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Sheila de la Guerra Public Comment-Group 2

From: TURNER's <mt0923@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 4:24 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: support for change in tax structure for cannabis



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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to convey my support for the proposed changes to the current cannabis taxation method in Santa Barbara County. This change will generate significant additional revenue for our county which can be used for odor enforcement and promoting responsible cannabis cultivation.

Please place this measure on the November 2024 ballot.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lynn Turner
Carpinteria Resident

Sheila de la Guerra

From: sjashbrook@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 4:24 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Taxation

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Honorable Supervisors,

I support the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County. A different tax program will add needed revenue for our county to help enforce odor issues and responsible cultivation of cannabis. Self-reporting cash revenue does not work.

Please place this measure on the November 2024 ballot.

Thank you,

Susan Ashbrook

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Nanci Robertson <surflane1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 4:31 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Taxes

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I support the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation method. This will make the method more effective and honest. Also, I urge you to add better odor control to help curb the strong offensive smells. It's a citizens right to clean air...

Thank you, Nanci Robertson

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Theresa Reilly <tree101@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 4:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Taxation

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the proposal to restructure the taxation of cannabis to more fairly and equitably tax cannabis growers in order to fund enforcement of oversight and odor control of legitimate cannabis growers in Santa Barbara County. I sincerely hope a solution can be found that will allow our well-intentioned cannabis growers to produce high quality, profitable products without compromising the health and well-being of our county residents and visitors.

As the industry has developed, obvious problems have emerged, and it is time to streamline and refine the rules governing taxation, reporting, and policies and their impacts on citizens. Odor problems are not limited to the greenhouses of Carpinteria. Open air grows significantly affect sensitive individuals such as seniors and students throughout the county, especially in Buellton, Los Alamos, Lompoc, western Goleta, and the Nojoqui area. As a resident of Buellton, I am fortunate to be able to open my windows, sit in my yard, walk in my local parks and neighborhood, and enjoy the outdoors during the winter months. But once the cannabis grown upwind begins to flower, it becomes a toxic environment with the "volatile organic compounds" rising up with the lifting fog, blowing in on the afternoon breeze, and settling into our valley at night, making our lives miserable with burning eyes, inflamed respiratory passages, and headaches from May through November. With positive developments in the works to expand our trail networks, support farm stays, agricultural tourism and welcome tourists to the Santa Barbara area, why foul the air with noxious odors?

I urge you to closely examine the monitoring and taxation of the cannabis industry and put well-thought-out policies into place for the good of our community.

Sincerely,

Theresa Reilly
Buellton resident

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Anna Carrillo <annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 4:46 PM
To: sbcob; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann; Bob Nelson; Das Williams; Steve Lavagnino
Subject: Cannabis Tax Ballot Measure

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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Carrillo
March 11, 2024

Please support revising the proposed changes to be placed on the November 2024 ballot for future cannabis tax revenues. Currently the taxes generated are self reported on sales which as we have seen can be not be properly predicted. If the taxes were based on lot size versus self-reported income generated the county could much better predict their future income from cannabis tax revenues and fund odor enforcement better.

The community of Carpinteria needs increased funding for odor enforcement. Rather than basing odor enforcement on residents' complaints, there needs to be a proactive ability from the county to enforce regardless of complaints filed. Citizens are very tired of filing odor complaints as it has not made any difference.

Business license renewals have been renewed even though there have have been odor complaints filed. The complaint system DOES NOT WORK!

Thank you,

Anna Carrillo

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Nanette Giordano <nanette@giordanoct.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 5:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support of revising taxation of cannabis

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this email to strongly support the upcoming changes to the taxation of cannabis. It enforces a movement to odor technology that works. It also brings more dollars to our county and much easier to verify. We must move away from a self reporting cash revenue for the sake of our County and our Community.

Let's do the right thing and support a healthier and more sustainable future. I'm urging you to move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot.

Thank you for considering my views for this extremely important matter.

Warmest Regards,
Nanette Giordano

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Melissa Waver <mwaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 6:42 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Tax Ballot Measure

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County because I hope that the additional revenue generated would be used for enhancing odor enforcement. The odor from the cannabis operations in the Santa Rita hills is a significant detriment to the beauty and enjoyability of our home. I would therefore support this measure being on the November 2024 ballot.

Sincerely,

Melissa Waver

Sheila de la Guerra

From: William Dentzel <bilito@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 6:46 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis taxation

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Yes! Do it. Do it in full. These commercial entities are sucking up our water and smelling up our air. They absolutely need to be paying in more to our management system. Do it in a strong and serious manner.

Thank you,

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Solvang, CA
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360-531-2812

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Kate Ludeman <Kate@WorthEthic.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 5:55 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Add proposed changes to cannabis taxation to Nov 2024 ballot

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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 be much easier to verify.

This change represents a vital step towards balancing the growth of the cannabis industry with the needs and well-being of our community, especially here in Carpinteria where we regularly still have odor issues.

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,

Helen Kay Ludeman
6977 Shepard Mesa Rd
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Deborah McNamara <mmc26@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:37 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Taxation and odor Control

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

I am writing this letter to support increased taxation and odor control of the cannabis industry in Carpinteria and Santa Barbara County. It is still unbelievable to me that the greed in this area would allow this industry to take over and eventually destroy this area. The changes that have occurred over the last 7 years are shocking to me. It's helped bring a new element of crime into the area. My husband and I were looking for a particular nursery one day, pulled into the wrong driveway and were chased out by a window blacked out car with people screaming at us. It was very scary, right out of a movie in supposedly peaceful Carpinteria. The odor is sickening, truly an example of how this industry has no regard for the community. Some responsibility needs to be taken for what has occurred. Getting Das Williams out is a start but I am sure there are others that are being paid off to do this to this town. Carpinteria has not been proactive in presenting itself as a progressive community and I feel that has led to it being taken advantage of. That needs to change before it's too late. Any Cannabis company coming in new or already existing in this area that does not want to participate in the odor control requirements should be a red flag that it's somebody we don't want. It is ridiculous the amount of time the government gives these company's to comply. Do you actually think they entered into this because it was not profitable. And taxation will help get the bad actors out also, we only want legitimate business. Please follow thru and do something about this before we are reading books about how nice this area used to be!

Time to fix this!

Debbie McNamara