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To: Board of Supervisors  
 From: Anna Carrillo  
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I would like to make a few comments on the three cannabis items you will be discussing at the 9/14/21 Board of Supervisors' Meeting.

1. Please give the Planning and Development Dept. funds to be able to properly identify the source of odors. This is especially problematic in the Carpinteria area for those permitted and unpermitted cannabis operations located between Foothill Rd. and Via Real between Nidever and almost to Cravens Lane. There is 1 fully permitted greenhouse cultivation site at 3561 Foothill Rd. which smells when one is near it, but P&D is unable to verify that that is the one as the source of the odor in the nearby La Mirada EDNR located nearby. When this operation was appealed in 2019, Planning Commissioner Michael Cooney added the following:

**MONITORING:** P&D compliance staff shall monitor implementation prior to Final Building Clearance and/or commencement of use, whichever occurs first. Permit Compliance staff has the authority to request additional measures necessary for corrective actions, provided at the cost of the Applicant, to verify compliance with the Odor Abatement Plan. Upon installation of the odor control system and quarterly thereafter for one year, Permit Compliance staff shall conduct an inspection of the odor control system to assess its compliance with the requirements of this condition and the approved Odor Abatement Plan. As part of each inspection, the County shall retain a professional engineer or certified industrial hygienist, at the applicant's expense, to certify that the Odor Abatement system, specification, operation and procedures has been installed, operating, and maintained as specified in the approved Odor Abatement Plan.

The required quarterly inspection is included in all the cannabis conditions of approval, but it has not occurred yet, even though this operation at 3561 Foothill Rd. has been operating for the last 2 years. Neighbors have been complaining for at least the last year. When I followed up to see whether the stated quarterly monitoring had been completed, I received the following May 5, 2021: "The compliance staff have visited the site to verify that the equipment is operational. However, we held off on conducting the Professional Engineer/Industrial Hygienist review as the condition placed on the project refers to the ordinance where the standard that 'no odors be experienced in residential zones...'; which would require offsite monitoring for cannabis odor in residential zones. Since there are three other unpermitted cannabis operations adjacent to G&K, the Professional Engineer/Industrial Hygienist has no method to determine where any cannabis odors originated. Holding the only permitted cannabis operation accountable for any cannabis odors that are present in the vicinity would be not supportable since there are other adjacent grows and there is not a method to trace an odor to a precise source. The Department is currently exploring other methods to determine effectiveness of the odor control systems. Full implementation of the condition will be possible when all four projects are permitted." Since that May email, there are now 5 cannabis operations in the neighborhood, some cultivating and some are newly permitted.

2. The 2nd part of the inspection was to occur during the annual business license review and according to my last request, even though the operator turned in his request for his business license renewal Nov. 2020, 8 months later it is still under review. Part of the business license renewal process looks at the odor complaints received.

3. In Carpinteria in this latest quarter there were 495 odor complaints received. That's the most I've heard of in any quarter. Since there are only 2 fully permitted cannabis cultivation sites out of the current 19 unpermitted and fully permitted sites, it's not surprising to state that most were from unpermitted grows. There SHOULD NOT BE ANY ODOR ISSUES FROM A FULLY PERMITTED SITE!

4. The residents in Carpinteria have been told for the last 4 years, once an operation is permitted, then the County can enforce on inadequate odor abatement systems, but now we are being told that WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL ALL THE NEIGHBORING OPERATIONS ARE PERMITTED. Please tell me what difference that is going to make as even if all 5 of the cannabis operations located near La Mirada are permitted, how is the County going to be able to tell which operation is causing the problem?

5. There is a problem with notifications of residents within 1000' of a cannabis operation. In the Coastal Zone, if some of the residents of an EDRN are notified, all need to be notified as they are all affected even those residing further away than 1000', especially those living in the hill looking down on the cannabis cultivation greenhouses on the flat area below them. The ocean breezes blow it right up the hill.

6. A resident in La Mirada just wrote me: "I still smell cannabis every time I drive to and from my home. Always on Foothill at 3561 and sometimes at 3615. But I do smell it on lower Paquita too and at my house often between around 5:30 am lately. It comes into my bedroom window and wakes me up. There are other times if I leave my garage open it can linger there. Not sure what time it arrived. Until the county is able to enforce it would be nice to ask for a moratorium on new permits. At one point one of the county people said that "if they stand on the property line and smell it they know where it is coming from. Well stand on the 3561 property line. No need to wait until others around get permits. Stop it there and then see what happens when the next place comes on line." I also just heard from a Padaro Lane resident and a Polo Field resident complaining of odors.

7. I support requiring CUPs for the Santa Rita Hills AVA, but I would also like that to occur in Carpinteria. In our very small valley with greenhouses located on two 4 mile stretches of roadways, we are being inundated with 10 new operations either expanding or being completely new. This is in addition to the current 19 growing with provisionals (2-3 received their CDPs, but have been appealed).

8. I've heard that some of our greenhouse operations in Carpinteria will be incorporating carbon filtration systems in their cultivation sites but the County needs to make this a requirement. The air needs to be scrubbed clean before the vents are opened to disrupt residents' lives. We've heard too long about the health issues for some from inhaling both the cannabis and the Byers vapor phase system. It's not fair for residents to have to buy expensive air purifier systems in order to counteract the cannabis odors or the added vapors put into their homes and Carpinteria air from the odor abatement system used.

9. I support joining the California Cannabis Authority. This is about time. I had been promised a long time ago the county would have access to the Track and Trace system but I see now that that never occurred. It will be good when the county receives information from the state. When I look at the CDFA site, I've seen very sloppy work entered by some operators, using incorrect addresses, wrong zip codes.

10. When an appeal is withdrawn there needs to be some public acknowledgement of why the appeal was withdrawn. This was brought up at a 7/28/21 Planning Commission meeting.

Please protect your residents here in Carpinteria and elsewhere.

Thank you,  
Anna Carrillo