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Subject: FW: Public Comments from Yesterday's Meeting
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Please add below to public comment on February 6th.

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From: Williams, Das
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:49 PM
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Can you add this to the public record?

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From: Mo Foley <maureenkathrynfoley@gmail.com>
Date: February 7, 2018 at 10:17:14 AM PST
To: "Williams, Das" <dwilliams@countyofsb.org>
Subject: Public Comments from Yesterday's Meeting

Das:

I was at the Cannabis meeting yesterday but needed to leave before my slip was called. Please see my public comments below. Can you add them to the public record, or add this e-mail?

In brief summary, we need enforcement funding/clarity, no volatile oil productions on ag land, and specific Cannabis restrictions for Ag-1 and Coastal Zone lands. Also, no open fields.

Thank you!
Maureen

I'm Maureen Claffey, a Carpinteria resident who lives near pot farms, a family farmer and owner of a farm-based business. I want to speak on behalf of the children and students in Carpinteria. I'm also a trustee on the Carpinteria Unified School Board, and while I cannot speak for the board here today, as only a single member here, I do want to mention that the school district's superintendent, Diana Rigby, has submitted a formal recommendation that the buffer zone be increased to 1000-1500 feet zone. Carpinteria's high school students and teachers are already struggling, daily, with the reality of having a pot farm next door. I would like to see that buffer increased further because smells do not stop at 1000 feet.

First the smell: Ash smell versus pot smell. The only small benefit was that for about a month, when the Thomas fire smoke was prevalent in our neighborhood in Carp, we couldn't smell marijuana. We smell it most days. I've had to explain to my five year-old daughter and 11 year-old stepson what pot smells like because we smell it everyday in our neighborhood. At Thanksgiving dinner, in the middle of my aunt's house, we could smell pot, despite all the amazing food being cooked and even though we couldn't see any pot growing anywhere nearby.

The genie is out of the bottle. Growers are already taking advantage of the fact that there is currently no regulation in place. Regulations will have to be overly strict, now, just to make sure everyone is playing by the rules. I understand that money is driving this effort to allow cannabis, at the County level. And this is already being grown extensively in our neighborhood. So how to move backwards? Regulation funding needs to be written into this ordinance. I would like to see a 1-800 number and stricter enforcement, as in the oak tree regulations. As we've seen in Carpinteria, many growers have chosen to do what they want, without any concern about retribution. **Regulation and enforcement are the missing piece of this puzzle. How does the County plan to regulate and enforce any ordinances created? In general, I agree in clearer regulations, perhaps fewer, but stronger enforcement. Rules are nothing if they're not enforced.**

Here are some other key points:

▷ **Ag-1 should not be allowed to grow cannabis.**

▷ **Processing of volatile oils is a dangerous, industrial process that does not belong in agricultural land and should be banned on all ag land and be restricted to industrial zoned areas. The recent Thomas Fire has shown us how interrelated our ag lands are. A fire on any of our drought-parched farms could have disastrous consequences, county-wide.**

▷ **Odor abatement should be necessary.**

▷ **Open field growing should be severely limited to areas far away from schools, homes and other populations.**

▷ **Funding for ordinance enforcement should be a foundation of any regulation passed.**

▷ **I would like to see the county earmark a small percentage of fees received for funding for public school funding in neighborhoods most affected by growers for drug prevention or some other use. The communities enduring the growing of this crop should see some benefit.**

▷ **Odor or other complaint process should be streamlined and clear.**

▷ **There should be no outdoor cultivation in the coastal zone.**

▷ **Make permit process transparent so that people nearby where pot is being grown know what their neighbors are doing and who to report, for violations, and give them fair notice of potential permits. Right now, only letting people know who are 1000 feet away does not capture the entire smell footprint.**

▷ **If there's going to be a waterfall of County cash, I believe the County has a responsibility to find a way to funnel some of that money back to the children and students, impacted by this new industry.**

Longtime growers in Carpinteria are claiming that financial necessity is forcing them to grow cannabis. I disagree. Our family, the Bailards, have been growing crops in Carpinteria since the 1860s and we have neither resorted to greenhouses or cannabis to continue our operation. The question is scale. There is, of course, a higher profit margin on cannabis than avocados, perhaps, but profit should not be the guiding force behind County choices. As the owner of a farm-based business, I believe that farmers in Santa Barbara County need encouragement, protections and help continue growing in the 21st Century. But this is a pharmaceutical crop. Mix the smell of a poultry farm with the challenges of a heroin poppy crop. I believe in the freedom of farmers to grow what they want, in general, but we need to accurately frame this product as a drug that must be processed to be consumed that runs on a cash-only basis.

I am not anti-pot. This should not be a battle that pits farmers against farmers. Cannabis is not a farming panacea. Crops are cyclical. Carp has grown lima beans, lemons, avocados, cherimoyas. Let's be real. The reason folks in Carp are angry is because money and greed are creating nuisance neighbors who have a flagrant disregard for rules. We have seen the importance of good relations between neighbors and seen the best in people after these fires and mudslides. Pot farmers in Carp have not proven themselves to be good neighbors. **I think we need to see this as it is: a new industrial, pharmaceutical industry that is disguising itself as agriculture to take advantage of our amazing growing environment and lack of regulations with teeth to grow their real crop: a cash cow.**