



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: District 2  
Department No.:  
For Agenda Of: March 11, 2025  
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Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 3/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Supervisor Laura Capps, Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
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**SUBJECT:** Community Forum on Cannabis Odor in Carpinteria

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025:

- a) Authorize a special meeting to host a Community Forum on Cannabis Odor in Carpinteria to be held in Carpinteria City Hall Chambers on March 14, 2025. The purpose of this forum is to provide additional opportunity to hear from the community on the needs for improved cannabis odor control;
- b) Determine that these actions do not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5); and
- c) Provide any additional direction to staff, as appropriate.

**Summary:**

This Board letter proposes a community forum to be held in Carpinteria City Hall Chambers on March 14, 2025, addressing ongoing concerns about cannabis odor impacts on surrounding communities. The proposed forum aims to bring county government closer to the affected community, demonstrating flexibility and responsiveness to residents' concerns. This forum seeks to gather additional community input on odor control measures, even as the county moves forward with implementing new regulations.

**Background:**

In January 2025, the Board directed staff to draft amendments to the County's cannabis regulations, specifically to integrate mandatory multiple technology carbon filtration odor control measures such as carbon scrubbers or equivalent effective technology for mixed-light cannabis cultivation operations. While this process is underway, concerns about odor impacts in the Carpinteria Valley highlight the need for continued community engagement.

The current odor control system has proven ineffective, with none of the 3,700 odor complaints filed by Carpinteria Valley residents since mid-2018 being verified or enforced by county staff. This situation underscores the importance of hearing directly from affected community members to better understand their experiences and needs.

**Discussion:**

The proposed Community Forum on Cannabis Odor in Carpinteria aims to:

1. Engage the Community: By holding the session in Carpinteria, the Board demonstrates its commitment to bringing government closer to the areas most impacted by cannabis odors.
2. Gather Additional Input: Although the item is coming back to the Board a few days after this forum, this forum provides an opportunity for residents to have additional time to share their experiences and suggestions directly with the Board of Supervisors in the area most impacted by cannabis odors.

**Fiscal Impacts:**

As this is a community forum to hear from the public, staff time required for preparation and execution will be minimal as there will not be a staff report and any presentation will be very brief. The primary focus will be on facilitating the forum and gathering public input.

**Special Instructions:**

**Attachments:**

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