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Public Comment - Group 2

From: Robin Fell <tuscanyrobin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:09 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Regulate Cannabis



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We are residents of Summerland and support the following:

1. Neighborhood compatibility. The main objection to cannabis cultivation in certain areas is incompatibility with surrounding land uses. Currently, the Land Use Permits being used by cannabis grows, do not allow any consideration of a project's compatibility with a neighborhood.
2. Transparent Public Process. Land Use Permits are issued behind closed doors by the Planning Director with limited public access to documents, no public review process and no public hearing. Conditional Use Permits are issued by the Planning Commission and Project documents are posted to the web and holds public hearings to review proposed projects and hear from the public.
3. Authority to mitigate impacts. According to the County Attorney, under Land Use Permits the County has limited authority to reduce project size or require enhanced impact mitigation. Conditional Use Permits provide much greater authority for the County to customize cannabis projects to avoid deleterious effects and protect the environment.

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: sec8300@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:10 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Conditional Use Permit Required

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To The Board of Supervisors:

Please support amending the Cannabis Ordinance to require Conditional Use Permits for all cannabis cultivation projects.

South County has been ignored for too long. You have allowed new AG permits all over Carpinteria for years without addressing any of the issues. I live on Santa Monica Road, you granted the Overgaags permission to expand their operations without looking into any of the following issues:

1. Increased Truck Traffic;
2. A blind "S" turn in the road that would require any semi truck to go head on into to traffic to make the turn;
3. No restrictions on hours of operations in a residential neighborhood; hearing a semi truck at midnight race up the road and half an hour later race back down is not neighborhood compatible.
4. No one is repairing the roads; chunks of asphalt are coming out in front of the nursery and around it;
5. You allowed the nursery to have operations on one side of Santa Monica with the trucking and shipping across the road there is constant traffic back and forth around an "S" turn (very dangerous).
6. The nursery put up boulders on one side of the road and let plants grow into the road on the other side so there is no foot or bicycle traffic space. You have to walk in the road with the trucks and cars.
7. If it is zoned for Agriculture why are there so many homes also on the land?

It should be mandatory for all operations to go through a Conditional Use Permit. The roads were not designed for semi trucks if you are going to continue to allow the growth address the issues.

I do not have any children attending Carpinteria High School but I cannot believe our supervisor Das Williams and everyone else allowed the pot to be grown so close to a school. The pot smell is overwhelming. Those poor kids do not have choice and its sad.
The grand jury saw the corruption taking place and hopefully you will finally listen to the problems we are all facing due to your negligence in allowing permits without even addressing the issues.

Sincerely,

Sharen Eskilson

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Alan Gallegos <alan.gallegos@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:41 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Ordinance

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I have been reading a lot about Cannabis in our community and I am concerned with the findings on how our supervisors have handled Cannabis in our communities. I urge the supervisors to support amending the Cannabis ordinance to require conditional use permits for all cannabis cultivation projects. We need to ensure land use compatibility, ensure a transparent process and greater control to mitigate impacts of these cannabis projects. I also urge the supervisors to look over this ordinance and ensure that it is in the best interest of our communities. The grand jury report as well as investigations that have occurred over the past several years should be taken very seriously and re-reviewed. I am counting on the supervisors to quickly and thoroughly make the changes that are needed. I don't like having community conversations with friends and neighbors and to continually hear accusations of corrupt local government being tossed about. We have enough of that at the federal level, we should be always working hard for the best interest for our communities. Let's tighten up the ship and make the adjustments needed to win back the trust of this great community. I will be the first to cheer you all when we get there. Good luck.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Members of the Santa Barbara community are tired of builders who risk the well-being and safety of our community. [THIS PETITION](#) asks the City Building Department to enact changes to restore integrity to the building permit process

- A process and willingness to revoke permits when illegal and or fraudulent activities or patterns are found, requiring applicants to start over and file new applications through a lawful process.
- Ensure our city building department protects our important firefighting lines and high fire hillside districts from illicit permit activities
- A streamlined building process to improve affordability for law-abiding businesses and homeowners to complete renovations and projects in order to re-ignite our economy

When talking to the building community, many honest builders feel pressured to either forgo the permit process altogether, or use the well-known practice of providing less than accurate or missing information to minimize the challenges and the cost of permitting in Santa Barbara, or lose projects to scroflaw builders. The Building Department is actually creating more scroflaw builders by upholding the status quo.

Learn more at: StaySafeSB.com

Ramirez, Angelica

From: ginbliss@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:27 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: CUP for Cannabis.....Please read into the Record
Attachments: Cannabis letter.docx

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Sent: Fri, May 29, 2020 1:43 pm
Subject: CUP for Cannabis.....Please read into the Record

May 29, 2020

SB County Board of Supervisors

Dear Board,

We support the Planning Commission's recommendation to require a CUP for cannabis cultivation in Santa Barbara County.

Our family has lived on Casitas Pass Road for nearly 100 years and we know and like many of the local flower and cannabis growers, however we strongly believe the negative impacts from the lack of clear oversight of the cannabis operations from the beginning has resulted in a significant degradation of the quality of life in our wonderfully unique, small community. It makes lots of sense to take a new look at things with fresh eyes and incorporate what we now know into the permitting process. The present process is simply not working as the community and the cannabis growers exist shoulder to shoulder. This will always be the case, so we need regulations and a process that is clear and tenable.

The present friction between the community and the industry will only continue to fester and this must stop for the good of us all. Requiring CUPs for cannabis cultivation feels like a workable and reasonable solution.

Sincerely,

Ginny and Tim Bliss

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Carpinteria

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Scott Van Der Kar <pinehillranch@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:06 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis CUP Needed

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Dear Board Members,

The time is long overdue that you stop digging your hole deeper and listen to the concerns of your constituencies. The message should be loud and clear to you by now. You have overstepped your bounds, abused your power, and succumbed to the influence of cannabis advocates. It is a sad state of affairs when the obvious mistakes of your Board have to be revealed via concerned citizen groups, the media, and now, the Grand Jury.

Cannabis cultivation is far from mainstream agricultural production and should be required to be permitted only through the CUP process. The State regulatory requirements clearly recognize that it needs to be regulated in a much stricter way than conventional/organic farming.

It is not too late to begin the process of repairing the damage that you have done and I encourage you to start the process by requiring CUPs.

Scott Van Der Kar
Carpinteria farmer and community supporter

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Pamela Elliott <pamela@aravant.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:58 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Cannabis

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

In order to maintain our quality of life and realize the benefits of cannabis tax revenue I urge you to vote for amending the Cannabis Ordinance to require Condition Use Permits for all aspects of cannabis cultivation. Doing so will allow all stake holders equal access to the process of integrating the cannabis industry into Santa Barbara County. A fair, transparent and enforceable process for permitting cannabis production is vital to the financial security and livability of Santa Barbara County!

Thank you,
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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Michele Carbone <mbcarbone@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Cannabis

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Dear Board of Supervisors;

Please consider a CUP requirement as the right choice for all Santa Barbara County communities:

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Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

-Michele and James Carbone
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