



November 1, 2021

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
FROM: WE Watch, Nancy Emerson, President  
RE: Amendments to Chapter 50, Business License Ordinance

WE Watch appreciates the efforts you and staff are making to clarify language several places in Chapter 50. You have been verbally expressing your firm commitment to honor the caps and we urge you to lock that in with a written commitment. Whatever you do about harmonizing definitions of "cultivated acreage" there must be no net increase in cannabis acreage beyond the 1,575 A and 186 A caps.

We recommend you continue to require that land use applications being appealed not be allowed to qualify for a business license until the appeals are final.

**Notification Requirement:** We note that you are proposing a notification requirement prior to harvests. However, the solution is more complicated for growers than necessary and leaves most of the public uninformed about upcoming harvests. These harvests may present odor problems for the general public, not just nearby properties.

You already have a very accessible County Cannabis Information website. Rather than requiring outdoor cultivation sites to notify individual landowners within 1,000 feet of the site about upcoming harvests, we recommend that these growers simply notify the County, which will then post this information on its website and publicize this service. Would it be helpful to the grower, the county staff and the residents if the grower gave notice to the County when a harvest was completed?

This is a grower and resident friendly solution. It is accessible to all residents so they can prepare for possible cannabis odor. If they do experience odor problems, this information can help them pinpoint sources and report problems to Code Enforcement.