



Group 2 #2

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Bozanich, Dennis
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 3:50 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: Public Comment re Cannabis Tax
Attachments: Cannabis Budget Priorities 2-26-19.docx

From: Renee ONeill
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 3:07 PM
To: Lavagnino, Steve ; Williams, Das ; Hartmann, Joan ; Adam, Peter ; Hart, Gregg
Cc: Miyasato, Mona ; Villalobos, David ; Bozanich, Dennis
Subject: Public Comment re Cannabis Tax

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Dear Supervisors,

As our attached letter indicates, our Special Investigation's Bureau for Cannabis Enforcement has one hand tied behind their backs. There are *still* only SIX members on our county-wide Enforcement Team that must oversee enforcement for our entire county!

Frankly, I find this appalling!

Attached, please find Tepusquet Community's letter that supports Staff's recommendations re the necessity for most, *if not all*, Cannabis Tax Revenue to be allocated to support our Enforcement Team. As Santa Barbara County is the *only county in the state*, with no CAPS and few restrictions, our Enforcement Team is struggling to put a lid on the Pandora's Box that you opened. They are a critical component of our *State's* (if not yours) number one objective: '*...To Protect the Public's Health, Safety and Well-being...!*'

Your first five, out of ten objectives:

"1. Develop a robust and economically viable legal cannabis industry to ensure production and availability of high quality cannabis products to help meet local demands, and, as a public benefit, improve the County's tax base;

2. Provide opportunities for legal commercial cannabis cultivation, testing, packaging, transportation, distribution, manufacturing, and retail sale in appropriate unincorporated areas of the County, consistent with state law and County regulations;
3. Develop a new regulatory program allowing for the orderly development and oversight of commercial cannabis activities and businesses, consistent with state law and existing agricultural industry practices, standards, and regulations;
4. Encourage commercial cannabis businesses to operate legally and secure a license to operate in full compliance with County and state regulations, maximizing the proportion of licensed activities and minimizing unlicensed activities;
5. Provide an efficient, clear, and streamlined commercial cannabis licensing and permit process and attainable regulations and standards to facilitate participation by commercial cannabis business in the unincorporated areas of the County;"

Your last, three objectives address protection of the environment, then the public and lastly, our children. *It is blatantly apparent to me that the Cannabis Lobbyists wrote our 'County's Objectives!' Disgraceful!*

Sincerely Aggravated with this ongoing, 'Cart-Before-the-Horse Game,'

Renée O'Neill

Tepusquet Community Crisis Committee

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Re: Agenda item 19-00179
Tepusquet Community's Public Comment on Cannabis Tax Distribution
February 26, 2019

Dear Supervisors,

Tepusquet Community strongly supports Staff's recommendation to prioritize allocation of Cannabis Tax Revenue, for funding the Special Investigation's Bureau for Cannabis Enforcement.

Now that clear guidelines have been made public, the growing number of cannabis operators who lack proper licenses and continue to flout the law must be shut down.

The Cannabis Enforcement Team has made a good start on ensuring that some illegal operators are forced out. However, to be even *more* successful, the Special Investigation Bureau requires additional Staff to accomplish their goals.

Currently, there are only SIX members on the Enforcement Team, consisting of five Detectives and one Supervisor. This number has not changed since the team was initially hired, in 2018. Due to lack of forethought on restrictions or caps in our ordinances and regulations, the demands on our Special Enforcement Team have increased, exponentially. A team of SIX Detectives, is highly inadequate to meet our county's needs. Our Enforcement Team has one hand tied behind their back.

It is essential that our Board of Supervisors not only allocate Cannabis Tax Revenue but approve funding to hire many more Enforcement Personnel, in the next budget year. Please provide them with the resources and tools they need, to fulfill your promises.

Appreciatively Yours,

Renée O'Neill and the Tepusquet Canyon Crisis Committee
Representing 98% of Tepusquet Residents that signed the Petition to Oppose
Commercial Cannabis Industry, from the outset and continue to vehemently oppose!

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From: Merrily Peebles <merpeebles@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 4:43 PM
To: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; jhartman@countyofsb.org; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob; Bozanich, Dennis
Subject: cannabis tax money discussion at 2/26/19 Board Meeting

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Re: Cannabis Tax Money Expenditures

February 25, 2019

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Our family has lived in Carpinteria Valley for 36 years. We continue to experience strong odor problems daily and are told it is because of bad operators, those without temporary licenses. I urge you to use all available tax monies received from cannabis for enforcement. This needs to be the first and only priority currently in the expenditure of cannabis tax revenue, especially in light of the fact that those with licenses are not in compliance either.

I feel those in our area that may have licenses need to be policed too. We still have odor and night lighting. Some of the lights may be under hoop houses that grow flowers, but this is illegal too. Something needs to be done. Our patience is running out.

We need funding for enforcement. We have been pleased to hear that the Cannabis Enforcement Team has begun to shut down illegal operators, but there needs to be adequate funding for this process to continue, especially with the anticipation of new growing sites so anxious to open. These many, overly large, sites will need constant scrutiny.

We want to be able to go back outdoors, open our windows, and feel more healthful.

Sincerely

Merrily Peebles

La Mirada, Carpinteria

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From: Bozanich, Dennis
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 4:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: Use of Cannabis Tax Revenues

From: Rob Salomon
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 4:15 PM
To: jhartman@countyofsb.org; Hart, Gregg ; Williams, Das ; Adam, Peter ; Lavagnino, Steve ; Bozanich, Dennis ; County Executive Office
Subject: Use of Cannabis Tax Revenues

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To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

I recently had a meeting with Mike Cooney regarding, among other things, enforcement on complaints & investigation of applications for cannabis licenses. He said very emphatically that the County is very constrained on both because there is only ONE inspector for the whole County!

Mr Williams (1st District Supervisor) has repeatedly emphasized that the key to effectively regulating the cannabis industry will be enforcement. He has said when the permits issue, the County will be able to enforce; BUT, now that they are about to issue, when the head of SB Planning acknowledges they can't enforce effectively because of budget constraints, Mr Williams apparently wants to divert cannabis funds to libraries or roads. Frankly, I'm coming to believe some of the Board of Supervisors prefer to not effectively regulate the cannabis industry.

We have been promised repeatedly that cannabis revenue will be used for cannabis regulation & enforcement. I think we should keep the money strictly for regulation & enforcement until we know how much money we're talking about. At this point we don't know how much we'll be taking in over the next few years and how much enforcement is going to cost.

Cannabis tax money should be used ONLY for cannabis related issues: enforcement of cannabis rules including closing illegal grows as well as following up on complaints about odor, lights, other nuisances, zoning violations and enforcing rules; hiring staff to verify documents including the veracity of the affidavits submitted by applicants for cannabis permits; determining if LUDC rules on non-conforming uses were followed; and providing services for people addicted to cannabis.

Respectfully,
Rob Salomon

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Bozanich, Dennis
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 4:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: Cannabis Tax Revenue Allocation

-----Original Message-----

From: Sally Eagle <sally.eagle@cox.net>
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Cc: Bozanich, Dennis <dBozanich@countyofsb.org>; sbceo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
Subject: Cannabis Tax Revenue Allocation

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Ladies and gentlemen:
Please include in Public Comments

I am in favor of all County tax money collected through the cannabis industry to be allocated for enforcement purposes and expenses occurred. Having been told that in order for vigorous enforcement to occur there must be sufficient funds. Please use these funds for that effective enforcement we have been promised.

Thank you,

Sally Eagle
Carpinteria

Sent from my iPad

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Mary Jane Edalatpour <maryjaneedalatpour@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 4:47 PM
To: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter;
steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org; sbcob; Bozanich, Dennis
Subject: Cannabis Tax Revenue

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I would like to see all cannabis tax revenue collected to go to much needed enforcement of the cannabis grows legal and illegal. Please shut down cultivation sites not following county rules and handle the many complaints about lights destroying our night skies. Additionally, money spent to help those with cannabis addiction is not a bad idea.

Sincerely,

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