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Carpinteria, CA

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I have lived in Carpinteria for 35 years and own Carpinteria Glass. As someone who regularly drives around town, I have observed that the cannabis odor, which was stronger 7 to 8 years ago, is now virtually undetectable.

I drive daily on Casitas Pass and Foothill Road while serving clients, and I can confidently say that there is no cannabis odor to speak of anymore. The growers have done an excellent job in addressing odor concerns, and they have also proven to be great community members. Their support for organizations such as Girls Inc., the Boys & Girls Club, the Lions Club, and the Rotary Club speaks volumes about their commitment to Carpinteria.

Meanwhile, the city sanitary district plant still smells awful, despite having spent \$25 million over the past five years. If we're looking for odor-related concerns to address, that should be the priority.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Phil Barton-Grimley

Sergio Garcia
5198 Concord Pl.
Seacoast Village

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Dear Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to share my perspective on the issue of cannabis odor in our community. As a longtime resident of Seacoast Village since 1994 and a Board Member of the Seacoast Village Association, I can confidently state that I have never smelled cannabis odor at my home.

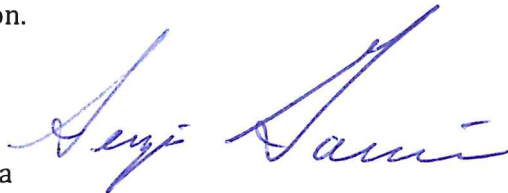
The only odor-related issue I have personally experienced is the strong, unpleasant smell of rotten fish that comes from the flood canal once a month when the organic blueberry grower flushes their lines. This has been an occasional nuisance, but it is unrelated to cannabis cultivation.

When I drive through other areas, I sometimes notice the scent of cannabis. However, I personally do not find the odor offensive. In some instances, I even find it pleasant. It has not negatively impacted my quality of life in any way.

I hope my firsthand experience provides useful insight as you continue to evaluate concerns related to cannabis cultivation in Santa Barbara County. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sergio Garcia



I live in Seacoast Village on the board
and there are 55 homes and I never
have had anyone complain about the smell.

Jan Brand

5390 B Foothill Rd
Carpinteria, CA

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Dear Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I have lived in Carpinteria for 40 years, and for the past eight years, my wife and I have resided at 5390 Foothill Road. In all that time, I have never experienced cannabis odor at my home or in my outdoor sitting area.

When driving along Foothill Road or Casitas Pass, I have noticed a significant improvement. The odor that used to be present near the high school and at the beginning of Casitas Pass has been reduced to almost nothing, and it is no longer a nuisance. The cannabis growers have done a great job in addressing this issue.

As a member of the Lions Club, I drive past the Glass House operation every week on my way to our meetings at Lions Park. A few years ago, there was an odor issue, but for the past few years, I have not smelled anything when passing by. There is no longer an odor problem in Carpinteria, and I believe the growers have done an excellent job in resolving concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jan Brand

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Brand', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Curtis Lopez

4991 Foothill Rd
Carpinteria, CA

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Dear Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I have lived in my home on 4991 Foothill for 29 years with my wife. At the beginning of the cannabis industry in 2016-2017 in Carpinteria, odor was an issue in my area. The odor was addressed by the local growers and it has been years since any cannabis odor has been detected at my home or in my outdoor sitting area.

When driving along Foothill Road or Casitas Pass, I have noticed a significant improvement. The odor that used to be present near the high school and at the beginning of Casitas Pass has been reduced to almost nothing, and it is no longer a nuisance. The cannabis growers have done a great job in addressing this issue.

There is no longer an odor problem in Carpinteria, and I believe the growers have done an excellent job in resolving concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ron Tito
1552 Jay Street
Carpinteria, CA

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Dear Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I have lived at 1552 Jay Street in Carpinteria for the past 28 years, and I am writing to share my perspective on the presence of cannabis cultivation in our community.

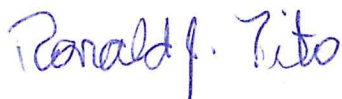
I have never noticed cannabis odor at my home, and I appreciate the positive impact that the cannabis growers have had on Carpinteria. Their contributions to organizations such as Girls Inc. and the Boys & Girls Club demonstrate a commitment to supporting our town and its youth.

As someone who drives to the Lions Club nearly every week—50 weeks a year—I have observed that the cannabis odor at 1552 Casitas Pass Road has significantly diminished and is no longer an issue. Additionally, I have never smelled cannabis odor at the Foothill block between Linden and Casitas Pass.

My only concern arises when I ride my bike or hike around the high school, where I do notice the odor of cannabis. However, at no point has cannabis cultivation created any odor at my home. The odor control system that I was allowed to observe firsthand works very well. Additionally, I have heard no complaints from anyone on my street.

I hope my experience helps to provide a balanced and informed perspective as you consider this issue. Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,



Ron Tito

Carlos Brens
1481 Theresa Street
Carpinteria, CA

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Dear Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to share my experience regarding cannabis odor in Carpinteria. As a resident of 1481 Theresa Street, I frequently drive along Foothill Road from my home to the Lions Club one to two times per week.

In all my trips, I do not smell any odor until I arrive at the corner of Foothill and Casitas Pass. At the corner, I occasionally detect a scent, but it is significantly less noticeable than it was a few years ago, and it does not bother me.

I believe that the growers have done an excellent job in managing odor concerns, and I appreciate the efforts they have taken to address this issue in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carlos Brens



Sheila de la Guerra

From: Jeff Barens <jeff@thebeachincompanies.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 4:17 PM
To: Roy Lee; Bob Nelson; Laura Capps; Steve Lavagnino; Joan Hartmann; sbcob
Subject: New Cannabis Odor Ordinance

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Dear County Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the Sea Lofts HOA on Santa Claus Ln, who have been smelling the pot odor off and on since cannabis was made legal 8 years ago.

We have supported numerous appeals of cannabis farm permits, only to be denied repeatedly. Now, with Roy Lee in the First District, we feel we might have a chance to finally be listened to. So far he has been very willing to listen to residence and business owners. We happen to be both.

This is the board's chance to right a wrong they've done to County residents with the poorly written cannabis ordinances. It's your chance to make sweeping **improvements to the air quality in the Carpinteria Valley** and to **improve the quality of life of its 16,000+ residents**. It will also **help property values**, and hence your incoming property taxes, which are the County's largest source of income.

We hope you will take this opportunity to implement stricter odor ordinances that will actually work and be enforceable.

We don't profess to be experts on what the best current technologies are to prevent cannabis odor, but we are counting on you to make the Carpinteria farms **implement those technologies, require enough of them per acre** to prevent odor, and **enforce the new requirements** with strict punishments. The Planning & Development's recommendations to Chapter 35 are not strong enough, and we recommend the following:

1. **Multi technology carbon filtration units shall be installed 10 per acre, no later than six (6) months after board adoption.** One year is too long; and six months is plenty of time to order and install the units.
2. There must be **no extensions** granted on the above timeline.
3. Readjust the Planning Commission's formula for acceptable odor on the Nasal Ranger from "below 7 D/T" to "**below 4 D/T.**" If the technology can't *entirely* prevent odors, the odor should be **Very Faint at most.**
4. The County should adopt a program of **annual inspections of each farm**, before renewing each farm's business license. The inspectors should count the number of working filtration units per acre, as well as perform an odor test at the property line.
5. **Noncompliance and/or continued odor complaints not corrected within 30 days should result in the revocation of the annual business license.** (This needs to be added to Chapter 50.)

In addition to the above regulations, we ask that the County Supervisors do the smart thing and **put a temporary moratorium on all new cannabis farm permits within 1,000 feet of Carpinteria residents.** The supply is clearly higher than the demand, causing farms to shut down, and causing a lack of taxable income from the farms to the County. Adding more farms will only increase the problem. This moratorium will be a win-win for the residents and the existing cannabis farms, and thus for the County itself. Please consider it!

Thank you for your hard work in hammering this out, as we know it's not easy, but well worth it.

Sincerely,

Jeff Barens

Resident and Business owner on Santa Claus Ln

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Sheila de la Guerra

From: mwehrle@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 4:16 PM
To: sbcob; Laura Capps; roylee@countyofb.org; Joan Hartmann; Steve Lavagnino
Cc: Jeana Trout; Tayloe Piggott; Kaye padaro.org
Subject: Cannabis Odor Control in Carpinteria

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Dear Board of Supervisors.

I am Michael Wehrle, the sole owner of Guston's Properties, LLC, which is located on Padaro Lane in Carpinteria.

It's my understanding that you are having a hearing tomorrow to discuss possible ordinance changes to the existing Cannabis Odor Abatement Rules including amendments to Chapter 50, Chapter 35 and a new budget, all of which places the responsibility for controlling odor on the cannabis operators.

Due to the studies associated with the impact of cannabis growth on the community's health and environment (which are cited again below and have been cited in the past), please know I respectfully continue to urge you to make the recommended changes in an effort to protect my fellow Carpinterians and the area youth.

1. [Odor Control in the Cannabis Industry: Lessons from the New Kid on the Block - PMC](#)

2. [Cannabis Cultivation Facilities: A Review of Their Air Quality Impacts from the Occupational to Community Scale | Environmental Science &](#)

Specifically, I stand with my fellow Carpinterians in requesting the following:

1. Growers need to install BETA tested multi technology carbon filtration units (10 per acre) within THREE months (*not 12*) of Board adoption on March 31, 2025.
2. Growers MUST sign an affidavit attesting to their installation of multi technology carbon filtration units.
3. Vapor phase systems must be removed within same period.
4. Adopt a compliance program that is proactive that MUST include:

- a. Run-time meters of new equipment and replacement of carbon filters **MUST** be documented and verified.
 - b. Recording of odor incidents recorded by growers automatically via computer/internet and verified corrective actions.
 - c. **Growers must be responsible for detecting whether their odor is broaching the property line.**
5. Measure odor at the vents with gas chromatography - only system known to identify source.
 6. No odor at the property lines, measuring with Nasal Ranger outside is **UNRELIABLE** - even according to the Nasal Ranger manual. **There should be NO ODOR, NO IMPACTS, NO AIR POLLUTION.**
 7. **MUST BE NO ODOR!!!!** Residents were here long before cannabis growers showed up.
 8. **MUST REJECT** Planning Commission's decision that measurement of odor is below 7 D/T (dilution to threshold) as measured with Nasal Ranger. It needs to be 0 or use another scentometer instrument.
 9. Descriptions/Examples of D/T numbers: 7=Noticeable, 4=Faint, 2=Very Faint, **0=No Odor**
 10. Develop a phone app similar to Smellmycity that doesn't require one to pull over to fill in several data fields to input information.
 - 11. No extensions shall be granted.**
 12. Notify public within 1000' when a new OAP is submitted with new contact information and publicize in the local paper and on a website for those residing beyond 1000'.
 13. Continued odor complaints not corrected within 7 days must be grounds for revocation of annual business license – this statement needs to be added in Chapter 50.
 14. Require public notification when annual business license are occurring, whom to contact for concerns, and when the review is completed.

We appreciate your consideration of the above proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Wehrle
Guston's Properties, LLC

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Linda Rosso <lr@sbinvitational.org>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 4:23 PM
To: Roy Lee; sbcob
Subject: Carp Growers and the time limit

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for addressing both sides' concerns and well-articulated points regarding the cannabis situation in Carpinteria. I want to assert my firm belief in the value of our agricultural community. After relocating from San Joaquin County—another agricultural hub—I am acutely aware of the numerous challenges facing California's farming sectors.

Let's be clear: residents in Gilroy have learned to accept the pungent odor of garlic. More than 50% of America's garlic is grown in that area, and 90% of the country's garlic harvest is processed there. The aroma of garlic that fills the air is not just a nuisance; it is a powerful reminder of the millions of dollars and countless jobs this industry generates. Similarly, 90% of California's dairy cows are in the San Joaquin Valley, concentrated on large farms, which also produce a unique odor.

It's essential to recognize that both of these operations generate smells that may exceed the "nuisance" level, and expecting a "zero odor" threshold at greenhouse property lines is unrealistic and isn't required of other farmers in California. The employment opportunities agriculture provides to our Santa Barbara County community far outweigh odor concerns. Furthermore, the fact that these growers are willing to invest in scrubbers at \$22,000 each demonstrates their commitment to being good neighbors. Tiffany Garcia, head grower for Glass House in the valley, made it clear: "We welcome the scrubbers; we're not opposed." This shows their readiness to make significant compromises.

We must focus on safeguarding employment and supporting our local businesses. Putting undue pressure on these employers to make significant improvements in an unrealistic timeframe is unacceptable. Expecting growers to invest millions of dollars to mitigate odor issues within twelve months is unreasonable. No business should be held to such a standard. Let's be pragmatic and recognize their willingness to meet us more than halfway. We cannot afford to jeopardize tax-generating companies or risk forcing our labor market into unemployment.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Linda Rosso

Founder/Chair

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Sheila de la Guerra

From: Nanci Robertson <surflane1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 4:42 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Odor Control

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Honorable Supervisors,

Please stick to you plan mandating carbon scrubbers.

There are two things I think should be incorporated:

One is using gas chromatography to accurately detect terpene odors not nasal rangers.

Two is to vary the hours in the day of any testing or after a complaint. Most of the strong odors are being noticed in the evening after 7 or 8 and through the night till early morning. The odors will have dissipated by the time county employees go to test during regular work hours.

Thank you

Nanci Robertson

Padaro Lane

Carpinteria

Sheila de la Guerra

From: SARAH EAGLE <sally.eagle@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 4:50 PM
To: Steve Lavagnino; Supervisor Nelson; Roy Lee; sbcob; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann
Cc: Terry Eagle
Subject: Cannabis hearing 3/18/25

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Begin forwarded message:

Subject: Cannabis hearing 3/18/25

Supervisors:

NO more bad air from cannabis grows in Carpinteria Valley. This pollution of our air needs to be eliminated. All growers must be responsible for monitoring and eliminating their invasive odors. A detectable odor is still an odor.

Gas chromatography instruments can detect these odors and properly installed carbon filtration systems can clean up the noxious odors. The “cost of doing business” has to include implementing these proven solutions.

Installing operational multi technology carbon units (rate of 10 per acre) should be well underway and affidavits signed 3 months from adoption of the Boards compliance program. Suspension or revocation of business licenses is the response needed to non compliance and on-going repeated excuses.

Transparency is of utmost importance.

Tax revenues from the cannabis industry, the regulations and the reporting of them, are issues that need the eyes of those responsible for any irregularities and enforcement. Black market solutions should not be part of the conversation (as it is allegedly heard now “on the street”)

A viable cannabis industry that plays by the rules is welcome in our valley. We all just need to establish those rules that work for all.

Thank you all for working through these important issues. It’s been a long assignment for all of us.

Sincerely

Sally & Terry Eagle
La Mirada
Carpinteria