

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: sbcob
Subject: FW: Board of supervisors meeting Jan 19 2016, #5 on agenda

From: Michele Monk
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 3:52 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Board of supervisors meeting Jan 19 2016, #5 on agenda

Dear supervisors,

I am Michele Monk. I am a non practicing RN. I currently live in zone 1 of Santa Barbara county. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter on a subject that very much concerns my wellbeing along with hundreds, probably thousands, of others.

I'm writing because I will be unable to attend the board of supervisors meeting on Jan. 19. due to medical issues. I am currently treating stage 4, metastatic breast cancer with cannabis. I use it to control my pain. My doctor is fully supportive of this decision and has been amazed at the quality of life I am able to maintain. I am under hospice care through Central Coast Hospice out of San Luis Obispo, although I live in New Cuyama. A rather remote town.

The proposed ban would make it financially impossible to continue to use cannabis and have the quality of life I am presently experiencing. Which is a goal of both myself and the hospice team. It would also be prohibitive in terms of me traveling to purchase my medication as I am currently bed bound and have caretakers with me 24/7.

I moved to California a year ago from Mississippi in order to have the freedom to grow my own medicine. I researched counties and towns to find a community that would be open and supportive of my needs. I found Santa Barbara to be a compassionate environment and bought a house in New Cuyama.

I am concerned with the results of a ban making patients criminals overnight.

I am a member of a local planned collective and I am concerned for the caregivers that help me and others when they can no longer grow for themselves.

Please look compassionately upon us, the patients, out here relying on a medication that truly gives us a viable alternative to opiates.

Yours sincerely,

Michele Monk
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Lenzi, Chelsea

Subject: FW: Public Comment re D-5: Subject: marijuana off west camino cielo

Importance: High

From: Prudence Squier

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 11:32 AM

To: Wolf, Janet; Paul Trent

Subject: Subject: marijuana off west camino cielo

I'm writing to express my reasons for opposing the commercial growing of marijuana in Santa Barbara, particularly in residential neighborhood such as mine on West Camino Cielo. We have several growers here, who have been here growing even before there was any question about its being legal - it wasn't - therefore they have been operating outside the law for a long time. Living next door to a criminal element is not in the best interests of the members of our community.

In addition, my objections are the following. They use grow lights all night long, contributing light pollution as far away as Highway 154 and all the communities along the highway. We are dependent on shared wells here with everyone using water sparingly. Cultivation of marijuana requires prodigious amounts of water. The growers protect their operations with pit bulls. My dog and I have been threatened repeatedly by pit bulls as we were walking on the road past - West Camino Cielo and the large operation at the end of the road. We no longer have the use of this portion of the road because it is not safe. Recently my dog ran in that direction and was attacked by one of the pit bulls. The pit bull bit my hand badly as I was trying to save my dog. This incident was reported to Animal Control by the Hitchcock Road Samsun urgent care clinic where I went for treatment.

Please act to remove commercial marijuana cultivation from our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Prudence Squier