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Group 3 #1

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Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 5:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: Cannabis Concerns



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From: Tamie Posnick <tamie@me.com>
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Subject: Cannabis Concerns

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Hello County Board Member,

Please consider taking the time to regulate the growing of cannabis in the Santa Ynez valley. We have a property on Baseline surrounded by farming and agriculture. Among us, including our property, there are currently children's riding classes and education programs being conducted regularly. Having cannabis right next door is a major concern for us and our entire community. This will bring concerns like the following:

1. Smell

2. Safety.

The cannabis industry often hires workers who are not individuals that have backgrounds appropriate to be near children. Increased theft near these grows is another big concern.

3. Size.

Too many acres dedicated to growing means a worsening of all of the above. Currently, there is an application for a permit filed on Baseline proposing to grow 15 acres of plants as well as distribute. This is detrimental to our community as there is a community children's riding club, called the Pony Club that sits behind said property. Also, next door (just across the fence line) to our arena we have children who lesson & ride horses. We also provide children from local schools opportunities to satisfy school requirements in our work & learn program on our property. Parents and schools alike have already expressed serious concerns about cannabis operation locations. As an education focused farm, we implore the board to think of these safety concerns and the loss of these programs which support our local communities.

Our valleys tourism and wine tasting bring value to other businesses and having the overwhelming smell of large scale cannabis operations to contend with will certainly impact our businesses and local economy for the worse.

Please consider putting strict regulations in place to delay the permitting process while all of these things are taken into consideration. Scaling the cannabis grows down to small sized and more commercial zones will be much safer for our communities where children live and participate in programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: brandon - Dragonette Cellars <brandon@dragonettecellars.com>
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Subject: Cannabis Ordinance comments: Please distribute to all Board Members

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to address a few issues relating to the Cannabis Ordinance review.

As a local citizen who makes a living from agriculture and tourism in the Santa Ynez Valley, I believe it is my duty to share some observations about the recent boom in the Cannabis industry, and how it is impacting local valley life.

POINT A:

The area between Buellton and Lompoc, known among wine lovers the world over as the Sta. Rita Hills, has seen rampant growth of hoop house structures in the past several months which is increasingly incompatible with the agricultural and rural character of the area. For anyone who has seen this recent proliferation, it is obvious that this is INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, not agriculture. As such, I would like to voice a strong opinion that hoop house structures and shipping containers be regulated and rules enforced in a much more strident way.

I am a citizen who makes a living from agriculture, and I would like to begin by stating that I am in favor of agriculture (organic agriculture in particular). I spend a lot of time working in vineyards located between Lompoc and Lake Cachuma and have been stunned by the rapid proliferation of hoop structures and their negative visual and environmental impacts. I was optimistic about the increase in local acreage devoted to farming cannabis until I realized that most of the crop is being grown inside hoop structures. We need to be careful how we define "agriculture." Is indoor farming really agriculture?

In recent months there has been an explosion of hoop structures in many rural areas of Santa Barbara County. Make no mistake, these are industrial structures, not farming implements. The beauty of the rural countryside appears to be under attack by the glaring white of hoop structures. While hoop structures are exempt from building codes, they must not be exempt from zoning codes.

Is there a zoning code relating to the nighttime glow and light pollution that night grow lamps, amplified by the white of the hoop structures, produce?

Are there considerations for the plastic waste generated?

For the runoff and lack of natural absorption of water?

I would like to quote from another comment, which I believe accurately describes the impacts that must be mitigated:

" IMPACTS THAT MUST BE MITIGATED

1 There must be meaningful mitigations for visual impacts

In establishing CEQA, the State Legislature established the importance of aesthetic, natural, scenic, and health benefits to the people of the State 21000 The Legislature finds and declares as follows (b) It is necessary to provide a high-quality environment that at all times is healthful and pleasing to the senses and intellect of man. 21001 The Legislature further finds and declares that it is the policy of the state to: (b) Take all action necessary to provide the people of this state with clean air and water, enjoyment of aesthetic, natural, scenic, and historic environmental qualities, and freedom from excessive noise.

The EIR notes that if hoop structure use expands further, it will change the character of the landscape from a view of open fields to a view dominated by structural elements. "These visual changes can affect the overall scenic quality enjoyed by residents and visitors in the County." These visual changes will degrade the high-quality environment that is now "healthful and pleasing to the senses" and will limit/restrict/obstruct "enjoyment of aesthetic, natural, scenic" qualities in direct contradiction of the California Environmental Quality act.

The EIR states: Residents and visitors alike are attracted to the region for its relatively pristine natural environments and decidedly rural aesthetic. Many of the regions rural roads and highways provide unparalleled views of its scenery: "The entire 32 mile length of Highway 154, Highway 101, State Scenic Highway SR1, SR246, Baseline Avenue, Foxen Canyon Road, Alamo Pintado Road, Santa Rosa Road, Figueroa Mountain Road, Happy Canyon Road, Armour Ranch Road." In addition, the Santa Ynez Community Plan established a D Design Overlay to protect visual and scenic resources. These visual and aesthetic resources must be protected.

2 There must be meaningful mitigations of waste impacts The EIR states that generation of plastic waste will exceed the thresholds and that was without consideration of alternate scenarios. It is worth noting that China no longer accepts our used plastic. This must be mitigated.

3 Impacts of hoops on rainwater channeling and groundwater recharge must be mitigated. As discussed in the EIR, hoop structures (more than shade structures) channel water creating runoff that leads to erosion "which could adversely affect surface water quality".

Perhaps not within the required categories of CEQA but of vital interest to the county is the fact that ground covered by hoops does not get rained on and ground water is not recharged. For every 1000 acres of land covered with hoop structures year round (note berry growers often take hoops down in winter) the county average annual rainfall of 20 inches, will result in 543,080,000 gallons or 1,666 acre feet of water not recharging our aquifers. Growing on hillsides exacerbates this by increasing channeling and run off. Ag Order 3.0 might have requirements to reduce surface runoff (albeit unlikely to be enforced), but not recharging aquifers is the opposite of where the county should be going."

I am in favor of expanding agriculture, including cannabis farming, in Santa Barbara County, but it must be regulated such that open grow (under NATURAL conditions) is permitted in agricultural areas, and that hoop structures be considered industrial and only allowed in areas zoned for industrial use.

I am aware that hoop structures have been, and are being, used for other sectors of agriculture outside of cannabis, and there should be some consideration (grandfather clause, perhaps) for some of those farms.

POINT B:

The odor issues need to be clearly addressed. Grapes are extremely sensitive produce, and the resinous nature of blooming Cannabis presents a very real danger to vineyards located down wind. Surely, there must be a way to reduce this hazard, and it should be clearly addressed in any Cannabis Ordinance.

POINT C:

The high security environment that seems to come with Cannabis operations is incompatible with the local neighborhood, and presenting a damaging experience for visitors from out of the area.

Just yesterday, I drove by an operation on Santa Rosa Road that had an armed guard at the entrance. Is it really safe for our children to co-exist with operations that bring military-style security to the rural area?

I hope that you will consider the value of our rural landscape as you make your decisions.

Sincerely,

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Subject: D1 Public Comment
Attachments: CP1-PublicComment.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Please see attached. Thank you.

CP1 Supply Systems, Inc.
Carpinteria, CA

January 28, 2019

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**PUBLIC COMMENT IN OPPOSITION TO
LIVE SCAN REQUIREMENT FOR ALL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEES**

To Honorable Chair and Supervisors,

Re: Agenda Item D1 Cannabis Amendments and CEQA Compliance for Provisional Licenses

I am the Office Manager for CP1 Supply Systems ("CP1"), a licensed cannabis cultivator in Carpinteria and member of the CARP Growers association, a coalition of local industry leaders who operate at the highest standards including best available odor control technology, water recapture and reuse, no night lighting, and no use of pesticides. Our membership is continuing to grow and we are proactively outreaching to other businesses and encouraging them to join our coalition and adhere to our standards of operation.

I have 10 years of experience in agricultural labor management and can tell you that it is unprecedented to require agricultural workers to submit fingerprints to the Department of Justice via Live Scan. This is a high level of review which is typically reserved for only executives, managers and owners of a company.

We already struggle to recruit and maintain quality agricultural employees. Cannabis farms face the same labor shortage challenges as every other agricultural endeavor, such as lettuce, strawberries, citrus and flowers. Requiring our workers to submit to a Live Scan will alarm them, as they may be fearful of sharing information with the federal government which has not been entirely supportive of immigrants or those here on temporary work visas. Such a requirement will undoubtedly result in many our employees leaving our company and will make it more difficult for us to recruit employees in the future. This requirement will put Santa Barbara County at a competitive disadvantage.

Further, the Live Scan process can cost upwards of \$100 per employee and take a couple of weeks to receive results. This is overly burdensome especially considering that we already employ comprehensive security measures to ensure the safety of our farm. We have 24/7 video surveillance, perimeter fencing, locks, alarm systems, and seed to sale technology which tracks the movement of each plant and harvest to prevent diversion and theft.

Please direct staff to amend the business license to remove the requirement to Live Scan all employees, and instead only require Live Scan for owners and executives, which is consistent with the State requirement for cannabis businesses.

Thank you,

Maria Sanchez
Office Manager
CP1 Supply Systems, Inc.

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From: Gail Herson <devesi@me.com>
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To: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; jhartman@countyofsb.org; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
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Subject: Re commercial cannabis in Carpinteria-in advance of Jan.28 Board of Supervisors meeting

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I have a small family avocado farm on Shepard Mesa. I am writing this in advance of the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 28 to express my views.

I deeply respect you and appreciate your giving service to our community. **You took an oath of office to care for and protect Carpinteria and her citizens.** I am so disappointed that you have allowed cannabis growers to hijack our precious eden and turn it into a skunky, odor filled, crime increasing, property values devalued, has-been of a precious town. **It is time for you to remember that your first responsibility is to the citizens of this town, not the growers. We need you to remember your best self and stand up for us.**

I am personally bothered every day as I breath the nasty odors every time I drive into town. The smell lingers in my car for hours. I choose to live a drug free life and find the smell of cannabis to be invasive and abhorrent. **And now the horrible odors have reached my beautiful farm.** You have allowed them to ruin my heavenly retirement haven. It is disgusting to smell those odors when I open my windows and doors instead of the 100 rose bushes I so lovingly planted. **For 10 years I have worked on my little spot of heaven, been a good steward of our precious land and now? I am so saddened.**

You permitted these growers -with no thought of the unintended consequences that we now live with-noxious odors, congestion on Casitas Pass Rd., workers driving hazardously as they pull illegal u-turns as they race from work, increasing crime with decreasing property values.

And now you want to subject us to more unintended consequences with this untested odor masking? Spraying detergents and preservatives and essential oils in the air with no care for or knowledge of the long time effects to humans, animals, wildlife, crops, land, beneficial insects and waterways? The only testing that has been done is on acute poisoning. That is not what should be tested. It is the LONGTERM, chronic exposure to these chemicals and substances on a daily basis that will create reactivity and chronic problems in humans and animals. **And what about people like me who are allergic to the a-terpineol and b-pinene in these masking sprays? We can not escape these unregulated substances once you have allowed them to be sprayed into the air.** I am already experiencing headaches, as are many of my neighbors and friends in town. The students are sick and distracted by the odors. Today is the 50th anniversary of the oil spill that woke us up to protect our precious environment and you are allowing this? What are you thinking?
NO ODOR MASKING AGENTS.

This needs to happen:

You must **organize a full scale independent review and revision of commercial cannabis regulations in Santa Barbara county and include citizens in this process.**

You must **make commercial cannabis subject to the same regulation process as any other land use.**

You must **place an immediate moratorium on licenses** until you address these issues. Frankly you should stop issuing any new licenses, you have given out far too many!

A conditional use permit must be required for all commercial cannabis activities in all zones.

You must **enforce shutdown of grandfathered operations.**

You must **enforce strict compliance re impacts-** odor/air quality, noise, night lighting and crime. **No odors. No night lighting. No noise past set limits. You must fund and ensure that enforcement is done quickly and responsively.** Fines are not enough, these growers are making so much money that fines don't matter-they are just considered a business expense. **SHUT THEM DOWN if they violate our community.**

Greenhouses must be closed loop systems that completely remove, NOT MASK, odors. Vents must stay closed. They have enough money to make this happen.

Residents are ALL sensitive receptors. No commercial cannabis activities to be located within 2 miles of any residential areas.

No onsite testing labs or processing facilities on AG properties.

No generators, their noise impacts our quality of life and property values.

Environmental review must be done for each commercial cannabis facility.

What happened here? How and why did you let this happen? Was Carpinteria, our idyllic Eden and her protectors, aka you, sold to the highest bidder? **Please be our shining knights and make this right, please be responsive to your citizens.**

Respectfully and with high hopes and expectations,
Gail Herson

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From: Miyasato, Mona
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 6:20 AM
To: sbcob; Bozanich, Dennis; Black, Dianne
Subject: Fwd: A letter for the Planning Meeting

Begin forwarded message:

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Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion about the current cannabis situation in Carpinteria. I live on Ocean Oaks Rd in the foothills of Carpinteria . I lived in Carpinteria when I was young. We bought our house here four decades later as we felt the quiet agricultural feeling still characterized our rural area.

However the recent change in nurseries and fields from growing plants and flowers to growing cannabis very much threatens our family neighborhood, both in terms of safety and decreasing our property values.

I do not consider the on site testing labs on agricultural properties as an acceptable agricultural use - it is a big fire hazard in our drought stricken area. Generators will cause significant noise pollution and strong harsh lighting will ruin our beautiful starry dark nights.

I am very concerned for the safety in our family neighborhood I see no reason to waive the Chapter 50 regulations which would require the Live Scan criminal background check for employees. In closing
I support a full CEQA environmental review.

Thank you for the opportunity to put my views on the record. I really appreciate your thoughtful protection of our beloved community. I trust that you will enter into this uncharted new territory with caution.

With gratitude,
Dinah Calderon