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Public Comment - Group 4

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**From:** Jim Mannoia <polocondospresident@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 1:18 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Change in Rules for Taxation of Cannabis Growers

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May 12, 2024

Dear County Supervisors,

I want to support and wholeheartedly encourage the Board to make the changes under consideration to the methods for taxing cannabis growers in our county. The existing rules were badly conceived, perhaps even unscrupulously. I understand they are based upon gross receipts thereby encouraging growers not to report. And perhaps in part because of this, it seems clear the imagined "windfall" to the county coffers has not materialized! Meanwhile we residents pay the awful price of sickening odor with little or nothing to show for it.

In my humble opinion taxation should be based upon the acres of cultivation, not sales. Then leave it to the growers to figure out how to make money from what they grow; whether they sell it or not.

Respectfully....and hopefully,

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**From:** LYNETTE HALL <lcastillehall@icloud.com>  
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**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Cannabis Taxes

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**Subject: Cannabis**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County. By shifting to a more effective taxation method, we have the opportunity to generate significant additional revenue for our county—funds that are critically needed for enhancing odor enforcement and ensuring the responsible cultivation of cannabis.

**More importantly, moving away from self-reported cash revenue to a square-foot-cultivated structure would discourage over-growth and be much easier to verify.**

Frankly, for me, it's not about extra money for the County but instead it's about more robust enforcement and movement to odor technology that works! Anyway, this change represents a vital step towards balancing the growth of the cannabis industry with the needs and well-being of our community. I urge you to move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot, allowing the residents of Santa Barbara County to voice their support for a healthier, more sustainable future.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Lynette and Paul Hall

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