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Katherine Douglas *Public Comment - Group 1*

From: tinalouisefrontado@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 12:41 PM
To: sbcob; Supervisor Das Williams; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann; Supervisor Nelson; Steve Lavagnino
Subject: June 18 Board of Supervisors Item D7 - No New Taxes

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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I'm a Carpinteria resident on Foothill Road and my neighbors who farm cannabis have been positive contributors to Carpinteria Valley. The greenhouse properties have all been cleaned up and renovated. We no longer dodge refrigerator trucks on our rural road by the dozen every day. These local farms no longer use dangerous chemicals on their crops. The biggest positive is that a strong agricultural economy wards off the threat of thousands of town homes coming to Foothill Road.

Please do not apply negative pressure on these businesses by raising their taxes. Do not spend money on a ballot measure that will likely fail; a ballot measure that is ill-timed and misguided; a ballot measure that could succeed in eliminating all cannabis taxes by eliminating our local cannabis sector.

We are asking that you support Carpinteria values of keeping this a semi-rural agricultural community and by not asking voters to tax cannabis to death.

Thank you,

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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I am urging you NOT to approve any ballot measure that could potentially raise taxes and further burden our local cannabis farming industry or it's LEGAL customers. Why do we continue to discourage this legal crop when it has so much public approval and proven health benefits? Do we cripple our avocado or flower industry with layers of tax on top of tax on top of compliance costs... repeatedly? Your constituents are not asking you to raise taxes on this crop. I understand you are spending more to regulate this crop than revenues being generated. So do something about containing costs of regulation, don't raise taxes just to spend it on more regulation. This is the classic example of government waste. Put yourself on a budget, don't burden the taxpayers or the industry for hyper critical over the top regulation. If anything, taxes should be lowered to allow the safe and regulated production of locally grown cannabis. Raising taxes only encourages more black-market dealings. History lessons teach you this. Don't put the cost of black-market regulation on legal cannabis distribution. Would you raise taxes on avocados to combat the theft and black-market distribution of avocados?

Thank you for considering my comments

Best,

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