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Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 5:35 PM
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Cc: Metzger, Jessica; Bozanich, Dennis; Nelson, Bob; Litten, Jefferson; Bantilan, Cory; Elliott, Darcel; O'Gorman, Mary; sbcob
Subject: Request to Postpone Action on Proposed Amendments to the Uniform Rules re Cannabis

Honorable Chair and Supervisors,

I represent clients who are currently cultivating in compliance with State law and Article X, on land under Williamson Act contract. In the 2017 Registry, 39 respondents indicated that they are currently cultivating on Williamson Act lands, which represents approximately 44 percent of the total existing County acreage under active cultivation. This suggests cultivation sites on Williamson Act contracted parcels may comprise nearly half of all existing cannabis production in the County. (EIR Chapter 4, 4-35.) Needless to say, your Board's decision on amendments to the Uniform Rules will drastically impact a large percentage of existing operations, including my clients.

We are highly concerned about the proposed amendments to the Uniform Rules and request additional time to work with staff on amendments that will strengthen, not weaken, the County's Agricultural Preserve Program. At this point in time, it is still unclear exactly how the proposed amendments would impact our clients current and proposed operations, other than to impose severe restrictions which will force a proliferation of small cultivation operations throughout the County. As it stands, many of our clients are having difficulty obtaining copies of their contracts from the County. Without these contracts, we cannot calculate the percentage of existing cultivation that would need to disperse and relocate to other agricultural lands to remain in business. Nor can we calculate the percentage of processing, manufacturing and distribution that may be permitted.

We also have concerns about the process and recommendations that came out of the Ag Preserve Advisory Committee (APAC) hearing on December 1, 2017. My clients and I have testified at multiple APAC hearings, including the hearing on December 1, 2017. The Committee's original recommendations were inconsistent with findings in the EIR, and staff presented alternative recommendations to the Committee the morning of the December 1st deliberations. There was not adequate time for the committee members or public to review and digest the revised staff recommendations before the committee took action. This was evidenced by an array of unanswered questions from committee members, coupled with confusing and uncertain discussion.

On behalf of my clients, I respectfully ask that you postpone action on proposed amendments to the Uniform Rules scheduled for February 6, 2018 - Agenda item B. IV. "Adopt a resolution and an ordinance amending the Santa Barbara County Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones."

We also encourage your Board to direct staff to work with the industry on amendments to the Uniform Rules and return to the Board with options at a later date. Our intention is to work with staff and the APAC on a set of proposed amendments that will strengthen the existing Agricultural Preserve Program in the County. This is a complex policy discussion, which warrants additional time and analysis, and more comprehensive input from the industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Peter



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Subject: City of Carpinteria - Public comment to County EIR Letter

Dear County Supervisors and staff,

I am a 15 year resident of Carpinteria and founder and CEO of Supersprings International Inc which employs 20 skilled and professional local people.

I have a serious concern at the elevated level of emotion that has been injected into the whole discussion of cannabis farming in Carpinteria. This has surfaced in general conversations with city residents as well as letters to the local media. It is clear to me that the catalysts to these emotional perspectives are failing to balance that with an intellectual one. Like alcohol, cannabis is now legal throughout the state and the voters of California made it so with Prop 64. Carpinteria also is home to multiple breweries producing alcoholic beverage to the local community and beyond. One such brewery is neighbor to my manufacturing plant. The residue of this brewing leaves an awful smell that often permeates my office and factory. As a gesture of goodwill and in the interests of good neighborliness we have learned to live with it and now we no longer notice it.

The cannabis farmers I have got to know, like my beer brewing factory neighbors, are upstanding citizens of our beautiful town. These responsible farmers have effectively brought the odor issue under control. The city could be more discerning by acting on bad actors who are not investing in odor control and rewarding those that do.

The flower industry has been battling for survival by an aggressive import market and cannabis is a great alternative to dovetail with the existing infrastructure investment and skills that are inherent to this town. It brings high paying jobs to our community and increased tax revenues.

I believe the city should be focused on supporting the strict regulations governing this industry to dissuade the bad element that this town does not need and to support the good farming community that have been here for generations.

Let us embrace our farmers with their new crops rather than fracture an already threatened flower industry.

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Subject: Public Comment / Cannabis Land Use

Hello,

I have lived in Santa Barbara County for 25 years and I would like to give my opinion in this matter. Thank you for letting me do so.

We support the county's ordinance which will allow responsible farmers to grow and process cannabis on Ag parcels. The county's proposed draft includes extensive development standards to mitigate impacts identified in the EIR. We support mandatory odor control on all cultivation. Currently, any remaining odors are due to bad actors. Most responsible growers already have installed best available technology.

There has already been an improvement in odor over the last few months. With odor being mandatory it will likely all be mitigated.

DO NOT adopt an increased setback. This will not mitigate impacts – or address odor. **We support a setback policy that will allow existing growers – who are operating in compliance with local and state law – to continue to operate and seek licensure.** We commend the board of supervisors and staff for developing this ordinance – which will require operators to comply with a strict set of standards in order to continue to operate.

Adopting this ordinance will give the county the tools to shut down bad actors, and require growers to renew compliance annually with local and state requirements.

We also support a reasonable cap that will allow existing, compliant operators, who have already obtained temporary state licenses, to continue to operate.

We recognize the contributions of this industry: economic growth, high paying jobs, etc. The tax revenue for the county will be tremendous from the cannabis industry. It is in our county's best interest to foster a sustainable industry.

We are confident that the county's policy is the best way to regulate this industry and ensure that responsible agriculture continues and can coexist with its neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration for responsible growers that will contribute to the local economy.

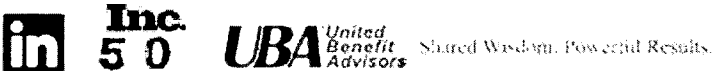
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Subject: Comments on Cannabis Land Use

To whom it may concern,

I support the county's ordinance which will allow responsible farmers to grow and process cannabis on Ag parcels as the county's proposed draft includes extensive development standards to mitigate impacts identified in the EIR.

I support mandatory odor control on all cultivation. Currently, any remaining odors are due to few culprits. Most responsible growers already have installed the best available technology.

There has already been an improvement in odor over the last few months. With odor being mandatory it will likely all be mitigated.

Please don't adopt an increased setback. This will not mitigate impacts – or address odor. **I support a setback policy that will allow existing growers – who are operating in compliance with local and state law – to continue to operate and seek licensure.** (this point is huge for us. the opposition is using set-backs as a way of shutting people down. Its not putting out the bad-actors, its just an arbitrary distance, which is not a fair way to enforce compliance).

We commend the board of supervisors and staff for developing this ordinance – which will require operators to comply with a strict set of standards in order to continue to operate.

Adopting this ordinance will give the county the tools to shut down those who aren't following the rules and require growers to renew compliance annually with local and state requirements.

We also support a reasonable cap that will allow existing, compliant operators, who have already obtained temporary state licenses, to continue to operate.

We recognize the contributions of this industry: economic growth, high paying jobs, etc. The tax revenue for the county will be tremendous from the cannabis industry. It is in our county's best interest to foster a sustainable industry.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public comment: Cannabis land use

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors and Staff,

Thank you for the tremendous effort, time, and resources that has been invested into the development of this ordinance. I have been following it closely and am grateful and impressed with the consideration that you have all put forth throughout this process. As a member of the cannabis industry in Carpinteria, we are looking forward to *knowing* exactly what our obligations are for compliance to be good neighbors and excellent operators.

Every comment that I am submitting below has a profound impact on our business:

Cannabis is less intensive to grow than mainstream commercial greenhouse crops. Having been to many greenhouses that cultivate cut flowers, potted plants, tomatoes, cucumbers, orchids, and many other crops, cannabis has relatively the same inputs, just less of them. We don't use any pesticides, we have closed looped water recycling systems, closed loop heating, and even dose our CO2 from the boiler to boost productivity. We have blackout screens to be able to grow year round as well as block light pollution from our low-voltage LED photo-period lights. Our farm produces less traffic compared to when we grew cut flowers, and we have the same number of employees. This crop grows much like other crops — it needs light, water, inputs, and a perfect Santa Barbara climate.

We were an early adopter to install odor control around the entire perimeter of our greenhouse. Before we installed it, our farm was certainly contributing to the 'skunk' odors that were wafting through Carpinteria. Some strains of this crop are stinkier than others, which also was a learning curve for us. We loathed to be bad neighbors and certainly heard the varied complaints and comments about it. We are proud to say that our odor is more than 90% contained at the property line now thanks to this effective vapor-phase system. Not all, but most cultivators in the area have installed the same technology or something similar, which has drastically decreased the pungent odors in Carpinteria. Once your comprehensive ordinance passes, the good people of Carpinteria will no longer smell the crop as all operators will be required to have odor control practices. I look forward to mandatory odor control very much.

I do not support the recommendation to require an MCUP for distribution. We need the ability to securely move our product around and cumbersome licensing will be a major issues for almost every cultivator. I can't think of another part of the Ag sector that requires an MCUP to transport product... Please consider the practical necessity to move product for "transport only". Also on licensing, we are concerned about our future ability to secure local and state permits in a timely manner. Lapses in compliance are a frightening prospect as we cannot operate or sell legally which is both disruptive and unsustainable. Any CUP will hinder our ability to operate and be competitive. A simple permit should be more than sufficient to be compliant and transparent with our operational activities. I'd also urge you to support a reasonable cap that will allow compliant and existing operators with their temporary state licenses to continue to operate.

Please do not increase the set-back distance policy from sensitive receptors. This is an indiscriminate tool to eliminate existing cultivators that doesn't take into account their continued compliance or operational distinction. Unmitigated odor can travel thousands of feet in the right conditions. With odor control working around the clock and having the state-recommended security measures in place, adding more feet to the setback doesn't make these sensitive areas any safer. Increasing the set back would only serve to put us out of business and force us to lay off 49 individuals who are the primary wage-earners of their households. Frankly, its not fair and its unmethodical. It would be far more productive to *enforce* the very robust and strict regulations within the ordinance, which will inevitably eliminate the bad actors in the industry. Please do not punish good operators and businesses over something as arbitrary as distance.

As an environmentalist and idealistic millennial, operating with a reduced impact on the environment is paramount for me. However, the Energy Conservation Plan on Tier-1 greenhouse cultivation has some notable conflicts. The 24/7 operation of vapor-phase odor control uses 30amps of 480v power continuously. We replaced an old air compressor that ran intermittently with a new odor control machine that runs continuously. This has an impact on our energy use and does increase our electrical demand. I would highly recommend the county mirror the state's energy regulations and only apply the energy plan to intensive operations such as indoor cultivation. Greenhouses are inherently efficient, but a necessary best practice such as odor control must be within the scope of the overall energy plan. Aside from odor control, are using *existing* infrastructure, so a sharp reduction in energy use would require fairly drastic changes to remain compliant.

This industry has the amazing opportunity to bring tax revenue and wealth to our communities. Once all odor is mitigated and we have the state and county regulations firmly in place, their won't be any notable negative impacts on our community that wouldn't otherwise be seen from similar non-cannabis industries. This can be a win-win for both businesses and for the county, and I look forward to being a part of this success.

Thank you again and I look forward to the meeting on the 6th.

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