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Fix it now or fix it later—your choice. We think now would be better.

Don't be gulled by industry requests to keep the current cannabis ordinance(s) intact.

The Board must address a series of critical issues related to commercial cannabis and the use of hoop structures. The cannabis industry (we're just farmers trying to make a living and our shit doesn't stink and you can't possibly be having headaches) is mounting a PR campaign to diminish the valid complaints of county residents who have suddenly found themselves dealing with cannabis sites bordering their homes.

For most residents of the county, the past year has brought increasing exposure to the impact of cannabis on people's homes and livelihoods. The reaction you are receiving through written and oral public comment now is truly indicative of how folk are viewing these incursions. They are pissed.

Residents of Tepusquet Canyon have known for over 3 years what it is like to live next to commercial cannabis cultivation sites: in addition to the smell, the night lighting and use of noisy generators, cannabis brings with it serious traffic safety issues and environmental degradation. And if you want to see the epitome of greed and arrogance, look no further than the activities we see in Tepusquet. Growers have completely developed sites despite the fact that they have not yet received appropriate permits. That development has to be costing them hundreds of thousands of dollars—they are gambling that their grading and other permit violations will be ignored. Some have claimed legal/non-conforming status but expanded their cultivation sites while the county moratorium was in place.

We believe in the strongest possible restrictions on cannabis operations and advocate for a Conditional Use Permit for all commercial cannabis development.

You don't need more time to know that the ordinance(s) are inadequate to deal with cannabis. Open them up for complete review now.

**We are members of and completely support the SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis.**