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# Public Comment

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Attached, please find my letter for Public Comment that I would like to submit for tomorrow (sorry, it's now, today) and for the upcoming July 9th hearing.

I truly hope we can turn this ugly mess around and rein in the wild horse that has been running amuck in our county.

"We the People," need your commitment to Responsible Legislation and your support of Responsible Cannabis.

You will be happy to know that my letter is only one page and in 12 pt. at that; )

*Sincerely,  
Renée O'Neill*

Dear Supervisors,

June 18, 2019

Considering the current political climate, "We the People," strongly advise that Board make prudent decisions, regarding transparency in "Public Hearings" and amending ordinances. This is a rare opportunity to rein in the wild cannabis horse and lead it back to the barn, until fully tamed.

Staff's report states that Santa Barbara County (SBC) has 394 Provisional Licenses. This figure does not accurately reflect current CDFA reports, which indicate over 600 Provisional Licenses were issued to SBC, according to recent facts.

**FACT:** Between January 2018 and May 16, 2019, state issued 10,760 licenses to the entire State of CA. The Unincorporated regions of SBC were issued 3,316 of those - *more than any other county* – comprising 30% of State's total licenses. Current CDFA report is consistent with reflection of "facts." We now have 38% of State's total Provisional Licenses, even though we have one percent of population and two percent of land mass.

"We the People," once again, implore you to "PUSH" for Responsible Legislation and not be "PUSHERS" of Cannabis!

1. Put Moratorium on allowing any more cannabis permits/licenses until issues are remedied. County can't even enforce licenses we have now.
2. Untie hands of staff and enforcement so they can verify Affidavits and weed out the bad actors. Allow P&D to use staff to verify Affidavits.
3. Support CAPS-no stacking and Restrictions (County total-500); (Grower-3); (1-acre cultivation per grower, not license, regardless of parcel size).
4. Halt non-compliant, perpetual violators and abusive growers from obtaining county permits (they will always be 'Bad Actors')

You have the Authority to ban cannabis, entirely! Resolve community concerns with schools; residents; traditional agriculture industry (Wine/Avocado and other negatively impacted businesses, etc.). Cannabis industry must be willing to cooperate. They are the wild horse that you allowed free rein and *thus far*, most have not proven themselves as good stewards of the land or desirable neighbors. Encourage small farmers!

Last but certainly not least, appeal to Governor Newsom and admonish him for even considering "Cannabis Pusher's" desires to extend Provisional Licenses for FIVE MORE YEARS! They have already had a 'Grace Period' of two years. We all know this is just another tactic to continue their illicit, non-compliant industry practices. If you support this Lobby then, we have no choice but to believe you are truly, "Cannabis Pushers" that are being exposed in the national news. Stand up for what is Right and Moral, not "Profitable." Leave a Legacy to your children that they will be proud of.

Sincerely, Renée O'Neill  
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