

Group 5
Public Comment



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From: Jared Corwin <jcorwin923@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 12:56 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3

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Thank you for your time,

Jared Corwin

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From: Graham Farrar <Graham@glasshousefarms.org>
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Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Please see attached letter on behalf of CARP Growers.

Thank you for your time.

Graham



June, 27, 2019

To Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Das Williams
Gregg Hart
Joan Hartman
Peter Adam
Steve Lavagnino

CC: SB County CEO Mona Miyasato

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

On June 17th the Carpinteria City Council held a special meeting on cannabis. I attended the meeting and am writing to provide the board with an update and perspective on that meeting.

I would encourage you and your staff to watch the meeting video found at <http://www.carpinteria.ca.us/videos/streaming.shtml>.

The tone of the meeting was tangibly different than many of the County Board Meetings, because it was more accessible to the Carpinteria community. County Board meetings are typically mid-day during the week when most members of the public are at work. The Carpinteria City Council meeting started at 5:30 p.m. Members of the 'regular' community (neither opposition nor industry) were able to attend. As a result, the amount of non industry support was much higher than what is typically seen at County BoS meetings. A lot of members of the Carpinteria community, many of which are SB County residents, took the opportunity to support cannabis cultivation in Carpinteria Valley. In fact, in three hours of testimony, nearly two hours were in support of cannabis cultivation in Carpinteria.

Below is a summary of comments from cannabis supporters you might not otherwise have an opportunity to hear along with time stamps from the online footage:

Stefanie Herrington, a local attorney who has served as a board member of Girls Inc. of Carpinteria, thanks greenhouse farmers for continued generosity in support of local youth programs. (1:49:24)

"The farmers in this community support the youth development organizations and other nonprofits to the Nth degree. I have been fundraising for those organizations and they always have our backs. They rally volunteers, they rally their friends bringing them to events,



they donate their flowers, and they donate a LOT of money, and they've been doing it for generations. We are very lucky to have world class youth development organizations in a community that has a large socioeconomic disparity, to really set our kids up for success in the future. These growers are my friends, they care about our community, they raise kids and grandkids here, and they are very willing to answer any questions you may have about odor control systems or anything else.”

Farinaz Hadian, a Carpinteria High School graduate, is thankful to have the opportunity to live in her home town after receiving an Environmental Science degree. She can now support herself as a professional in the cannabis industry. **(2:00:45)**

“I’m a local, from Carpinteria. After high school I went to UCSB and graduated with a degree in environmental science – my goal was always to stay in this area, but I knew it would be really difficult as a young person to have the opportunity to start a professional career here, Carpinteria is a small town. My friends moved away after college in pursuit of a professional career. I tried really hard to stay in Santa Barbara County without having to sacrifice my career goals and aspirations, and I can’t say that has been an easy journey. Fortunately, the cannabis industry has given a young person like myself the opportunity to stay in my home town, without sacrificing my dreams. I didn’t see myself working in cannabis, but I have learned tremendously from this newly emerging industry. This has given me and all other young professionals the chance to build a career without having to move away. I can work on making a difference here – where I grew up. We all need to take some time to let this ordinance roll out and give these companies time to arrive to complete compliance. I believe we can work together to maximize the benefits that this new industry has on our community.”

Nancy Baron, a biologist, praises pesticide regulations in cannabis farms for cleaning up negative environmental impacts in local agriculture. **(1:19:08)**

“I think it’s really inspiring to see so many people here, because we do share a value, which is love of where we live and our desire to preserve the things we really care about here. I come at this as a biologist and ecologist, married to a very small-scale organic avocado farmer, and I think there are many ways that we can benefit, if we can find the path forward together. Cannabis isn’t going to go away. I don’t use it, I’m not particularly a big fan of cannabis, but what I do care about is a clean and healthy environment. And I think that it’s a really good thing that the standards of cleanliness in cannabis are so high that they are



going to raise the bar for all agriculture in Carpinteria. As a biologist I can tell you that we've lost over 70% of our wildlife that exists on our planet since the 1970s. ... We have a lot of identities here, we are the world's safest beach, the avocado capital of the world. ... We've learned a lot from some of the growers here. I really think we have a chance to get it right here. I think that we can generate best practices. ... My personal dream is that our identity becomes known as "Organic Carpinteria" a place that's healthy for all of us and all the animals and other inhabitants of the world we share and rely on."

Magda Arroyo speaks on behalf of hundreds of underrepresented Latino agricultural workers who would suffer the loss of their livelihood if cannabis farms no longer thrived. Workers are in fact paid better in cannabis and enjoy an environment without harsh chemical pesticides. **(3:03:10)**

"I, like a lot of people here, demonized cannabis and those who consumed it, until I became educated. Employment in Carp alone is over 600 employees, with increased wages, better working conditions, health benefits, and all employees have to go through background checks. I'm here to express the concerns that our Latino community does not have a voice – they do, I am that voice. Cannabis has helped revitalized this community with better paying jobs that allow them to dine out more, shop at our local retailers, go to CPA's here, and support our local merchants and nonprofits. I come up from a generation of farmers. What nobody has mentioned is how many lives cannabis has *saved*. I worked at the Boys and Girls Club as a director. Our youths are being introduced to much harder drugs and being used for sex. I had a young lady pulled out of a drug home by gang members because the police would not enter without a search warrant. They saved her life. After lengthy discussions with doctors, we were able to get her on cannabis therapy. I am still in touch with her, and I am happy to say that she remains opiate and heroin free. I worked with our most disadvantaged youth during this time, and I'm proud that some have become master growers in this community and now feel like they have a purpose, and can support their families. They aren't in the streets selling drugs. I am proud to say I have become educated and now understand the benefits for both our youth, and our community."

Thank you for your time and work on this issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graham Farrar".

Graham Farrar
President, CARP Growers

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Greetings Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I first want to acknowledge gratitude for your time in reviewing public comments regarding support of cannabis licensees and the County's program to regulate this nascent and flourishing industry.

With more than 15 years of real estate appraisal experience and a strong emphasis on Agricultural special assessments, Land Use Permits, and property taxation, I feel that the County Boards and staff have a duty to serve all taxpayers by ensuring equity among every participant in the local markets. It is, of course, the cornerstone of all local jurisdictions and governing bodies to establish and enforce the laws with fairness guided by common-sense and tethered to reason.

As a Deputy Assessor and taxing authority, I have seen firsthand the positive effects of cannabis business taxation and industry presence - not only in California, but in many other states eager to fill their coffers as commercial farming, silviculture, and retail businesses struggle to make profits – much less their quarterly tax payments.

Despite claims touted by a declining by-gone era of fringe prohibitionists with outdated and scientifically inaccurate data regarding cannabis consumption, prohibition has a known, adverse effect on the local economy and County tax revenues. In fact, there has never been a better opportunity for county government to reclaim local economic power and pursue enforcement measures which reflect the ethos and community of Santa Barbara.

Improved tax revenue is only one of the many positive impacts this industry brings, including the mindset that “a rising tide lifts all ships.” Business revenues of non-cannabis businesses benefit tremendously – restaurants increase sales, local contractors receive significant bids, vendors attract new customers, and local hiring provides competitive wages with comprehensive job training.

Furthermore, in addition to the rise in revitalizing projects for previously abandoned areas, almost all cannabis establishment have a built in, generous philanthropic model to give back to their host communities.

Never before have we been able to perceive with such foresight and remain on the right side of history regarding cannabis -both in recognizing the profitability of this versatile product and its ability to create true economic growth with a sustainable, global commodity.

I am eager to support the work of the county board of supervisors and look forward to a timely and measured outcome to ensure equity among cannabis business licensees while serving the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna K. Romanosky

Deputy Assessor & Certified Property Tax Appraiser

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Hello,

My name is Rebecca Costa Smith and I reside in Solvang, Ca with my husband and two small children. We live in Fredensborg Canyon and strongly oppose properties being used in our area for cannabis growth on a commercial level.

I ask you to look at what allowing these farms has already done to neighboring communities in our county, Carpinteria especially. The results are devastating, and unnecessary. It needs to stop now. Stop the pot farms!! And keep it out of my family's neighborhood. I beg you. This is not the environment we've paid \$1 million+ to live in and raise our children. Please listen to our cries and put a stop to this before it ruins more communities.

Thank you for your time and I pray you will fight for what's right,

Rebecca Costa Smith
Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Supervisors,

Please see the attached Public Comment letter for tomorrow's (July 9, 2019) hearing.

Thank you,



HEADWATERS

Eric Edwards

Director of Compliance

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Headwaters
Carpinteria, CA

July 6, 2019

Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
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**PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTAL
JULY 9TH, 2019, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING**

To Honorable Chair and Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for the time, dedication and commitment that you and County staff have spent on this project. Everyone involved in this process recognizes that it is no easy task to bring a historically black market product and crop into the sunlight -- but sunlight has always been the best disinfectant.

Over the past three years, community members, County staff and officials and industry leaders have engaged in robust public debate which culminated in a suite of cannabis ordinances adopted by the County in 2018. These ordinances, while not perfect, have made noticeable impacts across the County; from drastically reducing odors in the Carpinteria valley to reviving and retrofitting crumbling infrastructure and employing hundreds of local residents, cannabis is reviving Santa Barbara County's agriculture heart in an environmentally sustainable way.

Despite the obvious benefits to the community, misinformation persists and is rapidly growing. First, cannabis odor in the Carpinteria valley has noticeably improved; not even the industry's most ardent detractors can deny this fact. Yet, if you read the Los Angeles Times or any of our local papers, you'd likely think the sky is collapsing and the entire seaside town of Carpinteria has been infected with asthma. And while -- yes -- odor is still a concern amongst many of our neighbors, the County's stringent odor requirements are working and will work if only given an opportunity to succeed. Headwaters supports any County endeavor that will speed the adoption of effective odor control technologies.

Second, cannabis is breathing new life into Carpinteria's crumbling greenhouse infrastructure and is giving our local environment and ecosystems a much needed reprieve from decades of harmful and hazardous pesticide usage. I'd have to imagine that in any other universe, the cannabis opposition would actually be cannabis' most vocal supporters. Pesticide spraying (and the associated drift) is down County wide, a net positive to any resident concerned with the harmful and latent effects caused by spraying a product designed to kill. Our local cannabis farms typically employ industry leading water recycling techniques preventing unwanted and

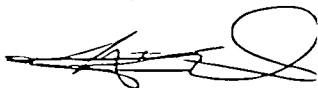
dangerous runoff and lowering the overall usage and strain on our natural resources. Similarly, cannabis cultivators are required to drastically reduce their energy consumption on an ever-continuing basis.

Thirdly, cannabis is enabling Carpinteria and the surrounding County to remain true to its agricultural heart. Many public comments decry the loss of the County's agricultural character. But consider the alternative: the demolishing of greenhouses throughout the Carpinteria valley only to be replaced by new development and overpriced condominiums. These are the true threats to the County and Carpinteria's agricultural heart -- not cannabis. Cannabis cultivation requires no new development and takes advantage of already existing infrastructure -- and if not for the harmless odor emanating from those operations lacking effective odor control, no one would even be the wiser.

Lastly, the doom and gloom being amplified by cannabis' critics is unwarranted. Aside from a few anecdotes to the contrary, tourism hasn't slowed; crime isn't rising; housing prices haven't dropped and the avocado industry is booming. Not to mention that the County is finally receiving much needed revenue from our fledgling industry which will only work to further improve and support County services and offerings.

Cannabis and the County's ordinances enacted to regulate it aren't perfect. But the industry has shown its willingness to work with community residents and leaders to solve these pressing issues. As an industry leader and member of CARP Growers, Headwaters is a strong proponent of the County's regulatory framework and supports the thoughtful deliberation of the County's ordinances and land use applicants as we all endeavor to end prohibition once and for all.

Sincerely,



Eric S. Edwards
Director of Compliance
Headwaters
Carpinteria, CA

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From: Lucas Hathaway <ldhathaway@gmail.com>
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Subject: Carp local

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Dear SB Supervisors,

Thank you for your hard work in determining the most appropriate regulations for responsible cannabis cultivation in Santa Barbara. We are all fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful locations in California, with a well cared for seaside and beautiful mountains. This area provides a wonderful microclimate to create healthy and natural cannabis medicine for those who choose not to use opiates and harmful pharmaceuticals with dangerous side effects.

This letter is to illuminate the importance of cannabis and how it helps the Carpinteria community. With a new and growing agricultural industry in our valley, we are able to provide financial support to some important community needs that we have not been able to afford without the tax revenue from cannabis. Cannabis is securing and creating jobs for people in our area, not only farm positions, but opportunities for new job creation at the County level. Now that cannabis is in our area, the CARP Growers have committed to paying for an alcohol and drug counselor as full-time staff at the Carp Middle School for the next three years. The farmers who have switched their crop from cut flowers to cannabis are able to begin donating to important organizations again like Girls Inc., Boys and Girls Club, The Education Foundation, et cetera. This was not something our farmers could afford to do 5 years ago when their businesses weren't breaking even. With thanks to cannabis, we are going to see the school district deficit begin to shrink, and community initiatives we have been unable to achieve in the past will soon become a reality.

The benefits to the community has only just begun. It is important to support a new crop that will bring new opportunity and a renewed commitment to community welfare in our area. We cannot solely rely on the tech industry to provide jobs that will affect families at every socioeconomic level. We cannot rely on the tech industry to feel accountable to the progression and growth of our local area. Please understand that cannabis has brought so many positive aspects to the Carp Valley, and what the true cost would be to remove the ability to grow.

Thank you,

Lucas Hathaway

Sent from my iPhone

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I support the cannabis industry and the County's program to regulate this new industry. I support the years of work and research that went into this process that benefited the community, the businesses and the county. I handle the compliance for our company and this regulated state and county process has been nothing but long, expensive and strict. The state of California started with emergency regulations, permitted cannabis businesses and *then once the industry was actually operating under the emergency regulations made changes through public comment*. The industry at a state level can finally create standard operating procedures now that they have final regulations in place. The County's ordinance didn't get adopted until February 2018 and then not until November 2018 for those of us in the Coastal Zone. We started the pre-application process in September of 2018 and then were able to get a completed application in by January of 2019. We are still in the permit process due to the current strict land use ordinance regulations, the county's building codes changing over the last 30 years and the 30 day wait between submittals. Even though we have only changed the crop from cut flower to cannabis, which is a more environmentally friendly crop, the entire property needs to be altered to fit the current building and cannabis standards. The property and growing practices have also been scrutinized by Fish and Wildlife and the California Regional Water board. No other agricultural crop has been subjected to these strict regulations, reporting or charged enormous fees like the cannabis industry. Just some of the State and County regulations combined require documented Security Procedures, Live scan with multiple government agencies, Fish and Wildlife and CA regional Water boards annual agreements/ waivers specifically written for cannabis, Site Visits (stating no infractions) by at least 15-20 government agencies, State Mandated Seed to Sale tracking by surveillance camera's and RFID software, Inventory control plans, Waste Management Plans, Pesticide Use Attestation, Energy Conservation Plan to reduce current energy by 15%, and professional premise and property diagram maps demonstrating uses and boundaries.

Cannabis does not use pesticides like other agricultural crops (conventional or organic), which is better for our community's health, including our schools and residential areas. Cannabis is sustainably grown in greenhouses, without light pollution, and water is recycled (reused and captured). All organic waste is also either picked up by a company called Re-stalk to repurpose the stalks into paper and packaging products or turned into compost to be re-used. Farmers are using pre-existing infrastructure and not proposing new construction or industrialization of our agricultural community. Not to mention the dramatic reduction of semi-trucks/pollution that used to line Highway 192 daily.

I support mandating odor control best practices at any point in the application process by using the best available odor mitigating systems and the continual efforts to perfect those systems overtime. The Odor issue in Carpinteria has dramatically improved since the Byers Scientific system was implemented by 12 plus farms. Of course there are still some issues as numerous farms either in the LUP process or black market have refused to install a system. We have a farm with no odor control between us and Santa Claus/Padaro Lane that continues to stink up the area. This is frustrating for compliant growers and for the community. We are confident that once all the growers are permitted and the black market can be eradicated, the odor will no longer be an issue in Carpinteria. I personally drive down Foothill,

from Nidever to Casitas Pass Monday through Friday with my windows open trying to find the smell. But I can't tell you the last time I smelled it.

There have been fingers pointed at Cannabis for recent headaches, allergies, health concerns, etc. But what the opposition seems to be forgetting about are the fires that burned 282,000 acres of land behind and within our communities including right behind Carpinteria high school and Franklin Trail only a year and half ago. Then the non-stop rains that have stirred up the ash every time, including our most recent rains and created a super bloom of pollen, which would absolutely cause headaches, allergies and breathing issues. Carpinteria was recently impacted by a serious health risk- Fires and Ash, not by a pollen-free plant that has been grown here for at least 5 years.

Carpinteria has stricter regulations than the rest of the County and already has all the infrastructure in place and ability to control the odor. It has undergone extra scrutiny and changes by the Coastal Commission, has 186 acre greenhouse and warehouse cap (not just canopy of flowering plants), and banned outdoor and hoop houses already. The Coastal Zone and the Inland Area are very different and should continue to be regulated differently.

The amount of Cannabis being grown in SB County is significantly less than any other Agricultural product, therefore significantly less impactful. As of today, per the CDFA Cannabis Website, for Vegetative/Flowering plants there is a total licensed canopy: State of California 543 acres, Santa Barbara County 156 acres. Below is a breakdown within the County. This doesn't include Nursery or Processing as the State of California doesn't base licensing of those on square footage.

Area's of SB County	Canopy Acres
Buellton - Santa Barbara County	38.48
Carpinteria - Santa Barbara County	49.67
Lompoc - Santa Barbara County	49.17
Maricopa - Santa Barbara County	0.96
Santa Barbara - Santa Barbara County	0.69
Santa Maria - Santa Barbara County	9.55
Unincorporated - Santa Barbara County	7.44
Grand Total	155.96

It's important to get the cannabis businesses permitted and licensed as quickly as possible, so that operators can focus on running compliant and highly regulated businesses. This is highly important for all that are involved including the community and the County. If the County's ordinance continues to change over and over again, then it will prolong mandating regulations and the issues that the community feels. I hope the County can focus on the current permit/licensing process, so that all operators can either start following all the current rules or be shut down. Concerned Carpinterians have publicly vowed to appeal every grower to the highest level no matter what to slow down the process. These statements don't represent direct impacts (true purpose of the appeal process), but an overall hatred for cannabis itself, creates distrust among the community and of course just prolongs all the issues. I hope the County can focus on only the fact based concerns and not on emotional statements that will be resolved once everyone is permitted/licensed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3
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Dear Joan Hartmann, Das Williams, Greg Hart, Peter Adams and Steve Lavagnino

I am a proud (truly CONCERNED) Carpinteria Valley Resident.

Please see my attached letter in support of your continued efforts.

Slowing down and or going backwards is not serving the people of this community. Be the same as us with the Byers system turning it off as we don't have to use it yet?

This will not happen, I am not going to affect 99% of my neighbors because a few loud people (1%) want us out of town.

Lets make Odor control mandatory now for all in the Coastal zone.

Thank you for your time

Hans Brand

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

My Name is Hans Brand and I am a partner in Autumn Brands.

For the past 4-5 years we have been very involved in the process to develop the ordinance for Cannabis growing in the county and have been growing this crop since 2015. Some of you have walked my farm back in 2016 and have seen our operation first-hand.

On Saturday there was a visit by Supervisor Hart to my neighbor Tina Fanucci, they walked Foothill and La Mirada to see about the odor claims in our area. And I was told that none was detected!

An interesting fact is that during Mr. Hart's visit the wind direction was straight from my farm directly to Ms. Fanucci's house and La Mirada. If ever there should be an odor from my farm this was the day.

We do know we have growers close by that have no odor control in place. This will be fixed during the business license process as odor control is mandatory and is a good thing if you ask me.

The Byers Scientific system works, my family home is on the farm, and believe me we sleep with our windows open and have never had an issue with odor.

We can explain at length about how clean our greenhouses are and how my farm is a "No Spray Zone" how my employees love the work and all the benefits etc.

We can also discuss the importance of the economic impacts that these farms bring now and in the future both locally and at the state level.

Not only do we shop locally, so do our employees. We have a push to support local business which in turn allow local business to take care of their employees who once again shop local.

Finally, in the recent report from the City most all of the fear mongering from the opposition were answered with facts.

Housing prices are up

Crime is down

And Tourism is up

Great leaders make tough calls by listening and relying on facts, the facts that the opposition are stating are not facts. It is clear they want prohibition and this has now gotten political. This current ordinance calls for odor control. Hemp is on the farm bill and you won't be able to control odor. Please believe me when I say your constituents will truly be thankful when this is all

implemented and we have a safe and thriving Cannabis community which will without a doubt continue to support what is near and dear to our hearts. A great town and community led by great leaders!

Finally, I can assure you that our products do not show up on our local high schools, we have a track and trace system run by the state that measures and registers every gram we produce including waste and by-products. I can also assure you that the amount of regulations these farms face is something no other farming group has ever seen and the taxes charged are also of levels no other crop is paying currently.

I think you have done a great job tackling a difficult situation and counties around you who have dropped the ball and will soon follow your leadership.

You have created a way to be in control and receive income to ensure you are able to enforce and continue to close down the bad players.

I say, stand proud and continue to let the ordinance work. Get the bad players out and start enforcing odor control immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Hans Brand

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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today as a member of the Cannabis community and an employee of a state licensed distributor, manufacturer and hopeful cultivator with an open application for an AG-II in the Valley.

I fully support the County's hard work and efforts to amend the operating standards for the new cannabis industry. We are deeply committed to operating a farm that is within the standards of the surrounding agricultural Valley. We understand that many hours went into crafting these rules, regulations and processes, and the constant changing of regulations prior to issuance makes it very hard for us to operate as a business.

Even though we are AG-II, we will continue to exceed the County's standards and are committed to working with the community and co-exist with other industries, such as the wine industry, and both can flourish in a positive way. Even though odor control is not technically required on Ag-II, we are proposing perimeter vapor phase odor control technology, that is not only safe and effective, but was also studied in the EIR. Our plan also includes landscape screening, and increased setbacks from the property line, to avoid visual and other impacts.

We are committed to working with the County and our neighbors to co-exist in the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. We humbly request that you allow applicants to proceed with a business license and Land Use permit simultaneously, have the existing language of the ordinance at the time of the land use application be used for determination and not retroactively applied, and maintain the exclusion of odor control on outdoor cultivation in AG II, as it is nearly impossible to control effectively.

Thank you for your time,
Libby Dolan