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Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 2:06 AM
To: Roy Lee; Laura Capps; Bob Nelson; Joan Hartmann; Steve Lavagnino; sbcob
Subject: 6/9/26 BOS Mtg. Agenda Items #9 & #10

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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I have been reviewing the agenda for the upcoming Board of Supervisor's meeting on June 9th, 2026 and I am concerned about the last two items on the agenda. Item #9 amending Ch. 50 to remove the Sheriff from being involved with enforcement of cannabis regulations. To the layperson ie. me, this appears to be a weakening of Ch. 50 at a time when Ch. 50 needs to be strengthened. Especially when considering the, not so long ago, raid on Glass House in Carpinteria where child labor laws were suspected of being violated. The county staff has asserted, in the past, that they are understaffed in terms of enforcing the current cannabis regulations. Therefore, putting county staff in charge of regulating the cannabis growers' business licenses appears to be a decision that will further erode public trust in the county cannabis staff as they have not been able to manage enforcement of the cannabis regulations in the past. If anything, consider amending Ch. 50 to strengthen it by lowering the cap on the number of cannabis grows in Carpinteria.

Agenda item #10 is also concerning in that the county is considering reducing the cost of cannabis growers' business licenses when historically, the county has been collecting less than the anticipated amount of monies in revenue from cannabis. So why consider lowering the costs of doing business for cannabis growers now?

I am struggling to comprehend how out of the 8 cannabis growers that were sent letters of denial for their business licenses - 4 cannabis growers had their denial letters rescinded after installing unapproved odor control systems **Prior** to receiving approval of their OAP's. Why is there a requirement for an odor abatement plan IF the cannabis growers are going to be allowed to install an odor control system, of their own choosing (2 completely new systems), without Prior approval of their OAP by county staff?

Ch. 35 needs to be amended to require OAP approval **Prior** to the installation of odor abatement systems. I am still scratching my head over how the Genesis odor control system meets the MTCF requirement when it doesn't use carbon filters and there are air quality and health safety concerns? Will those cannabis growers be required to install carbon filters on their Genesis equipment? Business license renewals **Need** to be tied to **effective odor abatement systems** that produce **few to No odor complaints**.

I am curious about If county staff has been going out to measure cannabis odors at the property lines with Nasal Rangers? If so - what measurements do they get? Where is the published data for the Nasal Ranger measurements? At what times do they take the measurements? Do they walk around the whole property? Will these measurements be accurate when the odors are coming out of roof vents approx. 20 ft. above ground? Are residents within 1000 ft. of cannabis grows being notified when the growers' business licenses comes up for renewal? Are public notices being placed in the

local paper for new OAP approvals? Has the public been notified about the new dashboard and odor complaint website? Where is the public transparency?

When the new CEO is given their new contract, with their new salary of \$380,000, **the board needs to hire the department chairs.**

I really believed that by March of 2026 the malodors emanating from the cannabis greenhouses, in Carpinteria, would no longer be negatively impacting my neighbors and my air quality and health. Unfortunately, after 8 years, I continue to feel frustrated and disillusioned.

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Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 3:06 PM
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Cc: Villalobos, David; Concerned Carpinterians; Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis; Wondolowski Mike; Carrillo Anna; Roberts Jerry
Subject: Fwd: As Carp Growers Rush to Install Pot Odor Controls, Neighbors Say Enforcement Efforts Fall Short

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So, um, let me get this straight...

Errin Briggs, who works for County Planning- leaps to the fore, as an advocate/ publicist for Hans Brand and the Brand family pot operations;

where some of the worst skunk odors in the Valley originated and still persist (we drive by it at least once a day).

Has anyone, at any time, ever heard him express concern or sympathy for residents over the last 8 years? Just checking. Maybe we missed it.

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