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de la Guerra, Sheila Public Comment - Group 3

From: Linda Reimel <lindareimel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 8:26 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: cannabis odor



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My name is Linda Reimel and I have lived in Carpinteria since 1973. My husband grew up in Carpinteria and is a retired math teacher with the Carpinteria Unified School District. When we drive past Carpinteria High School along Foothill Road, the odor of Cannabis is strong and pungent. There seems to be little effort to control the odor and we find it unacceptable that teachers, students and staff have been subjected to the continuation of this problem. It seems wrong that cannabis, marijuana, can be grown so close to a school and we feel strongly that County officials need to provide stronger and stricter oversight, regulation and enforcement. The proliferation of cannabis in Carpinteria has affected and continues to affect the people and agriculture of the Valley.

We hope the Board of Supervisors can step in and begin to manage the proliferation of cannabis that is carpeting the Carpinteria Valley and provide stricter enforcement of laws.

Sincerely,
Linda and Donald Reimel
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Carpinteria

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Litten, Jefferson
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 8:51 AM
To: Lenzi, Chelsea; sbcob
Subject: FW: Buellton Position on Cannabis Odor Control Ordinance

Please share with the Board

Thanks,
Jefferson

From: Scott Wolfe <scott@cityofbuellton.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 6:03:48 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan <jHartmann@countyofsb.org>; Litten, Jefferson <jlitten@countyofsb.org>
Cc: council <council@cityofbuellton.com>; Planning Commission <pc@cityofbuellton.com>
Subject: Buellton Position on Cannabis Odor Control Ordinance

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Supervisor Hartmann,

I apologize for the informality of this communication, but I have been away from the office for several week, as after returning from a family vacation, my household has been isolating due to COVID-19. Tuesday is my first day back in the office since July 22nd, and I have been made aware of this item late on Monday afternoon, leaving me no opportunity to give research and consideration of this matter the time it deserves. I recognize that it is too late for me to submit a formal written comment of this item, and my obligations in the office do not allow me to attend in person, but I do not want the Board of Supervisors to be left under the impression that the City of Buellton is not engaged in this matter or desirous of action on the part of the County to ameliorate the odor impacts of cannabis cultivation on the residents of Buellton. With this in mind, I ask that you pass along the City's concerns to the Board.

When I first arrived in Buellton three years ago, I appeared before the County Planning Commission requesting that the County take action to require Conditional Use Permits for cannabis cultivation, so that odor control could be considered and conditioned as part of any approval that might impact nearby communities. This suggestion was met with stiff resistance on the part of the County staff in subsequent interactions. Now, three years later, the County appears to be taking action on this front. While it seems that such action is far too late to be of much near-term value to the residents of Buellton with the cultivation that is already approved and planted – the odor of this season's crop reached my front door for the first time this morning – it is not too late to require such odor control on any future permits to be issued. Such action may result in long-term benefits as existing permits are abandoned and new permits are issued to replace them.

The City of Buellton emphatically requests that the Board impose odor control measures on any cannabis cultivation, drying, freezing, processing, or storage operations, regardless of the underlying zone. Further, I would also request that the Board take whatever action is permissible to include in this imposition those permits that are currently under appeal or otherwise in process, to ensure that local residents are protected from the objectionable odors associated with this crop to the greatest extent possible.

Thank you for your attention, consideration, and leadership on this matter, which is important to residents and businesses in the City of Buellton, as well as to other communities throughout the County of Santa Barbara.

Respectfully submitted,

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