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Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Mayor Sierra, I am submitting this letter for your consideration. We hope that you will take the City's position into account as you consider the matter of revising cannabis cultivation regulations at your meeting of November 11.

Respectfully,

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# City of Buellton

June 8, 2020

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Consideration of Amendments to Cannabis Cultivation Regulations

Chair Hart and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The City of Buellton wishes to go on record with its position on the approach to be taken by the County with regard to the permitting of cannabis cultivation operations. The City's position is one which has been consistent for some time, is decidedly NOT anti-cannabis, and is unapologetically in support of the protection of the quality of life of Buellton residents, as well as the future viability of our established tourism-based economy.

The City recognizes the complex nature of the cannabis issue and the effort that the County has put into the development of the current regulations. However, as has been conveyed to the Board of Supervisors by Buellton City Council resolution, the City feels that these regulations have fallen short of providing necessary safeguards to ensure that residents of our County's cities are not unduly affected by the impacts that are inherent with cannabis cultivation. In light of this concern, the City of Buellton requests the following provisions be included in the ordinance to update the cannabis cultivation regulations:


1. That *all* cannabis cultivation operations require the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), rather than a Land Use Permit.
2. That odor abatement plans and measures be included as standard conditions of any CUP issued for cannabis cultivation. Such measures should include an incremental approach to odor control implementation so as to facilitate adequate odor control at the least amount of cost to the grower.
3. That no new cannabis operations be permitted to occur within one mile (preferably more) of the boundary of any incorporated city.
4. That the County recognize that odor impacts may occur due to concentration, even if distance from cultivation operations is increased. Twenty acres of cannabis cultivation one mile from the City may not produce discernable odors, but 200 acres within two miles of the City may. Recognition of this fact will necessitate a different approach to the determination of the source of the odors and the measures necessary

to mitigate them. Regulations limiting the concentration of cannabis cultivation locations (particularly in locations upwind of more heavily populated areas) should be adopted with this in mind.

5. That a landscaped 100-foot buffer area planted with shrubs and trees of varying heights be required between cannabis crop and property line to provide for screening, security, and airflow disruption to help to dissipate odors.

The City of Buellton appreciates the consideration of the Board of Supervisors during the discussion and deliberation of changes to the County's cannabis cultivation regulations. We have always valued the cooperative relationship between the City and the County, and hope that this relationship will continue into the future through mutual respect and understanding of each entity's concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Holly Sierra, Mayor