

Sarah Mayer *Public Comment - Group 2*

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From: Sandy Nargi <sandynargi@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2024 3:56 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Concerned Carpentierians...
Subject: Cannabis Disaster in Carpinteria

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Dear County Supervisors, as a resident of Carpinteria and a long-time member of Carpentierians Against Cannabis, it is extremely important that you understand the odor issues, let alone the subsequent health issues we citizens of Carpinteria have been dealing with for the last six years. I can clearly remember getting up in the middle of the night years ago thinking we had a family of skunks walking under our bedroom window! I would get up, look out the window and see nothing ... that was the odor we have been smelling for way too long.

If you drive into Carpinteria from Ventura and exit at Casitas Pass Road, you immediately are accosted by the stench of growing cannabis. The same odor overwhelms you when you are driving from Montecito and come to Padaro/Santa Claus Lane ... your car is filled with the powerful smell. We recently used a car service from LAX and even our driver said, "Yes, welcome to Carpinteria ... the cannabis center of the world." That is not a good thing. Trust me.

Friends of ours who live in Santa Barbara thought we were exaggerating until they attended a game for their grandchild (the team was visiting) at Carpinteria High School. Our friend became ill and had to leave ... honestly quite concerned about the health of her grandchild, the fellow teammates, and the Carpinteria High School students ... these Carpinteria students who not only had to smell the noxious odors that night, but are accosted by them every day they attend school.

Please help us save our beautiful city. Cannabis growing is out of control in Carpinteria, and we desperately need your help. Please no longer turn a deaf ear to our pleadings ... help keep our children and our residents safe from the overpowering stench of growing cannabis.

Sincerely and desperately begging for help,

Mario and Sandy Nargi
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Sarah Mayer

From: Melissa Waver <mwaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2024 4:50 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comments on cannabis odor

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Hello,

In advance of the April 23 County Board of Supervisors meeting, I wanted to submit the following comments on cannabis odor in our community. I live in Buellton, and the odor from the cannabis operations in the Santa Rita Hills continues to be a problem. If the Board has experienced a declining number of cannabis odor complaints, I encourage you not to take this as evidence that odor has gotten better in the county. Rather, I believe that residents are becoming frustrated that for years this problem has not abated and believe that their voices are not being heard so it is a waste of time to submit complaints.

During harvesting of crops, the cannabis odor is so strong in my neighborhood (I live on Valley Dairy Rd. in Buellton) and creates such a nuisance that I avoid going outside or opening windows. I have developed the habit of checking outside for the smell of cannabis before opening my windows so that my house does not end up smelling like a recreational drug and so that I don't have to explain to my young children what the smell is. The air in our community is no longer fresh on those days; it is choked with noxious odors.

Odor management is a critical quality of life issue that affects many residents across our county, and I implore you to take whatever action necessary to mitigate these problems.

Sincerely,

Melissa Waver

Sarah Mayer

From: sjashbrook@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2024 5:43 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Clean Air in Carpinteria
Attachments: Board of Supervisors.docx

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April 20, 2024

Honorable Supervisors,

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Susan Ashbrook

April 20, 2024

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Sarah Mayer

From: Christie Boyd <browndog11@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:40 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Farming in Carpinteria

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

This letter is in support of the cannabis industry in Carpinteria. Legal cannabis has been taxed so heavily that it is hard to make it a sustainable business for the growers. The odor mitigation techniques that are now being used seem to be very effective; I rarely smell cannabis in Carpinteria anymore.

Carpinteria is a small town with a lengthy history of agriculture. Much of our economy relies on that agricultural component. Making the rules more onerous puts these companies in peril. Please allow the growers to continue their work without imposing more harsh constraints.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Christie Boyd
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Sarah Mayer

From: Anna Carrillo <annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 11:39 AM
To: sbcob; Das Williams; Steve Lavagnino; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann; Bob Nelson
Subject: Agenda Item #4

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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Carrillo
April 21, 2024

As a resident of Carpinteria for 51 years I'd like to make some comments regarding the continuing odors experienced here in Carpinteria and the surrounding Carpinteria Valley.

1. Your board voted probably 5 or 6 years ago that cannabis does not qualify under Right to Farm rules. All the legal cannabis that is now being cultivated in the greenhouses in Carpinteria began after practically all the housing was already built so the odor from cannabis cultivation needs to be contained within the greenhouses in which it is cultivated.

2. The report done by the Planning and Development Department says that there have been nearly 3,700 complaints made to the county regarding odors experienced. This is ample evidence that the existing implementation of odor control requirements and enforcement remains ineffectual. A reduction of complaints over the years unfortunately shows that the residents are tired of making complaints when nothing happens as a result of the complaints.

3. Since Carpinteria has been most profoundly affected by odors from cannabis it behooves you as the Board of Supervisors governing Carpinteria Valley to listen to the recommendations made by the City of Carpinteria in making changes through the business license application and renewals. Even though I was assured initially that continuing odor complaints would cause problems when business licenses are renewed this has definitely not occurred as I'm very sure that all of who have applied have had their business licenses renewed. In the one case that I followed diligently over the years, the business license has been renewed already at least twice even though there are continuous odors from both cannabis and the vapor phase system being used.

4. **The recommendations from the City of Carpinteria to amend Section 50-10(a) to clarify that the CEO has the authority to determine the Best Available Control Technology as the science changes and odor control technologies improve over time.**

5. **Amend Section 50-17(d) to clarify that the failure of a cannabis operation to utilize BACT, as determined by the CEO, is grounds for denial.**

6. **Amend Section 50-259(a)(3) to require the use of BACT as a part of the business license operating requirements.**

7. There are also an additional 39.37 acres of approved Coastal Development Permits that have been issued, but are not currently cultivating. 35.22 acres have never even cultivated yet. Imagine what Carpinteria's air will be like when these new grows begin to cultivate?

8. In 2018 when the cannabis ordinance was written, Section F touted Byers' vapor phase system as BACT then and that carbon filtration would not be effective in open vented greenhouses, but a study done in November 2022 by SCS

Engineers refuted that and showed that the Envivity Regenerative Carbon Scrubbers are effective in open vented greenhouses. This is science evolving and when business licenses come up for renewal **BACT must be implemented.**

9. The advantage of the Envivity Regenerative Carbon Scrubbers is that the malodors are kept inside the greenhouses whereas the vapor phase tries to prevent the spread of odors after the odors have already left the building.

10. **Until every grower adopts the new BACT it is very difficult to identify the offending site.**

11. The odor must not travel beyond the property line of the cultivation site.

12. Growers, not residents need to monitor the odor from their operations. People are tired of filling out complaints which have not made any difference.

13. Those residents, regardless of whether they live in residential zones or not, should not have to experience malodors from cannabis or the vapor phase products trying to cover up the smell.

14. Sensitive receptors (schools, day care facilities), businesses, parks and roads should not experience the malodors either.

15. Pg. 11 of the Board letter does not include Cate School on the map which is known to experience odors.

16. As part of each operator's business license renewal, **notifications need to be made to everyone within 1000 feet of the operation.** No one has bothered to keep information initially send when the initial application was made for a CDP 6 years ago. Ideally the distance should be increased as the wind makes the odors spread further than 1000'.

17. **Please return our clean air to Carpinteria and Carpinteria Valley by making the recommended changes to Chapter 50 as outlined by the City of Carpinteria, that is most directly affected by this industrial cultivation of cannabis.**

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Anna Carrillo

Sarah Mayer

From: Jim Mannoia <polocondospresident@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 1:48 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Odor - Supervisors Meeting April 22, 2024

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Dear Supervisors,

Once again I write to you to beg you to make changes in our cannabis ordinances. These odors must NOT leave the property lines of these mushrooming grows across Nidever Street from our 140 homes. We need to find a way to INSIST on Best Available Technology (BACT) for all grows. In my opinion this now means carbon scrubbers. PLEASE be sure these are required in all grows, whether Evinity brand or not. Pay attention to the Carpinteria City Council when they ask you to require BACT before business licenses are renewed or any new operation is permitted. Please also enforce the complaint system and improve it so it doesn't put the weight on residents but on growers.

I have hope we are turning a corner on this terrible mess.

Thank you for your consideration!

Jim Mannoia

President

Las Canchas Homeowners' Association (a.k.a. The Polo Condos)

Sarah Mayer

From: robyn geddes <robyn_geddes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 3:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: April 23 Meeting - Cannabis Odor

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April 15, 2024

Re: Carpinteria Cannabis Odor

Dear SB Supervisors,

When it comes to Cannabis, it is hard to figure what Planning and Development has in mind. Odor complaints have been numerous. The “best available technology” are sealed greenhouses with carbon scrubbers, but the County persists in allowing the Beyer’s System. Now growers complain that a lack of electrical infrastructure will give cannabis growers a pass from installing carbon scrubbers. However, four growers have already installed scrubbers covering 28 acres, roughly 20% of the cannabis under cultivation.

The tax revenues for Cannabis have been dismal. Surplus Cannabis is sold to the Black Market so enforcement of illegal cannabis would seem contradictory, essentially paying money to enforce a lack of revenue. And if Cannabis is a wonder drug, the pharmaceuticals would be selling its virtues on television at every turn.

On the western edge of Carpinteria sits the polo complex of 139 condos and the third oldest polo club in the United States founded in 1911. The Polo Club has been host to many celebrities and in the summer months is a large draw for tourists and polo players throughout the world. As Island Breeze readies for operation, the polo complex readies for the summer season. Condo residents worry what additional odor will bring, especially in terms of quality of life, clean air, and property values. It is the hope of many people in the area that Island Breeze be a sealed greenhouse with carbon filtration for obvious reasons. This important slice of life on the western edge of town greatly adds to the allure of Santa Barbara. Hopefully the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors can see that by sealing Island Breeze and the other nearby greenhouses on Via Real, everyone can benefit and not just a few owners.

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greenhouse with scrubbers, the smell was non-existent and for the BOS, this new technology is what they must move towards. And Das Williams sums it up, “this is the time for cannabis farmers to invest in their reputation with our neighbors and invest in improved odor control.”

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robyn Geddes

3375 Foothill Rd.

Carpinteria

Sarah Mayer

From: Gail Herson <devesi@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 3:59 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please distribute to Supervisors for April 23 meeting re Cannabis thank you

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Dear Supervisors,

Second District Supervisor Laura Capps said:

“If a business causes a nuisance, the responsibility to fix it is on them — not the taxpayers, not the neighbors. Why shouldn’t the cannabis industry live up to this standard?” “The ordinance calls for the best available technology to mitigate odor, and right now it is clear by the study and experience that it is carbon scrubbers.”

Supervisor Capps stated what should be obvious. If growers can’t afford to grow without being a nuisance, this is not the environment for their business model and they should move elsewhere or leave the business to those who grow in a nondisruptive way. The County’s primary responsibility is to the citizens, not to propping up the Cannabis Industrial Complex.

I’ve got 200 rose bushes blooming their hearts out, fragrant wisteria and jasmine in full bloom, yet when I walked out my door this morning to enjoy the fruits of my very hard labor all I can smell is the disgusting stench of cannabis. The oily stink filled the house as soon as I opened my windows. This is a nuisance and living and working on our ranch under these conditions is nauseating and heartbreaking.

Odor should not be detectable beyond the cannabis grower property line, ANYWHERE. We are ALL sensitive receptors so regardless of zoning, not only schools, day care, businesses, parks and roads, we should not be forced to breathe cannabis emissions or odor mitigation emissions anywhere.

A new complaint system is critically needed. The current one is onerous, and nothing happens in response so the County has effectively trained residents not

to complain, therefore few people use it regularly. If we did, there would be multiples of the 4 thousand complaints already logged, because everyone who drives on 192 or the 101 knows it stinks every day! Replace it with a new system with easy access that identifies and puts the responsibility on the growers who are creating the nuisance.

The City of Carpinteria's Letter mandating the use of BACT before an annual business license is renewed and any new cannabis operations are permitted, will bring change, please implement this immediately. Stay on top of the improvements in odor technologies as they become available and mandate their use. Currently BACT is Envinity Regenerative Carbon Scrubbers.

Strengthen Business License Chapter 50 to ensure compliance.

Notify residents and schools within 1000 feet before an annual business license is renewed.

Supervisor Capps said: "The delay tactics are flimsy and tiresome. It shouldn't be such a struggle to do the right thing." I agree. We have been suffering with this for 6 years.

Please just do the right thing.

Thank you,
Gail Herson
Carpinteria

Sarah Mayer

From: Vic Lazzaro <VICLAZ@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 4:06 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: April 23 Meeting - Cannabis Odor

Importance: High

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Dear SB Supervisors,

I could not have said it better than the sender of the appended below email to you *in blue italics*.

In doing further research on this, the Montecito Journal had an article (<https://www.montecitojournal.net/2024/04/16/cannabis-tax-debacle-our-1-6b-county-minimally-deserves-competence/>) that does not give one confidence in the analysis, review, and ultimate decisions being made. It is more than clear that Best Available Technology (BACT) MUST be required for all grows. I urge you to adopt this.

Thank you for considering these points.

Victor Lazzaro

Resident and Taxpayer, 3375 Foothill Road, Carpinteria, CA 93013

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Mayer

From: jstassinosaol.com
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 11:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: 4/23/24 Agenda Item #4 (Please read into the record)

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To the SB County Board of Supervisors,

As a long time Santa Barbara County Resident and someone who regularly experiences the stinky odors from cannabis grown near Foothill and Nidever roads and near Carpinteria High School I implore you to:

- 1). Require cannabis operators to install the best available odor control technology (presently: Envivity Regenerative Carbon Scrubbers) **Prior** to renewing their business licenses.
- 2). Require that residents and school personnel within 1,000 feet of the cannabis operation be notified **Prior** to the renewal of the cannabis operator's business license.
- 3). Require that the stench from growing cannabis does not negatively impact residential zones and sensitive receptors such as Boys and Girls Clubs, schools, day care centers, etc.
- 4). Provide residents with an improved odor complaint system that facilitates the reporting of cannabis malodors.
- 5). Strengthen the counties enforcement of rules and regulations on cannabis growers that violate and are out of compliance with the terms and conditions of their licenses/permits.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Respectfully,
Jill Stassinosa
Concerned Carpinterian

Sarah Mayer

From: PAUL EKSTROM <paulekstrom@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 10:22 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: April 23, 2024 File 24-00376 (4)-Cannabis Odor Abatement Hearing

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Please read this into the record.

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I am a 50+ year resident of Carpinteria and a property taxpayer for all those years. I am disgusted with our politicians and planners who have done next to nothing to abate cannabis odor in the county and the city of Carpinteria. The odor problem has gone on for at least 6 years and generated over 3000 odor complaints. There would be double or triple the complaints if you had set up a usable odor complaint system. Instead you gave us a cumbersome exercise in futility.

Many appeals and a few lawsuits by a grass roots coalition and other individuals has done more to help odor control than all our county politicians and bureaucrats. We residents have funded hundreds of thousands of dollars to try to fix your mistakes. You have been "played" by the cannabis growers and you either don't realize it or you are on their team. It is time you did your job of protecting our county and cities from the unnecessary odor from the cannabis industry. Sincerely, Paul Ekstrom

Sarah Mayer

From: Amy Orozco <orozcoamy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 10:38 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item D4 — April 23, 2024 meeting
Attachments: BOS_42324 meeting Letter.docx

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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I don't find cannabis a problem in my community, but I understand some do and for different reasons.

The worst way to approach this issue is to heap more rules, regulations, and expense on it. Has painting oneself into a bureaucratic maze ever solved a problem? What will next year's technology bring? Will today's state-of-the-art equipment be obsolete? We don't know, do we?

Cannabis has been legal since 2016. Odors have been and continue to be mitigated. Let's continue moving forward together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Marie Orozco
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(805) 284-2622

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www.amymarieorozco.com

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Sarah Mayer

From: Minos Athanassiadis <minos@freshlinkgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 11:56 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis odor issues in Carpinteria

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Good afternoon,

My name is Minos Athanassiadis and I live at 1946 Paquita Dr. in the La Mirada neighborhood, in unincorporated Carpinteria.

Regrettably, I am not able to attend the Board meeting in Santa Maria, but I would like to let the Board know that the odor from the Cannabis greenhouses and the masking (laundromat) fumes are ongoing, noxious, unhealthy, and unacceptable.

These odors are ever-present, but particularly in early mornings and on sunny days, when the greenhouse roof vents are opened. The masking technology is insufficient, and if anything adds to the foul smell and to the public nuisance.

I would like to urge the Board to mandate the use of Best Available Control Technology (such as the Envinity Regenerative Carbon Scrubbers), before an annual business license is renewed and any new cannabis operations are permitted.

Any rules must be strengthened with a system to ensure compliance. I have sent numerous complaints through the county's Odor Complaint System to no avail. I would like to urge the Board to implement a new complaint system of easier access, and which provides a response and also demonstrates results.

Thank you in advance for your help and understanding.

-Minos

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Sarah Mayer

From: W. Parke Cole <sparkle@bullsroar.net>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 12:25 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Forward to Supervisors for April 23 Cannabis Board Meeting

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ODOR from Carp's Cannabis Mess

RE: Staff report recommendations concerning the electrical upgrades needed for the purpose of growing cannabis.

Growers of cannabis have been given a free ride to pollute our neighborhoods for too long. The problems of growing cannabis are theirs. They chose the locations and its restrictions. If they need more power then they, like other business with high electric requirements can put in their own generators and batteries.

Choosing sites to grow that do not have the necessary options for their business is the grower's problem.

If the site did not have water, would it be the responsibility of the county to bring water?
If the site had bad geology, would it be the responsibility of the county to remediate the area?
If the activity was trash dump, would you move the community to accommodate the business?

The county grossly mismanaged this situation by allowing the operation of such facilities without fully understanding how to regulate them.

Growing a few plants in the past does not grandfather a business.

Growers of cannabis knew what the problems were to begin with. If it is too expensive to do business here because of placing their operations next to schools and houses, then they should move.

Growers should only be allowed to conduct business when they meet requirements that protect the community.

Power needs are a business problem not a county problem.
Let the growers contract with Edison etc and building their own infrastructure.

\$50,000 is not too much. Look how much a restaurant must capitalize to open.
If your capitalization costs are too high you move to a more inexpensive location.

Sarah Mayer

From: Debi Clark <djcrincon@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 12:29 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Odor near Cravens Lane and Via Real

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On Saturday, April 20th, I picked up my sister-in-law at 8:00AM to take her to the airport. I turned into her complex, Franciscan Village, and was overcome by the smell of pot. It was so bad that when she opened the car door, I had to hold my nose. She got in as I opened all the windows to get the smell out. It took all the way to the Padaro on-ramp and onto the freeway to get the smell out of the car. I can't imagine living next to that every day because I would be nauseous all the time. If these pot growers can afford to build these huge greenhouses, then they should be required to install the necessary odor protection to protect their neighbors. Das Williams and his family should be made to live next to this everyday, so he understands this serious problem.

Thank you,
Debi Clark
8126 Buena Fortuna
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Sarah Mayer

From: susan belloni <susanbelloni@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 1:01 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Odor in Buellton/Solvang

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Dear Chair and SB County Supervisors,

Did you know that "On average, two individuals have functional differences at over 30% of their odorant receptor alleles"? That is a pretty big difference.

You might hate beets and here is a possible reason ""The odor associated with 2-ethylfenchol is part of the reason root vegetables like beets have an earthy flavor, so differences in the OR11A1 receptor may explain why some people describe beets as tasting strongly like dirt," said Trimmer."

Because of this average 30% difference in odor perception among individuals, I think my story of living near outdoor cannabis grows is hard for a lot of people to believe.

In the fall, when the prevailing wind blows from Buellton to Solvang almost every afternoon, I smell the cannabis harvest instead of fresh air and I really dislike it. I'm lucky to be 3-5 miles away instead of closer. If you can smell a wildfire miles away, please believe me when I say I can smell cannabis.

I send in lots of complaints but because it is nearly everyday for me, I gave up sending them in, so it is not true that complaints are down at my house, it's that I get tired of filling out the form every day and perhaps being disbelieved.

Cannabis odor is a nuisance odor as well as an eye and lung irritant for many people. Just because it doesn't bother you doesn't mean it isn't bothering us. It does affect our quality of life daily for several months!

Cannabis doesn't fall under the Right to Farm Ordinance and so it falls us the Nuisance Ordinance. Imagine having to smell something you dislike, at your home, for months!

Please help us abate the nuisance.

Susan Belloni

Solvang, CA

Sarah Mayer

From: Bruce Steele <winfieldfarmerbruce@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 1:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Odor item D4

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Item D4, April 23

Dear Supervisors,

Our farm " Winfield Farm " directly abuts the eastern property line(and downwind of) of West Coast Farms. Our farm doesn't use herbicides or pesticides. Although cannabis does smell it is far better than being downwind from pesticide drift and waft.

Cannabis operations should be sited where adjoining properties and farm operations don't use pesticides. None of the farm operations currently surrounding West Coast Farms use pesticides and 4 lanes of Hwy 246 separate it from pesticides and conventional farming operations.

I wrote this letter and submitted it to the SB cannabis planning process a few years ago and nothing about having one of the largest outdoor cannabis operations in Calif. next door for the last few years changes my former opinion. They have been good neighbors.

I have no affiliation or involvement with any cannabis operation, I am simply a small farmer trying to protect those plants, insects and wildlife living on my farm. Cannabis farming by my neighbor is compatible with those goals.

Bruce Steele
Winfieldfarm

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Sarah Mayer

From: Sheila Batson <sheila.batson62@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 2:28 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Supervisor Das Williams; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann; Supervisor Nelson; Steve Lavagnino
Subject: Public Comments, April 23, Agenda Item D4

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Thank you for allowing me to comment regarding cannabis odors. They have improved. Cannabis farming is an essential part of the local economy. Those who like to complain and try to shut down local farmers should not be considered voices of our proud ag community.

Homes in neighborhoods immediately bordering cannabis farms have doubled in value over the years that cannabis has been in the community. Our major issue in Carpinteria is that there is a giant target on our back from out-of-town developers because everyone wants to be here.

Cannabis farms are part of the fabric of life that makes Carpinteria so great. No amount of over-regulation will make everyone happy. You've already regulated cannabis and created a successful economic driver to preserve agriculture. Carpinteria is the jewel of the county because of our ag neighbors and cannabis farmers. Great work!

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Sarah Mayer

From: TURNER's <mt0923@aol.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: cannabis odor enforcement

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Odor Enforcement is non-existent in Carpinteria. The complaint process is needlessly complex and when people do take the time to fill out a complaint, there is no follow-up.

I went to the APCD website for Santa Barbara county and called the air pollution complaint hotline (805)-979-8266.

On the recording, this is what they require:

Name

Phone number

Time

Date

Location

Type of complaint.

That's it.

I live on Shepard Mesa Road and 90% of the time I travel on Casitas Pass/Foothill Road, I smell cannabis.

I frequently smell it on Hwy 101 when I hit the Padaro Lane or Carpinteria Avenue exits.

Please address this issue.

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Sarah Mayer

From: S G <sasha477m@gmail.com>
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Cc: Supervisor Das Williams; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann; Supervisor Nelson; Steve Lavagnino; Patty
Subject: Cannabis Odor Issues - Public Comment

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to you to provide public commentary with respect to the issue of cannabis odor and need for proper abatement in our community. Some key points:

1. We continue to experience noxious cannabis odor at our residence and in our local neighborhood. We reported 19 distinct incidents to the County just since January 1, 2024, though we regularly encounter (and do not report) the stink of cannabis in other parts of Carpinteria.
2. There seems to be a misperception that cannabis odor is less of an issue (or even a non-issue) in Carpinteria, a view we even heard directly from one member of County leadership. We believe this claim to be false. Part of this misperception relates to the inadequate odor complaint reporting system, which uses SurveyMonkey - a crude tool at best, which has not evolved with the need for accurate reporting. We personally know of Carpinteria residents who have experienced cannabis odor issues but do not utilize the odor complaint system (i.e. people who are not aware of the reporting system and its importance, people who feel they are too busy, system too cumbersome, feel nothing will be done to correct, etc.). We are one of the few parties in our circle who regularly track and report cannabis incidents and we can say it does take time and effort. In spite of our best efforts to report cannabis odor incidents when they occur, we can say that we ourselves do not capture 100% of the odor incidents we experience in the local area. We therefore believe the actual number of cannabis odor incidents is most likely grossly underreported.
3. There is a public perception that, over the 6+ years of well-publicized odor impacts and disruption to the community of Carpinteria, the County has taken a passive approach to resolving the situation, and in fact, there may be conflicts of interest that favor private cannabis interests. Part of this problem was identified in the June 2020 Grand Jury report, which identified the primary objective of the Cannabis Ordinance was the "development of a robust and economically viable legal cannabis industry". This objective superceded the public's health and safety and general welfare.

Recommendations:

1. We encourage the Board of Supervisors to make a public statement and commitment that henceforth the primary objective of the cannabis program in the County will be the "health and safety and well being of residents, with no adverse impacts". State that the development of a "robust" cannabis industry is no longer the primary objective and that there must be economic viability for County residents and taxpayers (not simply for private interests).
2. Odor impacts must be contained at the property line of cannabis growing and processing operations. Cannabis operators who fail to contain odors should be subject to revocation of their operating license. The County needs to be much more assertive on odor mitigation requirements and create real consequences for violators.
3. A more rigorous, scientifically-based odor monitoring system needs to be implemented, one which does not rely exclusively on residents to monitor, one in which impacted residents can more easily provide input (e.g. cell phone app with geo location) and that provides real-time reporting and visibility to the public, which the current system sorely lacks. This should be done as a priority, as soon as possible.
4. The costs of monitoring and enforcement must be borne by cannabis operators, not the taxpayer. These costs should be levied to cannabis operators through fees and/or the revised taxation regime. As the County considers a revised cannabis cultivation tax regime, please also require staff to provide a full comparison to the other 18 counties that allow commercial cannabis cultivation so the public has the opportunity to judge the fairness of any proposed new revised tax ordinance. We see no reason that Santa County should continue to be the outlier in favoring cannabis producers with respect to taxation, which is the public perception.
5. The public's perception of potential County conflicts of interest with the cannabis industry need to be addressed, as they are corrosive – require that Form 700 filing by County staff (i.e. disclosure of outside income/consulting fees) be kept fully updated and visible/accessible to the public at all times. Further, ensure that cannabis industry campaign contributions to Supervisor members/candidates and other elected officials are fully transparent, and that Supervisors receiving cannabis-related campaign contributions beyond a de minimis amount recuse themselves from voting on any cannabis regulation measures.

Thank you in advance for listening to the concerns and requests of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Alexander and Patricia Globa
Carpinteria, CA

Sarah Mayer

From: Pati Kern <pati@patikern.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Odor nuisance

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To our Board of Supervisors,

Here is a list of a few things about how the odor nuisance of cannabis that has changed our lives.

I have had slight allergies as an adult, never anything I needed to pay attention to. But over the past few years they have become so MUCH more pronounced. This year I am having more difficulty each time the odor of cannabis reaches me. Each time I drive into Carpinteria on the 150 I end up with itchy eyes and a running nose with full time sneezing. Sometimes by the time I return home I still have the after effects.

I used to love the air here, along with the beautiful night skies.. Not so much these days.

Some of the most common and disconcerting comments I receive when I tell someone from SB or LA for that matter, that I live in Carpinteria are:

"Oh I don't like driving through that town, it stinks. Can you smell it where you live?"

"Why can't you do anything about the awful smell? It smells like skunk."

"I brace myself when I know I'm going to have to drive through that town."

"I heard that people that live near a grow can't sell their homes or have to discount them."

"How can they grow next to a school? Doesn't anyone care about the kids?"

"I understand your property values aren't what they could have been. "

I feel it is your job to take effective action to mitigate these problems that you have failed miserably in doing. Create the proper laws and enforce them. As we all know there is only one way the growers are making it these days — and you are turning a blind eye. Please take care of the communities that you represent. Please - STOP THE SMELL.

I don't think I should be made to constantly have to submit complaints about the same odor problem when you have done nothing to take care of your citizens or your communities. It's time to do what you have been elected for. Represent us and shut down growers that have the slightest odor coming from their facilities.

It is your turn to act. The country is watching and reporting on you.

I am hopeful that you will finally standup and take care of us.

Pati Kern

Sarah Mayer

From: Tony Brown <rincondelmarranch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 2:26 PM
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Cc: Mauracher Brown Mimi
Subject: Pot

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Dear Supervisors,

For years residents of the Carpinteria area have had to tolerate the stench of bad policy regarding pot growers here in Carpinteria. It has caused a rift amongst Carpinterians that didn't need to happen.

I am requesting that all pot growing operations be required to install Carbon Scrubbers immediately or close their business doors.

Edison has transmission lines carrying 16,000 volts along highway 192 which can power the scrubbers with ease.

Corruption at the County level, or anywhere, does not look good Thanks, Anthony and Mimi Brown