than being introduced in an informal setting alongside fruits and vegetables. Allowing such sales at produce stands sets a concerning precedent that may open the door to further unregulated retail activity.

For these reasons, I urge the Planning Commission to reject this zoning change. Protecting public safety, maintaining responsible cannabis sales regulations, and preserving the integrity of our community must remain top priorities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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