

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Josh Polito <jcpart@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:33 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: FEB 14th Marijuana hearing



This hearing was just brought to my attention.

Personally I think the date set, as well as the objective of the hearing are unbecoming of, and contradicting for an official stance with the recent and previous laws passed.

I am opposed to this as a whole, but specifically the discussion regarding the "medical" side of things. As a disabled vet, this will further increase the prices I spend from the expected increases coming later from prop 64.

I am not ok with this and believe it's a shoehorn, in an attempt at a money grab that is parallel to the states decision.



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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Graham Farrar <graham@farrarhome.net>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment D-1
Attachments: Letter to board.pdf

Please find attached letter from Kelly Clenet for meeting on 2/14/16

February 12, 2017

Chair Hartmann and Honorable Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Santa Barbara County's development of cannabis regulations. This is a highly complex issue with a rapidly evolving regulatory landscape. We ask your board to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to more thoroughly investigate possible regulatory approaches with staff and the community over the coming months, and return no later than October of this year.

As part of this study, we urge your board to consider all cannabis businesses types, including cultivation, nurseries, processing, transportation, deliveries, testing labs and dispensaries. Not unlike other agriculture, businesses that vertically integrate their operations will stay competitive in the market. It is critical to create a regulatory framework that affords local, responsible operators the opportunity to succeed.

Many other benchmark counties, including Monterey and Sonoma, have already taken action to permit and tax the full scope of cannabis business types, and have generally limited uses to commercial, industrial and agricultural zones. Businesses are required to apply for a 1) Use Permit; 2) Business Permit; and 3) Business License. We support this approach and encourage Santa Barbara County to model Monterey and Sonoma County.

Your Board also has an opportunity to include stringent requirements as part of these permits to eliminate bad actors, including "seed-to-sale" tracking software, security cameras and alarm systems, storm water capture and water recycle, organic pesticide use, perimeter odor control, and increased setbacks from schools and environmentally sensitive areas.

Consideration of all business licenses types will afford Santa Barbara County the opportunity to cover staff enforcement costs and generate critically needed revenue through fees and taxes. Other sister counties have taken action to generate revenue from the cannabis industry. For example, Monterey County voters approved a tax initiative in November of 2016 and Sonoma County is funding a special election in March 2017. Sonoma County FY 17-18 estimated revenue is \$6.3M. Furthermore, Sonoma estimates that the County would forego \$10M in revenue if they waited until November 2018 to take the tax ordinance to the voters (as opposed to a special election in March 2017).

Because the development of a local ordinance will take some months, we ask your board to immediately establish a short-term registry program. Information collected by a registry will help inform data-driven regulatory development and provide local compliant businesses with a

recognition mechanism. Without a local registry, responsible businesses will be precluded from applying for State licenses come January 1, 2018.

We look forward to contributing our perspective and expertise in this area as Santa Barbara County pursues cannabis ordinance development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Clenet". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Kelly Clenet
Santa Barbara Resident and Carpinteria Business Owner



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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Stanley Glasser <photographynmore28@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:25 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Feb 14 hearing for marijuana

This is a formal request that you
DO NOT ban legal medical Marijuana
Cultivation sites /collectives, as well as
**NOT impose more taxes on medical
Marijuana in the county of Santa Barbara**

**Thank you for your consideration
And action .**

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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Elisabeth Gray <gray.elis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 9:02 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Medical Marijuana should not be subject to more taxes

I have been a patient of the Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective since 2014. We moved to CA in May of 2014. Almost immediately upon my arrival in this state. I was hospitalized and subsequently diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. I received a medical marijuana license from my oncologist when I began chemotherapy. After four months of chemotherapy, I moved to Houston, Texas for seven weeks to receive state-of-the-art radiation therapy at the M D Anderson Cancer Center. Both chemo and radiation treatments were difficult for anyone but particularly for a woman in her 80's. Pain, anxiety and sleeplessness were problems that could be ameliorated by medical marijuana. Although I am a retired scientist, I had no academic knowledge of the kinds of marijuana, the dosages, what was appropriate to my problems and any guarantee of purity of marijuana that I would be taking. The internet offers information that may be meaningful to persons with a prior history of marijuana usage. This did not apply to me as I came from the southeast US where any usage is illegal. The Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective, came to my rescue. For the past almost three years, it has been a source of comfort and relief from pain. They interviewed me as to what problems I was experiencing. Then the decision as to what I needed to relieve my symptoms was made and a quality product was furnished at a price I could afford. The price is quite important because cancer treatment is prohibitively expensive even with insurance. A high cost to relieve the pain caused by treatment would obviate marijuana use. No one wants to have cancer. Please don't make it impossible for the Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective to furnish a quality product that relieves pain at a reasonable cost for those of us unfortunate enough to be victims of this dread disease.



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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Julian Wolfe <jrwolf87@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 11:14 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Feb 14 Hearing For Marijuana

This is a formal request for you to NOT BAN THE CULTIVATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA, in Santa Barbara county. My fiancé and I rely on this medication and making it more difficult will only harm the community and make this more complicated furthering a black market. If you must impose a tax, do so, but DO NOT BAN CULTIVATION AND DISTRIBUTION. Let legal collectives and co-operates cultivate outside city limits, and follow the guidelines in place.

Sincerely, Julian Wolfe and Marissa Vogt



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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Kelsey <k805l@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:14 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Feb 14 hearing for marijuana

My name is Kelsey,

I'm an active medical marijuana patient and activist who has lived in Santa Barbara county my whole life. First off, last years regulations in 2016 for SB county were made and now to go back to scare and make sick people think it's going to be even harder to get affordable medicine from the collective we have supported is wrong and illegal! Maria Ygnacio Farm collective or My Farm has been unbelievably helpful for myself, and many other thankful members. We need these collectives growing, they know what they are doing and they care for us. I voted back in 1996 when prop 215 came to protect us and to assure affordable and safe access to our medical marijuana. That is and has been in effect since then! So please, we know there are many factors, but these established medical marijuana collectives contribute a lot. Thank you