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From:

anna bradley <annaberit@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:41 AM

To: Subject: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] I second the

letter from SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis

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## Dear Supervisors,

Please help us to stop fighting in our community over the continuing problem of cannabis production and side affects. Some days it is just so hard to be optimistic. I am trying to work with the growers in the neighborhood, accepting that production will continue and speaking with them when I have problems. Regarding safety problems what will only increase when our bridge reopens: This past week I was nearly hit by a card at shift change on Foothill in Carpinteria. I called the business owner of the property who said that it was another company's employees. We no longer know who runs what business and who to contact regarding problems. Further, we are continually met with the odor that doesn't seem to quit. Is lighting ok for hoop growing in night hours that blare into our houses above?

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From:

Elena Demeyer <eomdr@verizon.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:44 AM

To:

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Subject:

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CC: concernedcarpinterians@gmail.com

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I spoke with your County representative (when attempting to make an odor nuisance complaint). I was informed that they can't really enforce any odor on the violating property because they were under a temporary license, that I would have to wait until the temporary expired and they were applying for their annual license to make any complaint they could investigate. Now, the holders of temporary licenses are going to get Provisional Licenses? So they can continue violating my home and neighborhood's air quality and drag their feet and rake as much money as they can before they realize that they never truly could comply with the proper equipment to run an odorless system? That's ridiculous. Imagine if a builder could operate that way, or a restaurant with a temporary license meanwhile selling to customers without fully being compliant? Or a doctor performing operations before he's fully licensed -- would you give him a temporary license? I see residential building projects grounded for long periods of time, because towners just can't come up with the way to satisfy the strict building codes and permits yet. If Cannabis companies want to do business, they need to plan ahead and come up with the required infrastructure before they can be open for business (which includes growing, not simply selling). Carpinteria residents are trying to be patient, but this is not being handled as a business should, one that operates while also protecting those at risk of harm.

By the way, some growers are rumored as bragging that they are going to get as much as they can get before they get shut down. By then, they would have grown enough and gotten enough money to move on to another business. They really don't care if they end up with a fully compliant annual license. I realize that this is only a small portion of the growers, but these growers are also the offending ones (the same ones that can't be enforced).

It's not that complicated. Think of attorneys, , if you don't pass the State Bar, you can't practice law. You don't get to practice a bit until you are prepared to take the test. We need straight rules and hard expiry dates. Otherwise, you just need to put your business on hold until you are in compliance. In the very least, businesses need to show compliance to get Provisional Licenses. I actually voted to legalize cannabis, expecting that it would be fully regulated from start to finish. What's going on here in the Carpinteria valley is truly disappointing. Out of towners who love and visit Carp annually are laughing at the whole system. It is shameful. Please, please, let's get things moving forward, toward a system of rules and enforcement that is fair to our community.

Sincerely,

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From:

Judy Dean <judycathryndean@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:56 AM

To:

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Subject:

cannabis grower abuses

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to implore your leadership in dealing with the worsening cannabis crisis in Santa Barbara County in general, and Carpinteria, (where I live) particularly.

Traffic and jay-walking on Cravens Lane are increasing, and will sooner or later lead to an accident or death. Noxious odors continue. I see more and more people coming into my neighborhood who appear to be either wandering or surveying the cannabis grows. Fences, barriers, cameras, and other visual blight continue to appear on about a weekly basis.

You were given an excellent road map for stopping most if not all of this by the SB Coalition for responsible cannabis. Please adopt its provisions immediately. You are not protecting our citizens or our quality of life by sitting back and letting things unfold as they are. The number of State provisional licenses issued recently for our County is unconscionable. How can you let this happen?

Judy Dean MD

From:

Kenneth L. Kraus < KKraus@loeb.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 11:19 AM

To:

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Cc:

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Ken Kraus and Perry Gibson

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From: Sent: Gail Herson <devesi@me.com> Tuesday, April 9, 2019 12:34 PM

To:

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Subject:

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I live in Carpinteria, and am still so very concerned and worried about the Cannabis situation here. Despite your tireless efforts, things are not yet getting better. My life's savings are tied up in my tiny avocado ranch, I retired here for fresh air and a good investment and despite all my hard work at this advanced age on my farm, I am at risk for losing both. Truly, the quality of my older years are in your hands.

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