

# Group 3 Public Comment

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From: Evan Turpin <epturpin@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 11:50 AM  
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter



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Dear Supervisors,

The admendment as it now stands does not address the clustering of cannabis operations in Carpinteria Valley. We are a small valley, the roads are narrow and the air is held in our valley by an inversion layer. Carpinteria has 34% of all licenses issued to the county. 136 on Foothill Road alone, where I live! Please address the over concentration of cannabis in this rural/urban area. No other place in the state has such a high concentration of indoor growing next to residential areas.

Please refine the amendment to address this issue.

Thank you,

Evan Turpin  
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**From:** Kathleen Wigle <kwigle@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 11:58 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Changes to the Building Permits

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Dear Chair Lavagnino and Board members:

I write this letter as one of the 100's of members of the Concerned Carpinterians who support our Steering Committee and their intensive efforts in this process to protect all the residents of the Carpinteria Valley from the highly concentrated Cannabis operations and the resulting Odors, Air Quality, traffic, views along Foothill Rd of parking lots and the impact of 1,000's of additional employees. A very significant problem is the loss of property values with homes not selling, even when being drastically reduced, plus other residents afraid to put homes on the market, due to the stigma well known in Carpinteria.

The many Residents who are joining daily, include those that live throughout the City of Carpinteria, especially next to the Urban boundaries and the surrounding County areas which include multiple Home Owners Associations, EDRN's above Foothill Rd, Franciscan Village, The Villas, Polo Club, Padaro Lane, Sandyland, Shepherd's Mesa and many residents on Agriculturally zoned lands. Everyone is being negatively affect by the County's Planning Department actions and the Supervisor votes on the Cannabis expansion.

The concentrated area of Greenhouse Cannabis projects and this is the time the supervisors will have an opportunity to add additional language to the Cannabis Ordinance and Building Permits which could restrict the massive additional growth of Cannabis in several concentrated areas, all of which have been plagued with constant odor problems. The continued improvement of the process will set the tone for what will decide as acceptable by the Planning Department and the Supervisors.

The Byers System is not working as promised for the growers or the Residents in the Carpinteria Valley. Just west of the High School on Foothill Rd is the daily strong smell of Chemicals coming the Byers System which is masking, **NOT NEUTRALIZING** the Cannabis Terpenes being emitted from the Greenhouse Venting Systems.

The County needs to require **Closed Greenhouses with a Filtration and Ventilation System** that does not vent the Terpenes and Chemicals into the ambient air. That is the best possible odor system in the Coastal Zone. If you refuse to have consistent Zoning for Coastal and Inland Areas, then the Greenhouses should be closed otherwise they should be considered as Outdoor Grows which are not allowed. These closed systems are very prevalent in other Cannabis Growing areas and the Byers System is much cheaper which is why that one was proposed vs. a Closed Greenhouse. You must make this change now prior to even approving the first experimental system by Byers because it is not working for the Terpenes or the Chemical smells affect the residents. The profits of the Cannabis growers should not be placed above the health, and well being of the residents, nor the loss of Property Values for many, if not most residents that have lived here

for years. **We did not change, the County changed the rules and we are suffering from the consequences.**

Please spend additional time revising the Ordinance and the Building permit language until additional changes can be presented and approved that will mitigate some of the many unintended consequences. There is no reason why the County can not reduce the amount of Cannabis cultivation by each applicant to reasonable levels. The approved Acreage of 186 acres is far and above any other county or state. You have opened the Door wide to let "The Market Decide" which has created a lifetime of future problems for our area, experimented with the lifestyle and safety of all the residents in this Valley and the Market has completely overwhelmed the Planning Department, the Supervisors, the Residents and the County as a whole. Our beautiful, wonderful County has lost its reputation and is now the **"Bad Example"** for all other areas. It is not too late to change, but it will be as each new application is approved.

Thank you for your consideration to this important change and idea.

Kathleen Wigle  
HeartStone Ranch

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**From:** Nanci Robertson <surflane1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter  
**Subject:** Cannabis in Carp

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Board of Supervisors,

The density of cannabis farms is going to be enormous in Carpinteria. It's going to be oppressive when they're all permitted. When odor control is being enforced on all farms, it will still be a problem because they can't capture it all. 10% of odors times 183 acres - I can't imagine the cumulative effect!

Please please find some way to reduce the density so living around this industry won't be unbearable. I have to believe you're listening to everyone.

Sincerely,

Nanci Robertson  
Carpinteria homeowner

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**From:** Autumn Shelton <autumn@autumnbrands.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Public Comment D2 Support 3561 Foothill Road-Request to Deny-Appeal

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors-

I support G & K Farms/K & G Flower Cannabis Cultivation and request that you deny this appeal. Graham Farrar is a great leader in our community. He is the President of CARP Growers, who's main focus is to build positive relationships by setting best practices and community outreach. The proposed cannabis operations will utilize pre-existing infrastructure, so no new development. I know Graham Farrar is committed to the best environmental practices and compliance with all state and local regulations including being in compliance with Metrc, California's Seed to Sale Track and Trace Software. As a CARP Grower member he will abide by utilizing the best available odor mitigation systems, water conservation, refrain from the use of pesticides, fair labor practices, blackout screens to ensure no light pollution, and biological pest control.

This farm will provide increased property values and tax revenue for the State of California, County of Santa Barbara and Federal Government. The cannabis industry provides for higher paid jobs, new skills and opportunities for the immediate and surrounding communities and families. Cannabis produced in licensed compliant greenhouses provides safety to ensure it stays out of the hands of our children since it can only be transferred/sold to a licensed Distributor and then sold to a licensed Dispensary. Growing a crop that is pesticide free is the BEST environmental practice for our nearby streams, oceans, wildlife, and residences. All of the issues raised by the appellant were adequately analyzed in the PEIR. The appellant has brought up issues as if this farm never previously grew an agricultural crop and is increasing impacts, which is untrue. Changing the crop to Cannabis will require significantly less traffic, less environmental impacts, utility use will be relatively the same including a 15% reduction of energy as required by the SBC Business License, and adhere to significantly stricter regulations by the California Regional Water Board and Fish & Wildlife. The appellant obviously has no understanding of what it takes to get approved by the California Regional Water Board and California Department of Fish & Wildlife which provides significant proof of environmental impacts or lack thereof. It's an expensive and labor intensive process to prove that a cannabis grower is environmentally sustainable, which is set to higher standards than any other agricultural crop for initial approval and then continued reporting and site visits by both departments.

Cannabis is a natural plant that includes cannabinoids, which our bodies' endocannabinoid system naturally has receptors to bond with. The Santa Barbara County APCD District staff has confirmed that none of the ingredients in ECOSORB CNB 100 are considered toxic air contaminants (TACs) as identified by the State of California. The appellants' claims that the plant itself or the deodorizer used by the Byer's Scientific Odor Abatement system are harmful to the community are unfounded and false. The hundreds

of towns in the Sierra's of Northern California are full of pine trees, which have significantly more VOC's than a cannabis plant. Studies there haven't required all the pine trees to be cut down.

The majority of this appeal is opinion based, including where the LA Times articles and health issues caused by cannabis are mentioned. Unfortunately, susceptible members of this community will see long term health effects from the fires that raged at the end of 2017 into 2018, the continued ash that gets kicked up with every rain (as visually shown on the top of every greenhouse) and the super bloom of pollen. The applicant as well as other members of CARP Growers have and will continue to go above and beyond what is required to be environmentally sustainable, compliant, and positive contributing members of the community.



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**From:** traceyreif81@gmail.com  
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**Cc:** Williams, Das  
**Subject:** Foothill Avenue

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To SB Board of Supervisors- our neighborhood has been inundated with the continuous odor from cannabis production. Starting with the West end, near the Polo Fields, and continuing along Foothill, past our neighborhood on La Mirada. We are amazed the growers have been allowed to grow so close to our homes, and that that this small corridor suffers from the odors and nightly light pollution from this crop. If that's not bad enough, the proposed huge development to the East will add to the terrible stench, along with increased traffic and more crime. Along with the decreasing property values, we are expected to "wait and see" if the equipment will mitigate the odors. Please stop this development, and help with the awful consequences of the existing cannabis farms. I have attended most of the BOS meetings in Santa Barbara, and now understand that the meetings and neighbor complaints have fallen on deaf ears, for political reasons, but we're still hoping that future grows be carefully considered on our street.

Tracey Athanassiadis  
Paquita Drive, Carpinteria

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**From:** Judy Dean <judycathryndean@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 2:33 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter  
**Subject:** In support of the appeal by Maureen Claffey, Case No. 19APL-00000-00018

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County-wide far too many permits are in process for cannabis cultivation. As the first cultivators, both legal and ill-legal have come on-line residents have been assaulted by detrimental effects, including odor, traffic, visual blight, air pollution, crime, and others. At the same time the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission have been deluged with complaints begging for restraint in the number of permitted cannabis operations.

The parcel under consideration borders a sensitive habitat and established rural neighborhoods, but seems to have been permitted without any safety data to support this land use. The PIER and EIR are completely lacking in long-term safety data.

Before accepting vapor-phase technology for odor abatement it must first be proven safe for long-term human exposure. No data has been presented to show it is safe, and how far the chemicals generated will travel. If we don't know the spread of the chemicals used or generated, we don't know what buffers are appropriate.

Vapor-phase technology must also be demonstrated to be safe for the environment. Since we do not know how far these chemicals will travel in various wind and weather conditions, we don't know how many people and sensitive habitats will be effected. Let's not find out the hard way that they contaminate streams and soil.

Vapor-phase technology must also be proven effective. Marc Byers claims his system is 90% effective in IDEAL conditions. Ideal conditions are NOT the norm, and even if we choose to believe 90% effectiveness, with the density of cannabis permitting, especially in Carpinteria, there will be considerable cannabis odor unabated.

Supervisors Williams and Lavagnino must recuse themselves from any and all votes on these issues because of their financial ties to the cannabis industry.

Judy Dean MD



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**From:** Michael Palmer <mike@805enterprises.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 3:21 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** G & K Farms/K & G Flower Cannabis Cultivation Appeal- 3561 Foothill Road

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Please consider my support of Graham Farrar (G & K Farms/K&G Flower) in his proposed 3561 Foothill project and urge that you deny the appeal by the "Concerned Citizens", most of which are inapplicable to this project.

Graham is an integral part of Carpinteria's success as a farming community and will continue to be if he is allowed to join other Carpinteria farmers in cultivating the pesticide-free, safe, and natural Cannabis crop. The proposed use has a lower environmental impact than the previous use, provides higher-wage employment, greater county tax revenue, and makes use of existing resource-efficient greenhouse infrastructure instead of abandoning it to disrepair (as competition from lower-cost foreign growers is making the previous use impossible).

Graham's new project would join the group of responsible cultivators who employ best-in-class odor abatement systems, and has scrupulously complied with regulators' requirements and requests in every relevant jurisdiction. Specifically, since the proposed operation would effectively have no more environmental footprint as the previously grown crops at the proposed site, except with zero pesticides, higher-quality jobs, and greater county tax revenue. The appeal's request for additional Environmental Impact Report burdens (which were already, when applicable, addressed in the PEIR) would appear unfair given that the proposed new crop has infrastructure and environmental footprint *lower* than the previously approved use, and consumes *less* water (with closed-loop irrigation), and both the continued farming use of greenhouses and the complete absence of pesticides should be viewed as a significant benefit to the proposed project. Further, since 3561 Foothill is not yet in operation as a cannabis cultivator, but instead has been waiting for approval of permits applied for in good faith, much of the appeal consists of speculative boilerplate complaints about an operation that doesn't even exist yet. There may be some small number of irresponsible operators who inspired these complaints, but G&K Farms/K&G Flowers would not, if you allow them to operate, be one of them.

Graham has always been responsive to the community and is universally recognized as a person of integrity and generosity. He proposes to provide better jobs to the community, which means thriving families, and in general the legal cannabis industry is a healthy one for its community and is responsible for greatly increased property tax assessments and cultivation tax revenue. After waiting over a year to secure permits requested through the county's process, with what would be a perfectly compliant farm, Graham should not be delayed by this appeal in joining Carpinteria's community of good farmers who are allowed to bring the next good and rewarding crop to life.

Respectfully,

Michael Palmer