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Dear County Planners,

During 2018 while residents were recovering from storms and mudslides in the First District, an ad hoc committee met with cannabis growers and worked out a deal. The growers successfully "played" the two Supervisors (who were supposed to be representing all of us) and the result is "skunk like" odor for us who live within a half mile of the growers and very little in tax revenue, remember the growers were to "self-report" tax liabilities. This "ad hoc" committee has done very little but create odor problems for us.

I suggest we have a moratorium on all permits/business licenses and renewals until a grower can demonstrate that no odor leaves the property line. Real odor control is so long overdue in this county. I understand that you are looking at a Denver study for advice. This makes little sense as Santa Barbara County uses existing greenhouses that vent on a regular schedule and also has outdoor cultivation in the north. What are you thinking? A better idea to consider is a reward for a grower turning in a grower who is stinking up the neighborhood. Most cannabis growers know if his neighbor is growing legally or not. They can help fix the problem even if means turning in a relative or friend.

Carbon scrubber systems seem to be the best technology so far. But scrubbers can't be piecemeal, A few token scrubbers will not prevent the odor from leaving the property line. A lot more must be required before a grower gets their permit and license. Preventing odor from migrating across the property line must be the

priority. Carpinteria is often joked about as a sister city of Gilroy. This "honor" really stinks.

Since the beginning of this "ad hoc" committee's decisions we residents, avocado growers, farmers and vintners have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to put an end to the odor caused by cannabis growers and hundreds of hours going to Planning Commission meetings and BOS meetings. Two groups, Concerned Carpinterians and the Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis were formed just so we could have a voice in the odor issue. The hold that the cannabis growers has on this county has to stop and I am asking you to take action on odor control. To this day you still have not given us an odor complaint system that works. For years we have sent in odor complaints and NOTHING gets done.

Thank you for hearing me out,

Paul Ekstrom, Carpinteria Valley resident since 1970.
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