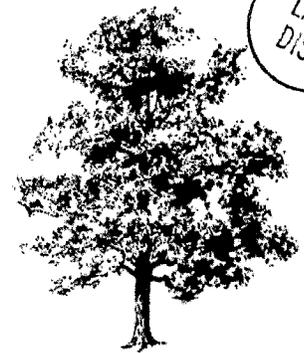


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*WE Watch, P.O Box 830, Solvang CA93464*



February 1, 2021

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
FROM: WE Watch, Nancy Emerson, President  
RE: Item 21-00116, Chapter 50 – Cannabis Business License

First, WE Watch expresses its appreciation to Mr. Melekian for his responsiveness to our questions, his forthrightness, his commitment to transparency and his expertise. It was important to have a person of his caliber doing this very difficult job.

Second, we have a couple of questions and some suggestions that we think would further strengthen the Cannabis Business License Ordinance.

1. How will the County determine if all persons with a 20% or greater financial interest in a cannabis project are being disclosed in the application?
2. Will all employees be required to have criminal background checks? We support doing this.
3. Anywhere the terms “appropriate progress” or “timely and complete compliance” are used, we recommend being specific about those terms, e.g. actually providing time requirements wherever these terms are used with applicants and license holders.
4. For both applicants and holders of business licenses, use notification methods that make it impossible for the recipients to dispute receipt of documents.
5. When an applicant or license holder receives a “corrective action plan” (Sec. 9, Item 10, pg. 17), include a deadline for completing that plan.
6. In Sec. 9, Item 11, pg. 17, include examples of “conduct that constitutes a nuisance” and indicate that the list is not limited to those items.

Thank you.