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**From:** Paul Ekstrom <paulekstrom@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2026 9:44 AM  
**To:** Roy Lee; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann; Bob Nelson; Steve Lavagnino; sbcob  
**Subject:** Cannabis odor and grower extensions to avoid odor control.

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Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I have been reading about the deadline approaching for cannabis growers to comply with the odor control requirements. I also read that odor complaints are low, I don't know why this is an issue. I and most others were led to believe the new odor control requirements were in place and a year later the odor problem was going to be resolved. Why would anyone bother to file odor complaints now? Now I'm hearing that many growers are requesting extensions. It was clear they had one year to comply. Extensions are going to be abused by the growers. Our community wants positive action. We have been too patient. My neighborhood has been fortunate that The Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis represented me in legal action against a nearby grower that was successful in mitigating the odor by installing proper odor control. On occasion I smell the "skunky" odor and the sweet odor but it appears to be drifting by from other growers. I don't think there is a way to determine its source.

We cannot give up ground on odor control. Extensions are not to be given, not even if the growers post some kind of a bond. The residents in District 1 have been too patient for too many years. The growers knew from the beginning that their odor was not acceptable. They knew how to work the system and stall as much as they can get away with. Most of the growers complaining of "hardship", equipment delays, and electrical upgrades are just abusing the system. The residents and schools have a right to air that does not stink, the growers have a responsibility to be decent people.

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**From:** Robert Lesser <bobbyless@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2026 3:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** No to cannabis extensions

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Truly, are they still doing this nonsense?!  
NO! To any extensions for cannabis growers.  
We're done with any more stinky odor extensions...

Robert Lesser  
Sent from my iPhone