

November 13, 2014

David Rabbitt, Chair Sonoma County Board of Supervisors 575 Administration Drive Room 100A Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Re: AB 2470

Dear Chairman Rabbitt:

SCOTT P. BARTLEY
Mayor

ROBIN SWINTH Vice Mayor

ERIN CARLSTROM
JULIE COMBS
ERNESTO OLIVARES
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GARY WYSOCKY

As you are aware, AB2470 was passed which provides that if a public agency has not adopted a local regulation to regulate plants, crops, or seeds prior to January 1, 2015, then any ordinances or changes thereafter would need to be approved by the Department of Food and Agriculture. It is our understanding that the Board has been asked to consider adoption of such a regulation.

The City supports the exercise of local control over the issues that are important to our community. We would therefore urge the Board to consider adoption of an ordinance that would provide reasonable and local regulation over our local plants, crops, and seeds prior to January 1, 2015. We would also appreciate the opportunity to provide specific comments on the proposed regulations when this matter comes before the Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

SCOTT P. BARTLEY

Mayor

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