

**TO: The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors**  
**RE: Cannabis Concerns in Tepusquet**

**November 14, 2017**

**Attachment C indicates:** 'Legal nonconforming will terminate six months after the operative date, or 18 months after the effective date... *whichever is longer.*'

What are those dates?

Will this allow the illicit, 'Bad Actors' to continue their prohibited operations?

These 'Players' should not be given any grace period and must be stopped, immediately.

Are you going to continue protecting them or your concerned constituents?

What is your plan to stop the illegal Cannabis growers, the 'Bad Actors?'

What mechanisms do you plan to use to prove they are 'Bad Actors?'

If they sign an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, stating that they were growing before Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, what legal prosecutions will they face, if any?

What is your plan to hold the illegal growers legally and financially accountable for restoring the habitat they have destroyed, in our communities? They continue to operate unimpeded by the county, while under a strict County Moratorium!

Have you read the Santa Barbara Independent's article re the Cojo Jalama Ranch Restoration? "The Baupost Group — which purchased it from the Bixby family in 2007 for \$135 million — will also pay \$500,000 to the commission's Violation Remediation Account."

You must require these 'Corrupt Actors' to:

-**Replace** the hundreds if oak trees they've destroyed

- **Repair** damage to the hillsides and riparian environments, due to their unpermitted, reckless grading practices

- **Remove** environmentally toxic waste: potting soil, chemicals, pesticides, rodenticides, well-drilling slurry, human waste, trash

- **Abandon** unpermitted wells

What is your plan to remedy this?

Will you continue to allow this devastation for SIX months, after the operative date?

Will you continue to allow this devastation for 18 months, after the operative date?

Will you allow these 'Corrupt Actors' to continue their criminal practices of, expanding, destroying, contaminating, growing, harvesting and profiting from this business, FOR TWO MORE YEARS???. Whose interests do you truly have, at heart, theirs or ours?

*Concernedly Yours,*

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