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Public Comment Group #3

From: Anna Carrillo <Annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:26 PM
To: sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Chapter 50 Amendments

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To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
 From: Anna Carrillo
 July 15, 2019

At your 7/9/2016 Board meeting, It was unacceptable that because Carpinteria is in the Coastal Zone, no changes were made in land use requirements for the Coastal Zone. Since you voted to ban cannabis cultivation on Ag-1 5, 10, 20 acre parcels in the inland, this same treatment should have been accorded to our area, as also was one of the recommendations from the EIR. You did require CUPs on larger parcels in the inland, but what happened to the Planning Commission's recommendation that if CUPs are required in the inland, they also be required in the Coastal Zone? Please figure out a way to follow-up on this?

Are you aware of the following: Threat to Craft

Growers? <http://potportal.net/why-santa-barbaras-idyllic-wine-country-embraced-cannabis-farms/>

In January, the California Growers Association, a leading advocacy group for cannabis farmers, sued the California Department of Food and Agriculture over a state rule allowing producers to compile multiple cultivation licenses in cannabis mega-farms. The organization said allowing farms larger than four acres violated Proposition's 64 pledge to forge a legal cannabis industry "around small and medium sized businesses by prohibiting large-scale cultivation licenses for the first five years."

The ordinance prohibits an over concentration of cannabis cultivation in one area. Carpinteria has 25% of the provisional licenses and 36% of the operators. There needs to be a limit of how much acreage per site can be used! Because of our density of 1 greenhouse next to other greenhouses, I think there needs to be some limits, only allowing a certain number of acres, possibly 3 and/or a certain percentage to be cultivated per parcel. That would decrease our density significantly. For example, in front of La Mirada (an EDRN) 3615 Foothill has requested 9 acres, then there's 3561 requesting 8 acres, then 3505 requesting 11.65. Many of these also border on Via Real, 3508 Via Real is requesting 4.39, then 3500 is requesting 5.5. That's a lot of density in a very small, compact area. While I was glad to have the limit of 186 acres, I never realized the unintended consequences of having so much. We're having trouble with just what is growing under provisionals now as of the ones I've listed here only 2 are currently cultivating with 3 in the pipeline and I have no idea how much is currently being

grown on the 2 parcels that are cultivating. There is the same problem around the high school, with 5 around the high school.

So as the City of Carpinteria requested, please provide some limit to the amount of acreage being used and provide some distance between each contiguous greenhouse operation.

Yesterday, I read from a 1/17/19 Cannabis Business Times article title “7 Tips to Neutralize Cannabis Odor Now”. “In many jurisdictions local and state regulators mandate an odor control system before issuing a permit to grow cannabis as in Oregon and Washington.”

According to the county planning site of 6/12/19, there are currently 19 sites in Carpinteria that have provisional licenses and according to Marc Byers, he has installed odor vapor systems in 12 of them, 2 others are using a different brand. According to someone in the know there are probably around 7 sites that don't currently have odor abatement. Schools in Carpinteria being Aug 27. Please make it mandatory that odor abatement systems be in place by then and have in place a regular inspection regime. The City of Carpinteria asked for a date certain. Once those currently growing under provisional licenses have been inspected for their odor abatement systems, then those without can be shut down because the location of the malodors can be found easier. We've been living with this problem for the last 2 1/2 years.

I have recently heard that the smelly place just west of the high school, smells so bad because of the processing that is being done at that location. Does processing require a higher level of odor abatement than cultivation? I was also told me that if I were to visit a processing facility I would need to wear clothes that I wouldn't want to wear again because the smell is so intense. Are you aware of that? Should there be different odor abatement requirements for processing? Is that why some sites are using carbon filters for the processing?

If sealed greenhouses would be mandated with internal odor control be required, a lot of problems would be solved. Our quality of life depends on this.

Again the Board needs to solve the immediate problem of preventing odor from leaving the site with wind, air studies and reexamine density and distance from schools, residents, and other agriculture, specifically avocados. The City of Carpinteria is also requesting increasing sensitive receptors to include residents, increasing the distance and the measuring from property line to property line.

There also needs to be a verification process as to whom was growing medical marijuana before Jan. 19, 2016. With this proof via nonprofit status, a S100, tax records, etc. the county and the public would know who rightfully was growing before this time and what their initial footprint was. There was to be no expansion of what was being grown prior to Jan. 19, 2016. Again this mistake needs to be corrected!

Another suggestion on the placard announcing a site has submitted an application, please require that a phone number be listed for the 24/7 operator in charge of odor complaints. The complaint process continues to be quite laborious. I have also asked the have a phone number listed not eh county complaint site. Not everyone has a computer.

Thank you for helping us in the Carpinteria Valley. We're suffering!

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From: Matt Givens <dirty.givens@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:09 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Letter regarding John De Friel from Givens Farm
Attachments: John De Friel.jpg

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TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

RE: Support for Cannabis Cultivation and Farming

We are writing in support of John De Friel's farming business in Buellton on Santa Rosa Rd. We live two ranches down from Mr. De Friel's farm and he has been a great neighbor and has contributed to cleaning up a property that hadn't been maintained for years which has made the entire neighborhood nicer.

We appreciate that Cannabis farming is organic and uses very limited amounts of water compared to other crops. We are not bothered by odor from the farm and are glad to have a Cannabis farm next door.

As members of the Buellton community, as neighbors and long-time organic farmers of Santa Barbara County, our family has welcomed the opportunity to learn about cannabis farming through John De Friel.

We welcome Mr. De Friel's farm as part of our community, in part because he comes from a long tradition of farming and fundamentally understands the importance of working with your neighbors and responsibly maintaining the land with sustainable standards of farming as we all should. We would like to see more farms like John's that help us all share the ability to continue farming in Santa Barbara County for many years to come.

There has never been any issues of concern.

Moreover, our community has a tradition and a set of values to reach out to one another, invite conversation and build a trusted system of communication for whenever there are questions that may need an urgent response.

Our community is fortunate to have a neighbor like John and his hands-on work ethic to being a good neighbor.

Sincerely,



Mathew Givens

Farm Manager of John Givens Organic Farm

Resident of 9491 Santa Rosa Rd

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From: Renee ONeill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:10 PM
To: Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Hart, Gregg
Cc: sbcob; Miyasato, Mona
Subject: Letter for July 16, 2019 meeting
Attachments: BOS letter - WHY re, 7.16.19.docx

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Attached, please find my short letter re continuation of Agenda Item D 3, on July 16. I understand that there will be no public speakers tomorrow, as this process was completed last week, during the power outage. That was interesting and a first, for me.

I truly hope you will consider the numerous ramifications re the negative impacts of current cannabis regulations. Please consider all the input you have received, over the last 2 1/2 years and adjust regulations, accordingly.

Above all, "We the People," want to remind you that we have patiently waited for Responsible Cannabis Legislation, for years. After two and a half years of abusive industry practices, our patience is non-existent and we insist that you require the same, strict regulations and due process for cannabis industry as you require for any other industry operating in Santa Barbara County.

I support all the countywide organizations and members of these teams that have written letters in support of Responsible Legislation. Please consider the decisions you will make tomorrow, very carefully, base on all the concerns and problems that have been brought to your attention.

*Thank You,
Renée O'Neill*

Dear Supervisors,

Please provide answers to this list of “Ten, Priority Questions:”

- 1- Why has BOS authorized State to issue *thousands* of cannabis licenses to SBC?
- 2- Why did BOS authorize growers to develop, without verifying Affidavits of Legal non-conforming?
- 3- Why have growers, regardless of legal non-conforming status, been allowed to expand sites after January 2016?
- 4- Why are growers allowed to destroy oak trees, grade land, develop roads, destroy native/riparian habitats, without required county/state/federal permits? No other business in our county or state is allowed to do this.
- 5- Why are growers, who perjure themselves on county/state applications and habitual violators, issued provisional licenses?
- 6- Why are illicit, non-compliant growers continuing, unimpeded, without issuance of a, ‘Cease and Desist Order?’
- 7- Why did BOS choose to blatantly support commercial cannabis industry and ignore Staff’s wise recommendations (2017 EIR) by adopting prudent, thoughtful regulations, including important protections like: Protecting Public health, safety and welfare (State’s/Staff’s 1st priority – your 9th priority..., *children being last* on your list of Ten Priority Objectives); avoiding significant, Class I impacts; protecting sensitive receptors; incorporating CAPS/Limits, compatibility; etc.
- 8- Why have you continually ignored county residents’ recommendations, concerns, pleas for support and protections?
- 9- Why do you believe that the cannabis industry is the answer to all the county’s revenue problems? Obviously, they are creating more problems, and generating less revenue than anticipated. Most growers are not paying taxes on the amount of cannabis they are growing, “illegally.” Where is all that cannabis and revenue going?
- 10- Why do you feel you are qualified to continue serving as an elected official, when you fail to meet requirements and responsibilities applicable to your job-descriptions? “We the People,” want to remind you that we have patiently waited for Responsible Cannabis Legislation, for years. After two and a half years of abusive industry practices, our patience is non-existent and we insist that you require the same, strict regulations and due process for cannabis industry as you require for any other industry operating in Santa Barbara County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O’Neill

Tepusquet and Countywide Advocate for Responsible Cannabis

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From: Sara <Onebrightstar@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Urgent Comments for Folder D3 Proposed Cannabis Operation Meeting 7/16/19

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am an 18 year resident of 3375 Foothill Road, Carpinteria, CA. I am writing in OPPOSITION to the Island Breeze Farms LLC proposal to operate a Mixed-Light & Cannabis Cultivation operation located at 3376 Foothill Rd, Carpinteria, CA. This proposed project is located in the 1st Supervisor District. The size of the project is 9.13 acres.

This cannabis operation would be located directly across from the Las Canchas Condominiums where between 600 to over 800 people live. Here at 3375 Foothill Road there are Families with children and teenagers who have the right to play in clean healthy air. This cannabis operation across the street would impact the long-term health of all the residents in this condominium complex who are of all ages. Use of Marijuana is illegal for teens and children and remains harmful. Children and teens in our condominium complex would be within walking distance to potentially access this marijuana grow operation.

This proposed cannabis operation is also across from the Santa Barbara Polo and Racquet Club of which I am a member. Year around there are hundreds of children daily swimming, playing tennis and enjoying the lawns and fresh air. There are also hundreds of adult Family members who pay good money in dues to come to the SBPRC daily for healthy recreation. This cannabis operation will ruin the quality of the members visit to their Club impacting their long-term health. This cannabis operation will effect the health of the dozens of dedicated hard working employees that work at the club. There are trainers, grooms and polo players who would suffer from the toxic Byer air system for the cannabis. The air quality from nearby cannabis operations is already impacting the air at the SBPRC.

There has been no long term study or environmental impact study of the Byers odor control chemical system. Scientists from the Environmental Working Group in Washington, DC or other environmental scientists have not done a thorough lab analysis of this Byers system or other cannabis filter systems. The redflag sign that there are harmful toxic chemicals in the system is that the owner of Byers odor control chemical systems, Mark Byers, today, July 15th said that the ingredients are "PROPRIETARY." So if we do not know what is in this cannabis filter system then how do we know what we are breathing and releasing into the environment???? Is it safe?? There would need to be serious third party scientists investigating this cannabis filter system before we would know if it was safe for humans to breathe what comes out of the cannabis filter system.

Placing a large marijuana farm next to our condominium project will impact our long-term property values.

Accepting this proposal will mean we could be penalized for not knowing what is in the filter system. If the filter system does not work properly it could cause health issues for our community. We need to know what is in the filter system before we accept this proposal.

Fors and Racquet Club which is also just across the street from this large proposed cannabis operation. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department crime statistics show that cannabis cultivation operations in our area have had continuing crime problems, including illegal grows, confiscated concealed weapons and robbery.

For the above reasons I would urge you to DENY granting Island Breeze Farms, LLC permission to operate a 9.13 acre mixed-use, Marijuana farm across the street from my home. I would request that this letter be reviewed by all five members of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,
Sara C. Blunt

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From: Gregory Gandrud <Greg@gandrudfinancial.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:33 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Marllus' asthma triggered by cannabis 100ft from our bedroom

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Please don't think that "odor control" can solve the problem of cannabis being grown too close to residences. There is something either in the marijuana terpenes or in the terpenes in the odor control formula that triggers asthma attacks in sensitive people.

The best solution is to increase the buffer between marijuana grow houses and residences and other sensitive receptors. Alternatively, marijuana could be grown in completely closed buildings.

Thanks for your help!

Greg

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From: Shannon McGraw <shannonmcgraw@icloud.com>
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Subject: Urgent Comments for Folder D3 Proposed Cannabis Operation Meeting 7/16/19

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen in the SB County Board of Supervisors,

I live and work at the SB Polo and Racquet Club located at 3375 Foothill Road in Carpinteria, California.

I respectfully request that you vote NO in the current proposal to cultivate marijuana directly across the street from our club.

I have an 8 year old child who suffers from extreme asthma and he is already greatly impacted from the odors and impact of the current marijuana operations already occurring in our area. We wake up many mornings with him having an asthma attack or respiratory problems because Carpinteria has an excessive amount of marijuana grow operations.

The smell and heavy odor resulting from so much marijuana already grown in this area is upsetting enough. Many people who work and live at our club and who come to this area to view Polo (which brings a tremendous of revenue and commerce to our city) are impacted by the heavy odors lingering in the atmosphere by the marijuana.

We also do not know the impact on the animals we have currently boarded at our club—sometimes upward of 400 horses. The value of these animals reaches in the multi millions—again bringing much needed commerce and consumerism to our area.

Please do everything you can to prevent this new marijuana operation from occurring and also consider limiting or banning many of the current facilities already operating in violation of Federal Law.

We live and work in this area. We have a right to clean air, safe surroundings and the upholding of local, State, and Federal regulations.

Our children have the right to grow up with clean air and safe surroundings.

Our horses and livestock have the right to work and play in clean air and to continue to be a source of inspiration for Santa Barbara and worldwide participants, spectators and sponsors.

Please distribute this email to each County Board of Supervisor member. I request you to VOTE NO in the current proposal.

Very Respectfully Yours

Shannon McGraw
Polo and Racquet Club