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Cc: City Council; Linda Reid; Greg Murphy; Andrea Keefer; Rose
Subject: City of Buellton Comments on July 16, 2019 HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding Cannabis Business Licenses
Attachments: Letter - Sierra to BoS.pdf; City Boundaries-Exhibit 17x11.pdf

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Chair Lavagnino and Board of Supervisors:

Attached to this email, please find a letter from Mayor Holly Sierra expressing the sentiment of the Buellton City Council with regard to buffer distances between cannabis growing operations and urbanized areas, particularly the Buellton City limits. In this letter, the Mayor requests that the Board of Supervisors impose a buffer distances for as great a distance as possible, with the City's preference being at least one mile.

Also attached, please find an exhibit showing an area 1500' from the City limits, as well as a one mile buffer area from the City Limits. This exhibit shows a major growing operation location on Santa Rosa Road (in red polygon), located outside the 1500' buffer area from the City limits. Despite this distance, considerable odor is generated by this operation and experienced by much of the City of Buellton. Our business community, tourism industry, and the quality of life of our residents are undoubtedly suffering due to this imposition.

The City of Buellton therefore requests that the Board of Supervisors take action to increase the distances of these operations from populated areas, and take additional action to impose restrictions to minimize the impacts associated with them, to include requiring the most up-to-date odor control technology be utilized to minimize odor escaping the grow sites.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.



City of Buellton

July 15, 2019

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anamapu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: City of Buellton Position on Cannabis Cultivation Buffers

Honorable Chair Lavagnino and Supervisors:

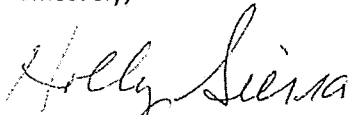
The importance to the City of Buellton of the matter of Cannabis Regulatory Program Potential Amendments that you will be discussing on July 16 cannot be overstated. Outdoor cultivation of cannabis continues to result in impacts to the residents and businesses of our city.

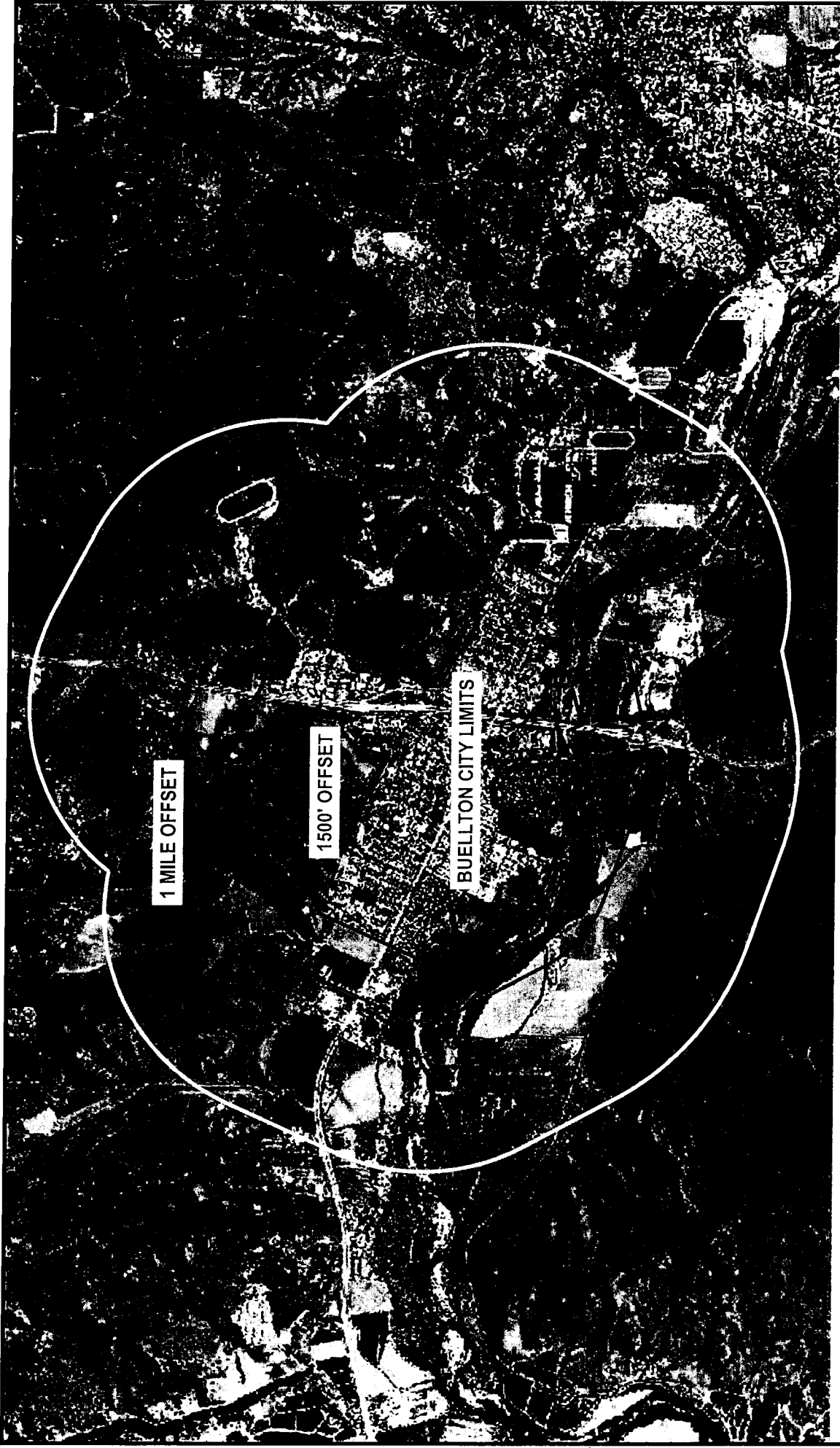
The most noticeable of these impacts is the pervasive odor which emanates from the cultivation operations. Given the prevailing wind patterns and the locations of a number of cultivation operations in proximity to the City, our residents, businesses, and visitors are exposed to this odor, which can be quite strong, particularly in the later afternoon. This odor leads to concerns of adverse impacts to the City's business community, tourism industry, property values and the overall quality of life for our residents.

In addition to the adoption and maintenance of strict regulatory control over these cultivation operations in or near the urban/agricultural interface, to include the requirement for odor control plans, the City of Buellton City Council expressly requests that the Board of Supervisors increase the buffer between cultivation operations and urbanized areas from the current County requirement of 600 feet for nurseries or 750 feet for other operations to as great a distance as possible, with the preferred distance being one mile.

We appreciate the Board's attention to this sensitive matter, and thank you for your consideration of our request. Should you have any questions regarding the City's position on this matter, please contact City Manager Scott Wolfe at (805) 688-5177, or via email at Scott@cityofbuellton.com.

Sincerely,


Holly Sierra, Mayor



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