

Sheila de la Guerra Public Comment - Group 1

From: Micah Anderson <micah@leefca.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 4:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: 3.12.24 Agenda Item 5 (Cannabis Taxation)



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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

My name is Micah Anderson and I'm the CEO of LEEF Brands. LEEF brands is one of the largest vertical cannabis operators in the state of California. LEEF operates one of the largest manufacturing companies in northern California called leaf labs and sources raw cannabis material from various farmers throughout the state. in an effort to reduce cost and bring efficiency, we started the licensing process and Santa Barbara County close to four years ago. LEEF brands now hold the largest LUP in Santa Barbara County and is working through the business license process to have active state licenses by July 2024.

Our team have invested millions of dollars into our farm in Cuyama over the past four years, working with a variety of local consultants, contractors, engineers, hydrologists, land use planners, County staff and all County departments. We are thrilled to be a part of the Santa Barbara Community and are on the precipice of cultivating cannabis and contributing taxes to the County. We aim to be a model for cannabis farming.

We urge the County to maintain the existing tax structure which we have based our entire business model and financial planning on. If the tax structure is changed at this late hour, we will be irreparably damaged and may have to exit Santa Barbara County before our farm even gets off the ground.

Please maintain the existing 4% tax structure on gross receipts, which provides our business with certainty and allows us to account for market fluctuations in the price of cannabis. A square footage tax does not account for price fluctuations and will unfairly punish outdoor cultivators who may only grow one crop per year due to climate conditions.

We thank you for your time. We are looking forward to contributing to this beautiful community.

Please reach out anytime if you have any questions.

Best regards, Micah Anderson

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From: Laurel Miller <laurelhon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 6:34 PM
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Dear board of Supervisors,

I am a senior living in Carpinteria and I am very affected by the smell of cannabis. It surrounds my house some mornings, it invades my car on 101 and it overtakes me when I visit my friend on Foothill and Nidever Roads. It certainly is something that we Carpinterians should not have to live with. Thank you very much for taking action to remedy this problem.

Sincerely, Laurel Miller