

Dear Supervisors,

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It both saddens and angers me to learn that our County Supervisors would even consider Cannabis as an 'agricultural commodity' on Williamson Act Lands. Where does it end? Why would you do this? This amendment would widen the already gaping door of Pandora's Box, which was opened when Prop 64 passed. Sadly, even the folks I've spoken with, who thought they were voting to *decriminalize Marijuana*, would vehemently oppose that Prop 64, today.

When I think of all the heartaches and hardships we've suffered; all the meetings we've attended; all the issues we've brought to your attention and heard expressed from other, devastated communities; the destructive, irreparable impacts this industry has wrought, not only in Tepusquet but our entire County as well, I consider it is truly irresponsible of you, to 'Amend the Uniform Rules,' in favor of the Cannabis industry.

Amending the Uniform Rules clearly supports the Cannabis Industry (AGAIN) and not your Loyal Constituents and tax-payers, who have worked hard their entire lives, earned honest incomes, paid taxes, invested in and attained their version of a dream, in Santa Barbara County. You have sworn to Protect and Serve us. You have failed, again and again. You make promises you don't keep. Our communities are being overrun by industry criminals, who care nothing about people's lives, let alone our environment.

Because of your misplaced interest, your desire to facilitate pot growers and your failure to protect your communities, you have not only abandoned us but jeopardized current and future customers (many who are from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County) that these growers pretend to serve. Our dream has become a nightmare from Hell, thanks to YOU and your thoughtless support of zoning ordinances for irresponsible, heedless growers that have infiltrated our isolated, rural community like the TOXIC WEED they grow! A 'product' that will be dispensed and likely poison the unaware, medical patients who rely on this so-called, 'medication,' under the pretense of Medical Marijuana. No other drug in this country can be manufactured, untested, unregulated, unverified and dispensed so recklessly. NONE!

NO ONE has tested the cannabis products being removed from this area and sold as Medical Marijuana. NONE!

Your misplaced willingness to facilitate irresponsible pot growers, your failure to monitor and regulate them at every turn, undermines the health and well-being of all consumers. You've not only jeopardized the health and well-being of the Medical patients, with compromised immune systems and all consumers who unknowingly use *their Non-Organic "PRODUCT"* but you have irreparably damaged environments and entire communities. It appears both you and these greedy growers care more about the Almighty dollar than any of you care about the health, safety and well-being of your public... which you swore to protect and serve!

Cannabis should never be considered as a 'compatible agricultural use or commodity.' It is not in the same classification as any other 'crop.' It is an 'agricultural product' and is Federally-recognized as a Class-I drug!

If this is the recommendation our *Elected Officials* are directing Staff to adopt, and how you demonstrate your ability to protect your communities, then it's *High Time* 'We the People' elect those who represent the majority or our Communities superior interests.

Is this a waste of our time and energy? Is this just Smoke and Mirrors, to placate us and later betray us? If so, SHAME ON YOU!