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After the last rain I went down stairs to open my doors to enjoy the fresh air that follows rainfall - the lovely crispness, the sparkling remaining raindrops in my garden, dawn had just broken. As I stepped outside to breathe the fresh air - it was not the lovely fresh air after rainfall that prevailed but the suffocating odor of Marijuana.

I quickly went back indoors and closed the doors and windows.

Sarah Mayer

From:

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Cannabis air quality realities & reflections

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To Whom It May Concern,

I live on Cravens Lane in Carpinteria. Our family has been deeply impacted by the strong Cannabis odors and their treatment schedules whether it be mold abatement techniques such as the burning of sulfur as described to me by the Ag Commissioner's office or odor treatments which have been varied to other unknown releases that we are unaware of due to not knowing what is happening in the greenhouses. This has been unrelenting since September of 2017. It is no comfort that the Cannabis growers have stated "but this is so much better than the sprays that we were using on the flowers". I'll try not to think too deeply about the impacts of that on our children, ourselves, family, and neighbors, especially those of us who have lived here generationally and traveled to Carpinteria High School and spent a lot of time in class there and ran on the track unaware of all the chemical sprays.

We experience a fairly consistent foothill wind pattern that switches direction at fairly constant times. When the breeze is up the hill towards us, we get a punch of whatever they release from the greenhouse vents. I have 6 high quality air filtration units that I adjust as needed throughout the house. I keep all oceanside windows shut as much as I can. Coming from growing up in the hills above here in Toro Canyon, I very much miss having my windows open on the oceanside for all the fresh air and wonderful scents of the natural environment such as the native plants and salty ocean fragrances.

The odors from the Cannabis industry have been very allergenic for many of us including myself. We have been very impacted throughout various life events that had to be adjusted due to the morning, afternoon, evening, and middle of the night greenhouse venting from the large Cannabis grows in our neighborhood. Sometimes when there is an inversion layer which holds the air next to the hills due to the topography, the odors/other remain strongly prevalent for the rest of the day.

I don't believe in an all or nothing approach. I just want common courtesy with neighbors and the right to enjoy our property and home. If Cannabis growers can't contain their activities in a healthy/productive way, then they should find another location. Our health and homes are not pawns for the industry.

Hilary Lapidus