



From: Jeff Giordano <jeffg@ir-holdings.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 1:36 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Voter Initiative

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County. By shifting to a more effective taxation method, we have the opportunity to generate significant additional revenue for our county—funds that are critically needed for enhancing odor enforcement and ensuring the responsible cultivation of cannabis.

More importantly, moving away from self-reported cash revenue to a square-foot-cultivated structure would discourage over-growth and be much easier to verify.

This change represents a vital step towards balancing the growth of the cannabis industry with the needs and well-being of our community. I urge you to move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot, allowing the residents of Santa Barbara County to voice their support for a healthier, more sustainable future.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Giordano

SB County Resident

Sarah Mayer

From: Jackie Peterson <jackiep235@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 1:42 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Taxation Structure

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing because I live in Carpinteria and am often forced to live inside my home with the air conditioner on rather than enjoying my lovely folding doors that make my garden part of my primary living space. I am about to invest in new landscaping and I want to enjoy being in it rather than just seeing it through a window. Why is this such a problem for me? The smell of cannabis drifts into my yard and if I don't run my air conditioner it seeps into my home itself.

You can't simply say you don't smell it so it doesn't exist. I rented an apartment near Das Williams home and didn't smell it either. Then I purchased a home just a short distance away and now have an entirely different experience.

Please, please, please change the structure of how you regulate and tax this industry. Please require them to install the latest technology for odor control. Please enhance your own odor enforcement requirements and actually provide staff as well as the tools staff need to reduce or eliminate the noxious odors we live with here in the Carpinteria valley.

Thank you for reading this and thank you for paying attention to your voters.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Peterson
1314 Trieste Lane
Carpinteria

Sarah Mayer

From: Gregory Gandrud <Greg@gandrudfinancial.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 2:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support for changes to cannabis tax structure

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Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We are writing in support of the proposed changes to the structure of how cannabis is taxed by the county.

Additional revenues would go a long way in funding improved odor control.

As many of you know, we were forced to evacuate our home in Carpinteria in January of 2021 due to vapor phase odor control chemicals being sprayed by a cannabis grower into the air only 70 feet from our bedroom window. My spouse became seriously ill and we ended up being forced to sell our home for much less than it would have been worth had the odor control been done via carbon scrubbers as it is now.

Additional revenues from a new tax structure would help others who are negatively impacted by cannabis grows so that they don't have to suffer and incur losses as we did.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory and Marllus Gandrud

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Sarah Mayer

From: Eileen Read <eileenwhiteread@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 2:35 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Charles Read; Blair Pence
Subject: Proposed changes to the cannabis tax structure

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Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to express my strong support for the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County.

By shifting to a more effective taxation method, our county would have the opportunity to generate significant additional revenue —funds that are critically needed for enhancing odor enforcement and ensuring the responsible cultivation of cannabis.

This change represents a vital step towards balancing the growth of the cannabis industry with the needs and well-being of our community. We urge you to move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot, allowing the residents of Santa Barbara County to voice their support for a healthier, more sustainable future.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter. We are and have been since its inception a member of the SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Read and Eileen White Read

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Sarah Mayer

From: Bill Hahn MD <whahn@sansumclinic.org>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 2:43 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis taxation

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Dear board of supervisors, I am writing to express my support for the proposal to change the taxation method for cannabis production. It is my understanding that this change would result in considerably more revenues to the county which could then be applied to address some of Very divisive problems which cannabis production has created, especially odor control.

If this could be placed on the November ballot, it would be an opportunity for the citizens to exercise their wisdom, and resolve in helping to improve the current situation.

Thank you for your consideration. William Hahn, MD.

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Sarah Mayer

From: PAUL EKSTROM <paulekstrom@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 2:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Tax Ballot Measure

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

The time has come to correct the tax collection from the cannabis growers. At the beginning the growers took advantage of the county ad hoc committee and here we are today. I support moving away from the (in my opinion) laughable "self-reporting" cash revenue system and move to a verifiable square-foot-cultivated structure system.

Our county needs this revenue to enforce regulations on odor control and bad neighbor growers.

Thank you, Paul Ekstrom

1489 Manzanita St.
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Sarah Mayer

From: Lionel Neff <zuma13@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 2:46 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Tax Ballot Measure

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County. By shifting to a more effective taxation method, we have the opportunity to generate significant additional revenue for our county—funds that are critically needed for enhancing odor enforcement and ensuring the responsible cultivation of cannabis.

More importantly, moving away from self-reported cash revenue to a square-foot-cultivated structure would discourage over-growth and be much easier to verify.

Frankly, for me, it's not about extra money for the County but instead it's about more robust enforcement and movement to odor technology that works! Anyway, this change represents a vital step towards balancing the growth of the cannabis industry with the needs and well-being of our community. I urge you to move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot, allowing the residents of Santa Barbara County to voice their support for a healthier, more sustainable future.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Lionel Neff

Sarah Mayer

From: Gail Herson <devesi@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 3:23 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: To Board if Supervisors: Support Cannabis Tax Ballot Measure

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I strongly support the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in SB County as a way to balance the growth of the cannabis industry with the health and needs of our community. **This moves us to stronger enforcement and odor technology that works, as opposed to what we have now.** The Byers and other odor abatement sprays are untested emissions that we are subjected to 24/7, forever, so obviously unsustainable. It crucial that we have a more effective taxation method; the current one has missed out on much needed income that should be used for improved odor enforcement and making sure cannabis is grown more responsibly.

It's so important to move away from the self-reported cash revenue program. A square foot cultivated structure is so much easier to verify and discourages overgrowth.

Please, it is vital that you move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot, allowing the residents of Santa Barbara County to voice their support for a healthier, more sustainable future.

Please take action to represent the needs of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Gail Herson

Sarah Mayer

From: Robert Lesser <albardach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 3:31 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis; Wade Cowper; Roy Lee for Supervisor; Carrillo Anna; Carpinterians Concerned; Capps Laura; Bob Nelson; Joan Hartmann
Subject: Amend the Cannabis Ordinance now...please

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for ***mandatory Carbon Scrubbers, mandatory enforcement of odor and all health hazards associated with Cannabis cultivation, acreage and growth limits on cannabis***, as well as the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County. By shifting to a more effective taxation method, we have the opportunity to generate significant additional revenue for our county—funds that are critically needed for enhancing odor enforcement and ensuring the responsible cultivation of cannabis.

This change represents a vital step towards balancing the growth of the cannabis industry with the needs and well-being of our community. I urge you to move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot, allowing the residents of Santa Barbara County to voice their support for a healthier, more sustainable future.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Lesser
Carpinteria Valley

Sarah Mayer

From: Dianne Baker <ddblaca@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 3:37 PM
To: Joan Hartmann; Laura Capps; Bob Nelson; Das Williams
Cc: Villalobos, David; sbcob
Subject: Revised County taxation Structure for Cannabis operators

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We writing to express strong support for the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County. By shifting to a more effective taxation method, we have the opportunity to generate significant additional revenue for our county—funds that are critically needed for enhancing odor enforcement and ensuring the responsible cultivation of cannabis.

Most importantly, moving away from an operator’s self-reported cash revenue to a square-foot-cultivated structure would discourage over-growth, improve transparency of the operators and be much easier to verify. This was initially established in many other California counties and has supported their efforts to manage this industry in a manner that is more accountable and fair to its residents.

These additional revenues will facilitate more robust enforcement of the odor insults and ill-effects that impact our communities - our schoolchildren, elderly and others with impaired respiratory and health issues, as well as businesses bearing the brunt of this cloud of horrendous dead skunk odors that harm everyone and tourism business in SBC.

We urge you to move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot, allowing the residents of Santa Barbara County to voice their support for a healthier, more sustainable future.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Dianne Pence

Pence Vineyards and Winery

Sarah Mayer

From: S G <sasha477m@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 3:46 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Supervisor Das Williams; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann; Supervisor Nelson; Steve Lavagnino
Subject: Cannabis Taxation Overhaul

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to express our strong support for changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County. As was evident in the June 2020 Grand Jury report on the cannabis industry in the County and validated since then, the existing taxation regime is sorely inadequate and has favored private cannabis interests at the expense of County taxpayers and residents. At the same time as not receiving the financial benefits promised, County taxpayers and residents, including Carpinteria school children exposed to adjacent cannabis growing operations, have paid a high price in terms of environmental concerns and a general reduction in quality of life due to cannabis impacts.

By shifting to a more effective taxation method, we have the opportunity to at least increase the level of revenue for our county—funds that are critically needed for enhancing odor enforcement and ensuring the responsible cultivation of cannabis.

This change represents a vital step towards balancing the growth of the cannabis industry with the needs and well-being of our community. We urge you to move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot - please allow the residents of Santa Barbara County to voice their support for a healthier, more sustainable future.

Thank you in advance listening to the concerns and requests of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Alexander and Patricia Globa

Carpinteria, CA

Sarah Mayer

From: LAURIE GENTRY <dogpackleader@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 3:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Taxation

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed changes to the cannabis taxation structure in Santa Barbara County. By shifting to a more effective taxation method, we have the opportunity to generate significant additional revenue for our county—funds that are critically needed for enhancing odor enforcement and ensuring the responsible cultivation of cannabis.

This change represents a vital step towards balancing the growth of the cannabis industry with the needs and well-being of our community. I urge you to move forward with placing this measure on the November 2024 ballot, allowing the residents of Santa Barbara County to voice their support for a healthier, more sustainable future.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Laurie Gentry

Property owner

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Sarah Mayer

From: Marsha <kdgrm7@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:47 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis odor

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I have lived in Carpinteria my whole life and my family has farmed open field crops since the 1920's. My grandfather grew peas, peppers, string beans and many other crops. As the times have changed our land now has avocados and organic field crops. None of the crops have ever produced the horrible, nauseating smell of Cannabis that have never produced the awful, horrible, nauseating at times, smell of Cannabis that permeates my home which is located between Casitas Pass Road and Linden. When driving through or to friends and family homes between Foothill and the freeway, the smell is there also. It seems like the smell from the nurseries growing Cannabis have not done anything to stop the smell.

Please help the citizens of Carpinteria live lives that are not surrounded by skunk smell . Please vote with the Coastal Commission's recommendations to increase the ban in rural populated areas to at least 2 miles of Cannabis growing and their other recommendations.

Cannabis growing with its smell and increase of crime related incidents is not good for Carpinteria especially with property values as fund for Carpinteria Unified School District is tied to property taxes. The education of students K-12 is truly affected by decreased property taxes. Please vote for the Coast Commission's recommendations.

Sincerely,
Marsha Ota
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Sarah Mayer

From: Marsha <kdgrm7@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:47 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Do the right thing for Carpinteria Citizens

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As a long time resident of Carpinteria, I am deeply concerned about the lack of understanding of the long term effects of cannabis replacing food producing land for recreational and medicinal marijuana. There is less and less land for growing food crops in the state of California. Big food corporations are having to raise food in Mexico and transporting tomatoes, green beans, squash and so many produce items if just look at the place of origin labels in the produce section of the grocery store.

The climate and FLAT ground in the Carpinteria Valley allows many crops to be grown. Over the years the fertile ground in the valley has moved from walnuts and lima beans to today's avocados and a few row crop farms. Due to the lack of federal and state intervention the floral industry was ruined by the Mexican cartels. The cartels used flowers or fish to ship cocaine and marijuana into the United States through bogus wholesale floral companies in Florida. Drug sniffing dogs could not find the drugs which were hidden in fish and boxes of roses. How could they with the strong scent of fish or fragrant flowers. The Cartel killed the flower industry in Carpinteria.

Some of the flower growers had extended themselves by taking out loans to pay their employees. Many just gave up as flowers from South America were selling below market price as the real product coming from South America was drugs.

Please do not repeat history and let Organized Crime take over legitimate avocado ranchers and some honest flower growers who have not fallen to the ease of renting out their property for millions of dollars and not have to do anything. Do not let Organized Crime cruise the streets of Carpinteria in their black Escalades that are seen around town. Do not let the labor force get paid at least \$18 an hour to pick marijuana buds and leave restaurants, small stores and businesses unable to match marijuana growers pay for employees.

The so called taxes that the county believes they will get from higher permit fees and taxes really forgets those of us who have to live here and do not want Marijuana green house tours, the economy going to a cash one like in Humboldt county to hide drug money and organized crime and criminals roaming around Carpinteria.

Please follow the guidelines that Montecito and the north county are attempting to curtail the marijuana industry.

At least restrict the growing of marijuana at least 1,500 feet from residences, schools and other child day care institutions.

Sincerely,
Marsha Ota

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