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Public Comment- Community Resources &

From: Reardon, Greg <Greg.Reardon@stryker.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 10:19 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Funding for upgrades to CSA-3 University Circle Park Open Space

Public Facilities
Group 1



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Hello Supervisor Hart, Chair Nelson, and Supervisors Hartmann, Lavagnino and Williams,

My family and I own a home near the University Circle Park open space, we have three young children, all under the age of 6.

I heard you recently came out for meeting- thank you for your time!

A lot of the neighbors have been discussing for the last couple years how we can improve and make the University Circle Park a usable area.

In its current state it's hard to do much there. The gopher holes, dirt mounds, and uneven field make it difficult to even walk through. It would be fantastic to have a small investment into this open space so that it can actually be utilized by the families who live in the area.

Figuring out how to keep the gophers out would be priority number one, whether that's gopher wire underneath the sod, or gopher abatement. Followed by leveling out the field. Some benches, or a few tables along with some trees for shading would be a great addition and make this area much more usable.

My family and I really appreciate all that you do, and thank you again for your time and attention to this.

Respectfully,

Greg Reardon
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From: Cheryl Rogers <cherplan6714@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 12:24 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Homelessness Budget Priority

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I wish to comment on the budget priority to address the dire homelessness situation in our County. I would like to urge you to set aside a significant portion of the upcoming budget to address our homelessness crisis.

As you know inequality of income and 'over the moon' housing costs in our County are forcing more and more of our citizens out to live on the streets. If the rental income moratorium established during the Pandemic is removed I fear that more people will end up on the streets.

The City of Los Angeles is setting aside a billion dollars to address their overwhelming homelessness situation with tents lining the boardwalk adjacent to expensive condos overlooking the Pacific as was described in Friday's LA Times article. Our homelessness situation is not as visible as many families live in their cars or park their RV's along our streets. Children are suffering from these conditions in addition to not having open schools. We are facing a damaged generation but I hope that we can pull together to bring things back to normal.

As a senior citizen living in Goleta I have contacted Gregg Hart regarding the campfires set along the Freeway by the homeless encampments. Although we do have very good fire departments, we know that given high winds, low humidity, and drought conditions a conflagration could easily ensue.

I strongly urge you to recognize the crisis we face and to establish a study group who can make recommendations for methods to address these issues. With significant funding, these changes can be implemented as soon as possible.

Thank you for your work in this twin period of Pandemic and homelessness crises. We are counting on you!

Cordially,

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From: Debbie McNamara <mmc26@aol.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Odor enforcement

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Hello, please put this in the record as yet another person completely sick and tired of this issue. It's just baffles me that you own a home and you live in a community and all of a sudden this product appears that affects everyone and yet you are still able to move forward and impact people's lives this way. My ome has a constant smell surrounding it. The items inside my home smell like the cannabis odor. We have nights where we sneeze and have headaches for no reason and yet no matter what is said, this is allowed to continue. It is just baffling to me that this is OK.

The only way that I have ever been familiar with these sorts of things continuing to occur is when someone is benefiting from turning the other cheek and ignoring and you just have to assume that's what's going on here. I do believe that eventually this area will pay for having done this to it. Either by reputation or land value or possibly future crime--- I don't know. But it's very very sad that it's been allowed to happen.

Debbie

Ramirez, Angelica

From: susan belloni <susanbelloni@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:59 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Long Range Planning, Cannabis Enforcement Team

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Dear County Supervisors,

Thank you for continuing to consider the needs of SYV residents with the goal of a Long Range Planning report to understand what can be done to control cumulative impacts of odor from outdoor cannabis cultivation west of Buellton.

This is urgent because once permits are approved on the properties zoned AG-II, which is most of those west of Buellton, there is nothing you can do about odor! Without the report, you cannot understand the problem adequately until it is too late and which would potentially cost more in time and resources than it would dealing with it in advance.

I understand that money for this report has not been budgeted. It should be budgeted now and paid for through the cannabis fees.

There is apparently no odor regulation on AG-II unless more than 51% of a site is in cultivation but to date NONE meets this 51% threshold. The worst example is 86 acres of cultivation recently allowed. Most growers say they will harvest 3 times for 4 weeks each so that is 3 months of odor per year that constituents will experience.

The first harvest of 2021 will occur soon and Buellton residents are bracing themselves for even more odor problems than last year. And last year was bad.

I understand the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors feel they do not hear from very many Santa Ynez Valley residents on this subject. Please remember, at about 20,000 residents, we only have one tenth the population of the cities of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria combined which is about 200,000 residents.

As a WE Watch member, I know that every time WE Watch writes you or comments at a hearing, which they do often, it reflects the viewpoints of about 100 members and residents of the Santa Ynez Valley.

Proportionally, hearing from 100 valley residents would be like hearing from 1,000 Santa Barbara and Santa Maria residents! We just do not have very many people here. Please remember that every time you hear from valley residents.

Many of us in the valley are also very dismayed to learn the County allowed 16 diesel generators to operate illegally by a cannabis grower who is touted as a model grower! Please, help us in the valley keep our air free from pollutants and without weeks of skunk odor from outdoor cannabis harvests.

We ask you to take this opportunity to do the right thing for the valley today and budget for a Long Range Planning Report to help us control cumulative impacts of odor from extensive outdoor cannabis cultivation west of Buellton.

Thank you,

Susan Belloni
Solvang, CA

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From: Ruth Green <rgreen1377@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 5:20 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Order enforcement



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The odor is truly awful which affects the quality of life and health.
Please fulfill your promise to the Carpinteria community -

"In 2019, when the cannabis tax was approved by voters, you promised to "use the majority of cannabis revenue to fund departments and agencies that oversee regulating and enforcing the cannabis industry."

Regards,
Ruth Green

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From: PAUL EKSTROM <paulekstrom@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:41 AM
To: sbcob; bobnelson@countyofsb.org; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: concernedcarpinterians@gmail.com
Subject: Budget Hearing June 8-Cannabis enforcement

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Dear Supervisors and staff, I am so disappointed with the lack of odor enforcement in my community. I am writing this email at 11:30 AM Monday and I have been smelling the cannabis skunk odor for the last half hour. I cannot enjoy my yard and patio, I cannot open my windows. The inside of my cars smell like cannabis. I send in odor complaints frequently. I'm not sending an odor complaint this morning because it is a waste of time. Please start supporting us who live nearby the cannabis growers and provide funding to give us real enforcement. Use the cannabis income to mitigate the damage that is caused to our quality of life. Thank you , Paul Ekstrom 1489 Manzanita St. Carpinteria

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Blair Pence <blair@pencevineyards.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:42 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: 21/22 FY Budget - Cannabis Programming
Attachments: 21/22 FY Budget - Cannabis Programming

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June 7, 2021

Chair Bob Nelson and the
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Fourth Floor
Santa Barbara, California 93101

By Email: sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

RE: Cannabis Programming the 21/22 FY Budget

Honorable Supervisors:


The Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis (Coalition) has been in the forefront of the initial rollout of commercial scale cannabis in Santa Barbara County. The Coalition does not categorically oppose cannabis, but because of its effects on surrounding land uses, supports reasonable measures to identify and avoid unnecessary impacts. We are working productively with various members of the cannabis industry to advance the science of odor measurement and control, and minimizing the effects on nearby crops, including wine grapes. Science-based solutions to agricultural conflicts and other issues are being developed and ensuring that the cannabis industry can thrive as an ongoing part of our community.

To succeed, the County needs a robust enforcement program to deter black market grows and those abusing their entitlements. The County also needs adequate staffing and resources in the Long Range Planning Department to keep pace with scientific developments and respond to changing circumstances as this new industry evolves.

The Coalition supports increased funding for the Cannabis Enforcement Team and for “Option 3” in the Planning and Development Department’s budget. Unexpected cannabis revenues are a natural fit to fund expansion of these two essential programs to meet the needs that have arisen at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,



Blair Pence, President
Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Erika Zollett <ezollett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:36 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Funding for upgrades to CSA-3 University Circle Park Open Space

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Hello. I am a resident of the Tree Farm neighborhood, and I am writing with regard to the June 8th Budget Hearing agenda item Functional Group, Community Resources, Public Facilities. I have two little girls who love running around and being active. We have tried to place softball at the University Circle Park Open Space ball field, only to be turned away by the dangerous pothole condition and dog poop. We would love to have this space more usable to families and other residents in the neighborhood.

We would like funding to be made available to upgrade this space at a minimum for passive recreation like playing ball, having picnics, and walking with my kids and elderly parents/grandparents. Please provide funding for a leveled grassy field, gophers removal, shade trees re-planted, some benches and few tables, plus accessible stairs to get to the open space (ADA required on main one). We'd like to see no dog park and no organized sports allowed (e.g. team sports reserving the space). Funding permitted, we'd love to see bocce or volleyball playing areas or areas for other family friendly events including a half court for basketball with various height nets to allow small children to play.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.
Cheers.
Erika

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From: Anna Carrillo <annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 1:46 PM
To: sbcob; Nelson, Bob; Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Budget Items for Cannabis Taxes

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June 7, 2021

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Anna Carrillo

I'd like to make a few comments re: use of cannabis tax money

1. It is vitally important that more money is dedicated to the Cannabis Compliance Team as requested by Chief Deputy Bonner who stated at the April 2021 BOS Budget Workshops that **"The single Cannabis Compliance Team that is presently available cannot simultaneously do both enforcement and licensing efficiently or effectively."** It was also reported that there are at least 21 suspected, illegal growers and dozens of illegal delivery services operating in our county that the Team was unable to investigate and/or enforce on. Also "...that of the 108 growers, 50 percent claimed no income or did not file at all."

2. Here in the Carpinteria Valley, I have recently found out that the Planning Staff has been unable to do the required quarterly inspections during the first year of operation even though odors are prevalent near this property, because the other 3 neighboring cannabis operations growing with provisional licenses haven't received their CDPs yet, the department isn't able to identify the source of the odor in the residential areas. This would be a better job for the Cannabis Compliance Team to do as they're driving by and probably could just stop by and rectify the problem immediately.

3. Also in the Carpinteria Valley, for this same fully permitted project though it received it's annual business license Nov. 2019 and submitted their request for their annual business license renewal Nov. 2020, 7 months later it is still in review. I had been told that odor issues would be taken care of during the business license annual review. Again, the Cannabis Compliance Team would be better able to do this than relying on the CEO's office, trying to receive the updated log of complaints from the Planning Dept.

4. In the CEO's Recommended Expansions I see that funding for Body-Worn cameras is recommended and up for discussion is the expansion of 2 detectives to be assigned to the Compliance and enforcement. I am not sure this is enough.

5. Cannabis cultivators have found it way too easy to get away with not following all the rules as just evidenced by the charge of air pollution caused from the diesel generators being used illegally on the recently approved cultivation operation on Santa Rosa Rd. This operation was just approved May 4, 2021.

6. In 2019 when the cannabis tax was approved by voters, you promised to 'use the majority of cannabis revenue to fund departments and agencies that oversee regulating and enforcing the cannabis industry.' I am writing to request that you fulfill your promise by providing the necessary funding to adequately staff the Cannabis Compliance Team. They are much better able to handle the complaints at the beginning and then can reach out to other agencies then the other way around.

Thank you for your consideration,
Anna Carrillo

Ramirez, Angelica

From: gnekow1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis odor

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Our downwind neighbors family sold his vineyard to out of state cannabis growers upon his death so we have 2 Cannabis Farms adjacent to our property and at least 2 more up wind . Those parcels comprise approximately 120 acres and are less then 1/4 mile away The smell of skunk is becoming over powering When we have guests they are put off by it and we can't escape it. The growers had experts that said they would mitigate the smell to tolerable levels but they are not doing It Please please please fund the code inforcement officers so they can stop these growers from polluting the air we breathe Our life is becoming more of an existence then and enjoyment

Please forgive the mistakes I'm dictating this

We had a wonderful Valley with a thriving wine industry and a very nice way of life Now it is being ruined by this industry that doesn't seem to be intrested in the wonderful way of life that exists here but only in the money Our experience is that they are not good neighbors They do only that which advances their interests and crop

We don't know what to do and need your help

Sincerely yours

Pam and bill gnekow

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From: Amelia Villegas <ameliavillegas16@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:12 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Mary Housel
Subject: Guadalupe Library Branch

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To the Clerk of the Board:

I would like to request that this email be read at the Board of Supervisors' meeting where the Community Services Division budget will be discussed. Thank you for your help with this.

To the Board of Supervisors,

As the President of the Friends of the Guadalupe Library (FOGL) as well as Guadalupe's representative to the Library Advisory Committee, I would like to thank the Board for its support of our small library. Your generous funding has helped keep our doors open.

At this time FOGL is respectfully requesting that the Board consider its continued support by maintaining the status quo funding level with a possible cost of living increase. As in the past this funding will ensure the branch has available open hours and can provide the necessary service levels for our patrons and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Mary W <mbw565@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:24 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Enforcement

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Dear County Supervisors,

I am copying an op-ed written by someone other than myself because her comments reflect my thinking and are well written. Please take these comments as if they are from me.

"In 2019, when the cannabis tax was approved by voters, you promised to *"use the majority of cannabis revenue to fund departments and agencies that oversee regulating and enforcing the cannabis industry."* I am writing to request that you fulfill your promise by providing the necessary funding to adequately staff the Cannabis Compliance Team.

For the past three years, an underfunded and understaffed Cannabis Team has had the prime directive of enforcement for the cannabis industry in SBC. It is comprised of:

- 1 Lead Detective
- 5 Deputy Detectives
- 1 Administrative Staff (civilian)

In addition to enforcement on all the growers, throughout the entire County of Santa Barbara, this group also has recently been assigned the duties of overseeing licensing (without additional funding or staff), which had previously been assigned to the Planning and Development Department.

Furthermore, coming down the pipeline, there are multiple, huge cannabis projects that will put even more demands upon the team.

In April 2021, at the Board of Supervisors budget workshops, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Chief Deputy Bonner clearly stated, ***"The single, Cannabis Compliance Team that is presently available cannot simultaneously do both enforcement and licensing efficiently or effectively."***

It also was reported that there are at least 21 suspected, illegal growers and dozens of illegal delivery services operating in our county that the team was unable to investigate and/or carry out enforcement on.

Chief Deputy Bonner also stated that "of the 108 growers, 50 percent claimed no income or did not file at all," When a sufficiently funded and staffed Team is able to enforce the required tagging of plants, then they will have the data necessary to compute every growers' income.

The tagging of plants provides the number of plants which, along with the going price of cannabis at time of sale, will provide the income that the grower should report.

By continuing to underfund the Team, Santa Barbara County will never receive the revenue that these growers actually owe because you will never know what they are actually producing -- *unless* that is the intention.

We strongly recommend that you provide the necessary funding for the Team to do the job you have asked them to do, which will ensure that growers are paying their full, fair share and therefore, provide the necessary funding to reimburse the county.

For the last three years, both law enforcement and communities throughout our county have asked you to fully fund our essential Cannabis Compliance Team and you have refused. If you refuse to adequately fund them for a *fourth year in a row*, then "We the People" demand to know **WHY**.

Let us recall that the County of Santa Barbara's Mission Statement declares: **"Provide quality public services to the people of Santa Barbara County in response to their need for a healthy, safe, and prosperous environment."**

Thank you, Mary Wiener

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Emily Fudge <omyoga.emily@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Compliance Enforcement funding needed

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

If the county is going to authorize cannabis, they need to adequately staff enforcement to ensure growers are following the regulations. It means nothing to have regulations in place if there aren't enough staff to enforce compliance with them.

My current concern is compliance with odor regulations. At this time there isn't an active grow site directly adjacent to the property; yet, our home is filled with the scent of cannabis. It permeates everything! I drive away from the ranch and my car smells like cannabis. My clothes smell like cannabis. This really isn't fair. Existing land owners should not be negatively impacted by activities of a neighbor...or in this case activities of neighbors several ranches away! If growers were following the regulations, there wouldn't be such a strong scent so far away from a grow site. How do we make sure a grower is doing the best they can to follow a regulation? Through enforcement and monitoring! That is only possible with adequate enforcement staff.

One of the points I've always heard to support authorizing cannabis was that it generates tax revenue. Well, the top priority for using that tax revenue should be to fund compliance with regulations and running the offices to manage the program! The program needs to pay for itself; otherwise, it comes at a cost paid for by other residents.

Please provide adequate funding to enforcement teams to ensure growers are complying with regulations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Emily Fudge

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Cathy Henszey <cathy.henszey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:13 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: cannabis

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It is beyond my comprehension how the cannabis is being handled. It's like watching the three stooges.

Why can't they see what they're doing turn this lovely town into another Humboldt wasteland.

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Happy Day

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