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de la Guerra, Sheila **Public Comment**

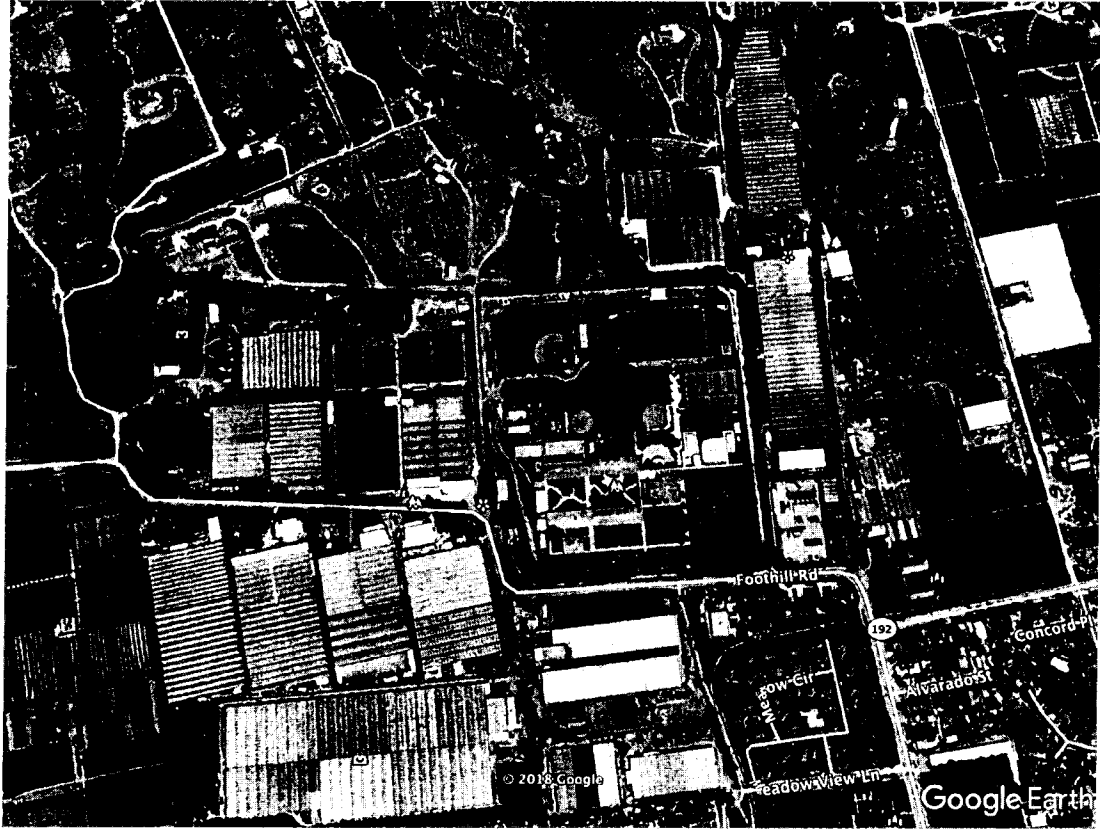
From: Anna Carrillo <Annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 4:13 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Lavagnino, Steve; Adam, Peter; sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Letter and pictures for 7/9/19 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Attachments: #1Nidever to west of Cravens.jpeg; ATT00001.htm; greenhouses by highschool.pdf; ATT00002.htm; Letter to Board of Sup. 7919.docx; ATT00003.htm; Cravens to Santa Monica.pdf; ATT00004.htm

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Picture #1 shows Nidever on the left and Sandpiper Mobile Home Park on Cravens on the far right. EDRNs of La Mirada, Ocean Oaks at top and Padaro at the bottom by the ocean.

Nidever on left to Sandpiper Mobile Home Park on Cravens on the far right. La Mirada, Ocean Oaks at top, Padaro Lane at bottom





To: Joan Hartmann, Das Williams, Gregg Hart, Peter Adam, Steve Lavagnino
From: Anna Carrillo
July 4, 2019

I am writing to you because of the unintended consequences from the commercial cannabis regulations put in place last year.

The quality of life in Carpinteria Valley has suffered because of the allowance of unbridled development of commercial cannabis in the greenhouses that are here. We currently have way too many provisional licenses in our approximately 8 square mile area. The greenhouses are located basically on 1) 4 mile stretch of roadway, 2) on another 2 mile stretch of roadway and 3) 2 perpendicular streets connecting the 2 streets which are less than a mile apart. The city and rural neighborhoods sit between these nursery locations.

Ideally you should be interested in protecting the public safety, health and welfare of the 20,000 occupants of Carpinteria Valley by not allowing commercial cannabis to be grown in Carpinteria Valley on our small Ag-1 parcels, 5, 10, 20 acre parcels. This was one of the recommendations from the EIR, but this was ignored.

Carpinteria City Council has written a Resolution and asked you to include residents as sensitive receptors and to increase the buffer from commercial cannabis cultivation sites from 750' to 1000'. The federal government recommends this. The distance needs to be changed and this distance needs to be measured from property line to property line. The change to a 750' distance and how it was measured was made at the last minute with no opportunity for public input or comment. I was present at that meeting when it occurred.

Carpinteria City Council has asked for some limits to be placed. The current clustering of greenhouses with most of them applying for permits to grow commercial cannabis is causing problems for the 20,000 people living in the city and the surrounding valley. The 186 acres previously set is not reasonable because of the close location to residences, schools and each other. Only the total acreage was considered not the location of where the greenhouses are clustered. Each parcel should only be allowed to grow one acre of cannabis which is 43,560 sq. feet. Looking at what is being asked for in the planning applications, there are applicants who are asking from .02 acres to 18.03 acres which then would translate into 8 million square feet of structures with cannabis licenses. Carpinteria Valley has an overconcentration! I have attached 3 photos that show this intensity. Attachment 1 shows east of the Nidever next to the Polo Field showing greenhouses between Foothill and Via Real. Residents in La Mirada, along Foothill and Ocean Oaks (both EDRNs) and on Padaro Lane experience odors from those with provisional licenses and others. As you can see there are many more who have submitted applications in this same area. Attachment 2 shows greenhouses along Cravens currently growing and also in the pipeline. Residents are on the ocean side and west and a new housing development is being constructed right next door. Attachment 3 is the area surrounding the high school. There are 4 sites near the high school that have provisional licenses now.

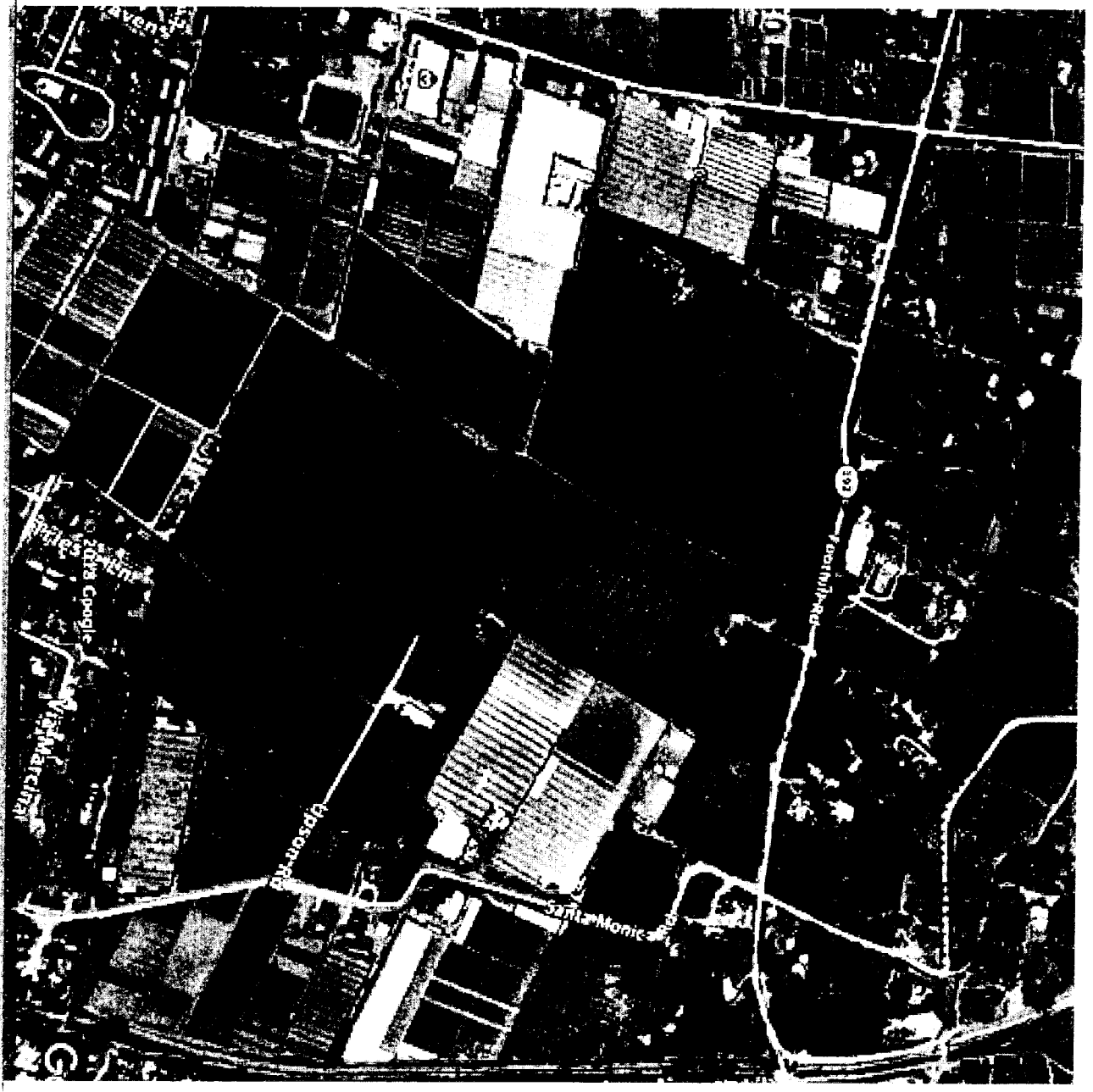
Currently using information from the state site, in Carpinteria Valley, there are 169 provisional licenses for cultivation (including processing, not nurseries) occurring at 19 different APNs. This is equal to 2,342 million sq. feet in current cannabis cultivation using state provisional licenses which are probably good for at least another year. This square footage equals 53.78 acres and we're having problems with this amount! There needs to be a reduced limit in the Carpinteria Valley on how much acreage and/or square footage can be used per parcel. Currently there are 33 in the pipeline for applications for Coastal Development Permits. Also Marc Byers who says he has installed his equipment in 12 locations has said he thinks he can capture 90% of the malodors, but 10% from Greenhouse A, next door to 10% from Greenhouse B, next door to 10% from Greenhouse C, and on and on makes a very large amount not able to be captured.

As Carpinteria Valley has been subjected to quality of life issues for the last 2 years, I support Carpinteria's city request to have a date certain when those currently holding state provisional licenses have their odor abatement system in place. The schools in Carpinteria begin Aug. 27 so odor abatement should be mandated by that date. I don't know when Cate School or Howard School begins. If all the operators had odor abatement in place by Aug. 27 then enforcement could begin because then one would know where cultivation was occurring without proper permits. Also there needs to be an independent air quality study measuring where the vapor goes and where the odor goes and whether the pipes placed 9 feet below the vents can capture all the noxious odors and what happens when there is no wind. A toxicity report will need to be done also.

A requirement of CUPs should be required on all Commercial Cannabis cultivation sites so the public can more easily address neighborhood compatibility issues. This is too important an issue to have the permit issued over the counter. Whatever is done in the Inland, needs to also be done in the Coastal Zone. The planning process must be consistent throughout the county.

The Planning Commission made a recommendation about cannabis operators using the same roadway as residents of rural neighborhoods. All 4 of our roadways used by cannabis cultivators are also the same roads and in some cases the only roads used by residents to get to their residences, so the noticing needs to be to everyone in the rural neighborhoods located along these roadways, not just those within 1000 feet. Though there are no operators located in the designated EDRNs residents need to use the same roads as the commercial operators to get to their residences.

All of those 19 APNs currently having provisional licenses (some APNs have more than one operator on site) need to show proof they were growing Medical Marijuana before Jan. 19, 2016. The majority of these operators signed incorporation papers Dec. 2017 saying they had been growing prior to Jan. 2016, but where's the proof of this. Also if they can prove their growing of medical marijuana before Jan. 2016, they were not allowed to expand their facility. Growers who currently have provisional licenses should be able to show proof of all this.



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I would appreciate your sharing the attached documents with the Board and including them in public comment for the Land Use and Business License agenda items for July 9, 2019.

Thank you.

Lil Clary

The Business License ordinance would be improved by the following changes:

1. Categorically deny a business license to any applicant whose site is on land zoned Ag I.
2. Deny a business license to any applicant whose claim for legal/non-conforming status is proved to be fraudulent or to any person whose application for a land use permit is based on fraudulent information. The ordinance has language to this effect currently but there does not appear to be a mechanism for conveyance of the relevant information from Planning.
3. Deny a business license to any applicant who is currently growing or operating a cannabis business that was initiated during the county's moratorium.

And while not specifically part of the Business License ordinance, institute the following changes in the Cannabis Tax ordinance:

Direct the office of the Treasurer/Tax Collector to obtain reports of illegal grow sites and estimate taxes due...and collect those taxes. While the cannabis tax ordinance is not part of today's discussion this change would be a powerful mechanism to ensure compliance with the law. Note that Section 50A-8 of the tax ordinance authorizes the T/TC to use state and federal tax returns. At present, the Treasurer/Tax Collector does not investigate matters related to cannabis taxes. The sole remit of the office is to collect taxes from the list (supplied by the CEO's office) of permitted applications. This is inadequate to protect the citizens of the county from illegal operators and simply allows illegal growers to avoid paying taxes.

Lil Clary

Cannabis comment BOS 7 2 19

Two years ago residents of Tepusquet Canyon began to participate in county meetings on cannabis issues. From that perspective, and having seen the amount of unpermitted cultivation that continues to this day, there are some changes that I believe need to be instituted in the LUJC and in the Business License ordinances.

I realize that actions at the state level are creating huge loopholes and are offering extensions for provisional licenses. Even given that context, there are things this Board should consider.

First, disallow license stacking.

Second, ban all cannabis operations on AG I lands.

Third, require track and trace for any cannabis operation currently growing while in the process of obtaining a permit.

Fourth, continue to investigate and close down sites based on fraudulent affidavits made by those claiming legal/non-conforming operations.

Fifth, investigate and close down unpermitted operations including the smaller but highly lucrative 'grow and go' sites. Everyone cheers the recent seizures near Buellton but it would help to shut down some of the long term smaller sites whose operators have flouted the law for years.

Sixth, prohibit hauling of water in to sites or from site to site.

I absolutely support the efforts of the Coalition for Responsible Cannabis and its recommendations for changes to the ordinance.

Lil Clary

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To The County Board of Supervisors

I support Tepusquet Community, the Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis and ALL Regions of Santa Barbara County that are advocating for "Responsible Cannabis Legislation."

I hope you will also not forget the communities that have been before you for YEARS advocating to go slowly on your Ordinance and get it right and supporting recommendations from the Planning Commission to support EDRN's and Designated High Fire Hazard Areas against commercial enterprise, with high traffic, on narrow, winding roads with minimum of ingress and egress.

Alas that didn't happen. You couldn't listen past the \$\$\$ in your eyes. And here we are with threatened lawsuits. I sincerely hope you can fix this before you cost us taxpayers \$\$\$\$\$\$ defending your poor decisions.

Most Sincerely,

Linda Tunnell, Tepusquet Canyon

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Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 5:06 PM
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Subject: Cannabis Ordinance- 7/9/2019 Meeting
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Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Thank you for allowing residents to provide additional feedback and information and it is critical that the Cannabis Ordinance be revised due to the massive unintended impacts to our County. It is devastating to our communities and especially to the residents who live in the Carpinteria Valley on a four square mile strip of precious coastal land.

I have lived in Carpinteria on Foothill Rd for 32 years and am shocked about the amount of provisional licenses and current cultivation that the county allowed in our little Valley and the consequences that have resulted. Residents reside very close to the Greenhouses along Hwy 192 from the Polo Field to the Lions Park, and are negatively impacted by the current Cannabis cultivation. The Cannabis cultivation is too dense and affects Carpinteria housing values, resident's health, traditional agriculture and the wonderful lifestyle of our coastal community. That is even before the expansion proposed.

There are over 2.2 million sq ft of small and medium licenses currently allowed to grow Cannabis. What is actually being cultivated is anyone's guess. I looked at each of the CDPs and added up the sq footage Growers have applied for and it comes to almost 8.5 million square feet!

That is a shocking number and with the reported limit of 186 acres, it would only cap it at over 8 Million Sq Feet. These cultivators want to produce massive amounts of Cannabis judging by their applications. That is twice as much as is growing in Denver after 5 years and almost as much as the entire Country of Canada!

<https://mjbizdaily.com/licensed-cannabis-cultivation-canada-exceeds-10-million-square-feet/>

<https://www.denverpost.com/2017/06/02/marijuana-commercial-real-estate/>

The intention was that growers would be limited to small and medium licenses. That is what the citizens understood. The single approved CDP allows Mr. Farrar to grow the equivalent of 39 small licenses. He has been approved for 390,000 sq feet of Cannabis cultivation with a warehouse for drying and storage.

State License Type	Pre-Existing Infrastructure	Square Footage
Nursery	Greenhouse #5	68,072
Mixed Light Tier 1 Cultivation	Greenhouse #1	77,931
Mixed Light Tier 1 Cultivation	Greenhouse #2	78,026
Mixed Light Tier 1 Cultivation	Greenhouse #3	67,966
Mixed Light Tier 1 Cultivation	Greenhouse #4	68,002

G&K Farm's odor abatement system needs to be re-evaluated for Cannabis VOCs emitted and ozone creation with close proximity to the 101 Freeway and affects to the many residents of the Polo Field Condominium Complex and other close by residents. Most activities create ODOR except, if in sealed and packaged storage. See below.

Odor Abatement

The odor-emitting activities that may occur are as follows:

1. Cultivation - growing
2. Harvesting
3. Drying
4. Trimming
5. Storing – All cannabis trim or flower will be stored in air-tight bags, which will be placed in a designated storage room. The storage room will also be temperature controlled with dehumidifiers to prevent deterioration of cannabis products.
6. Packaging – packaging of flower, or pre-rolls may emit odor

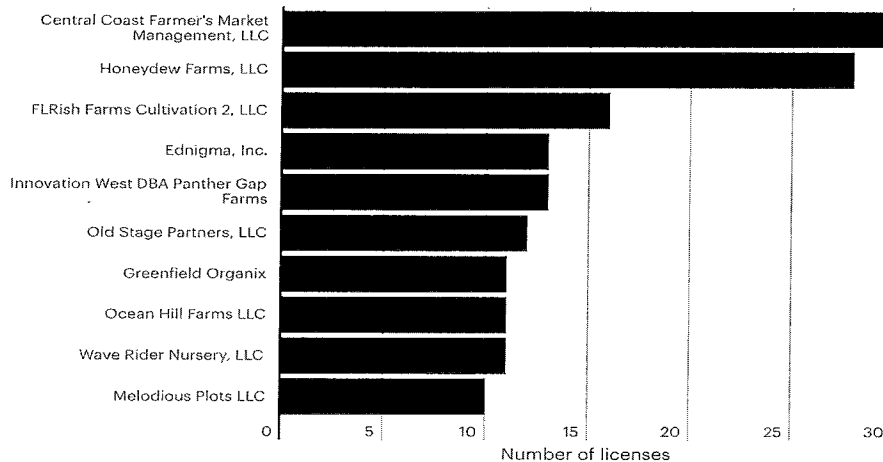
Nursery (propagation of immature plants) will not generate odor because the plant is not flowering. Storage or transportation of packaged product will not emit odor because the product will be in compliant packaging, which is child-resistant, re-sealable and tamper evident.

The facility operates on a continual harvest schedule. This means that all cycles of operation are happening on an ongoing basis, odor emitting activities are limited to late flower, harvesting and trimming. Flowering and harvesting occur in the greenhouses, trimming occurs in the greenhouse. Drying and curing occur in enclosed areas that are not open to the outside environment. The odor control system covers the entire property including the greenhouses.

No other California county has allowed so much stacking of provisional licenses. 3 Growers in the Carpinteria Valley are on the top 10 list for the most licenses in the state because of our County Ordinance. The top license holder is in the Santa Ynez Valley. The state law passed never anticipated counties would allow such large industrial growth of Cannabis. Even more massive license holders locally since this chart was created.

SMALL CULTIVATOR LICENSES

The state has issued 538 “small” marijuana cultivator licenses, spread among 250 different businesses. Here are the top ten license holders and how many licenses they have.



The top 10 license holders control 29 percent of the total number of licenses issued.

Most of the activities create VOCs and odors which must be chemically neutralized. Many of the current grows still have significant odors when driving along Foothill Rd. plus they have Odor Control Systems installed that apparently are not working.

I believe you need to have a pause in any permit approvals or accept any additional CDP applications. Those square footage figures need to be drastically reduced before any permanent permits or business licenses are issued.

The below actions will reduce the numbers, density and impacts:

1. Aggressive enforcement of someone growing without a license needs to be located, shutdown, eliminated from the application process. This needs to be public information to identify what applications have been withdrawn.
2. The Affidavits that were requested to receive licenses need to be verified as to Medicinal Marijuana Growth, location, sq footage and holders of Non-profit status. Those not able to verify or was lying on that Affidavit needs to be shutdown for growing without a valid license.
3. Any applicant that has unpermitted Greenhouses should be eliminated. The Carpinteria Greenhouse overlay approved almost 20 years ago, was very specific about additional greenhouses being built and it appears over ½ of the CDP applicants have unpermitted Greenhouses or Structures. If they didn't follow the rules then what makes you think they will now? Our county regulatory system was unable to discover and notify growers of Violations until they applied for new permits. It appears it will be very difficult to measure Cannabis cultivation sq footage or even understand the Cannabis growing cycle to determine compliance.
4. Any applicant that wants to convert hoop structures to Greenhouses should be denied because of the Agricultural Overlay that had a cap on Greenhouse construction.
5. Any applicant that wants to replace old greenhouses or build new greenhouses for Cannabis should be denied based on the Agricultural Overlay, especially if un-permitted.

Please pause this process and take the time to re-consider the impacts of the current regulations and the revise the ordinance accordingly. Please consider the Urgency ordinance submitted by the SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis.

Please investigate the Ad Hoc process for writing the ordinance with apparently way too much grower and lobbyist's influence. Citizens did not understand the impacts that are now apparent and were led to believe the process was fair and thoroughly evaluated.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wigle
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From: Karin Montoya <bkdbmontoy@aol.com>
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Subject: Stop Cannabis growing in Cebada Canyon
Attachments: Dear Sirs and Madams.docx

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Thank you
Karin Montoya

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Cebada Canyon always had been a very nice and quiet community with folks living here for the peace and tranquility of country living. That has all changed. Now we have a never-ending stream of cars and large semi trucks coming in and out on our entrance and utilizing our very narrow and small roads. Our streets are not designed for this type of traffic and there have been many close calls with accidents.

I am writing this letter in hopes that you will do something to help our small community of Cebada Canyon in Lompoc, which my family and I have lived in for over 8 years. I live at 3005 Cebada Canyon in Lompoc. In the past 24 months, our community has been over run by Cannabis growers.

This community has been turned into a business district which is not what all of the residents that live here signed up for. Not to mention the stink that is now coming off the properties that are growing the Cannabis. Cebada Canyon is a residential area with large lots. It's not designed, nor fit, to be running commercial pot growers. There are plenty of areas in Santa Barbara County that this type of business can be run without upsetting the residents that live there. This cannot be tolerated and we are desperately seeking your help. As our elected officials we depend on you to represent and look out for the best interests of the community. The impact that these commercial cannabis operations have had on our community is not in our best interest and is an invasion on our homes.

I believe that the board has recognized this by deeming this area an EDRN zone. But more work is required and we need your help now more than ever. I am asking you to please not permit these growers in our canyon and you help protect the peace and tranquility of our homes. I appreciate your help with this matter.

Thank you,
Karin Montoya

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: pattiruben@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 8:09 PM
To: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob; Miyasato, Mona
Subject: July 9th meeting

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I am urging significant amendments to the County's regulatory and enforcement framework for cannabis. The cannabis regulations have failed. Fixing the Land Use Ordinance (regulations) is the only way to do this well.

The County must stop its practice of authorizing state provisional licenses. The state keeps extending provisional license timetables, but the county does not have to be complicit in this by authorizing these at the county level (which is required in order for them to be valid).

I, and now 100's of local citizens support the draft Urgency Ordinance submitted to the County by the Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis. This draft ordinance would allow the County to minimize many of the nuisance impacts of odor from ongoing, unpermitted cannabis operations and is aimed at growers who lied on affidavits or expanded operations unlawfully after becoming a "legal non conforming use," and who do not have odor control or adequate setbacks in place.

I worry about irreversible conditions on young students. Do you want that on your hands? We need much more significant setbacks for schools, at least 1000' property line to property line. Cannabis odors and emissions can travel very long distances. Our high school and Foothill Road reek of marijuana, and this and other air quality aspects are having health impacts.

Reopen CEQA review since the County's EIR did not address the impact of cannabis terpenes/VOCs on ozone and smog air pollution, which is a significant issue in Denver and Vancouver. Air pollution (ozone/smog) was not covered by the County's EIR and is a very material environmental impact that needs to be evaluated. The EIR focused on odor, when there is a much deeper air pollution issue that needs to be reckoned with.

The County should require the clear best practices of other states that have tread deeper into this space - carbon filtration and sealed, industrial greenhouses.

In the end, this is history you are handling. The health of an entire community, and for what? A profit that is steadily falling short of expectations.

Do the right thing. Your grandchildren are at stake.

Patti Ruben

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Cailen Corrigan <cailenocorrigan@gmail.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Amendment - Public Comment 7/9/19

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To Board of Supervisors:

I am respectfully requesting the Board of Supervisors implement immediate changes to the current Cannabis Ordinance.

Ordinance Amendments:

- Exclude cannabis cultivation from AG-1-20 and smaller parcels for the Inland Area to protect residential areas as is the stated intent of the cannabis ordinance.
- Require a CUP for all AG-1-40 for the same reason and in keeping with the Planning Commission recommendation.
- Leverage the ordinance section 35.42.075 (A.3.) so that any ordinance modifications passed by the Board of Supervisors on 7/9 should apply to all current pending land use applications as well as future.
- Institute a County wide acreage cap similar to the one in place for the First District.

Thank you,
Cailen & Sean Conroy (parents of 3 young children)

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Aaron R <mankindmmmp@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 8:43 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Amendments to Cannabis Ordinance, County Board of Supervisors Meeting – July 9

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Supervisors:

I support the legal cannabis industry, which supports numerous new, high paying jobs in our County. I am writing to request that no additional changes be made to the Cannabis Ordinance.

I am the Director of Production for Island Breeze Farms, LLC in Carpinteria, CA. Our company currently has temporary licenses to cultivate, nursery and process and we are in the process of applying for our provisional/annual licenses. We are dedicated to being exemplary members of both the Carpinteria and Santa Barbara County communities, and the hiring of my position demonstrates that. Prior to this position, I have cultivated Cannabis for the past 15 years in several states as a medical provider and patient.

I am concerned about the Board's consideration of additional restrictions and amendments to the Cannabis Ordinance. Cannabis is already the most highly regulated agricultural crop in Santa Barbara County.

I am troubled by the Board's disregard for the numerous restrictions the County has already placed on cannabis growers. Now, seeking further changes to the Ordinance, the Board is placing an even heavier burden on the shoulders of those who have relied on the County's regulations and invested our life and business by choosing to grow cannabis in Santa Barbara County, or start businesses that depend on local cannabis product. Further limiting landowners' ability to grow legal, highly regulated cannabis does not fix the main problem in this County—the proliferation of black market or non-compliant grow operations. The negative impacts of illicit indoor and outdoor cultivation on the environment have been well-documented.

Santa Barbara has a unique opportunity to be the leader in sun grown, sustainable cannabis and expand its tourism industry. Polling demonstrates that the majority of our residents support the industry. We cannot allow a small group of vocal opponents to upend this unique opportunity.

For these reasons, I asked that you reject further restrictions on the industry and allow the cannabis growers time to comply with the well-crafted Ordinance already in place.

Sincerely,

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From: Judy Dean <judycathryndean@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 10:53 AM
To: Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Subject: cannabis cultivation fiasco

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To: SB County Board of Supervisors

It is clear now that the Pro-cannabis plan formulated by Das Williams and Steve Lavignno is a fiasco for our County. The rosy predictions of huge tax revenues have not materialized. The County will be left paying to clean up the mess created by allowing virtually unfettered cannabis cultivation with little or no protections for the environment, sensitive receptors like children, and pre-existing farms and residences.

Williams and Lavignno must recuse themselves from any future votes related to the cannabis industry until there is an independent ethics investigation or Grand Jury investigation into their close ties to the industry.

The EIR on cannabis cultivation has not addressed the issues of air pollution and smog from release of VOC's by cannabis plants. Nor have the odor masking chemicals the growers are releasing into the air we breath been adequately tested for the effects of long term human exposure. Until these issues are studied and addressed County residents are essentially being forced to be guinea pigs for the largest cannabis farms in the world. This is fundamentally wrong.

Best-practice industry standards are being developed in states where cannabis was legalized years ago. To date the best systems seem to be closed greenhouses with carbon filtration and other "scrubbing" mechanisms for effluent gases and liquids. Why were those best practices not implemented here?

And why would the County allow expanded cultivation without verification of affidavits of prior legal cultivation? Why has the County allowed unbridled State permits to grow cannabis to continue, even while the citizens of the County plead for common sense limits? Other counties have banned or severely limits cannabis cultivation. Why hasn't our Board of Supervisors enacted similar protections for this County?

Please do the right thing and roll back this process immediately. Strict limitations on total acreage, a ban on "stacked" permits, effective set-backs from schools and residences, and a moratorium on further State permits for this County are the minimum actions the Board of Supervisors should take immediately.

Judy C Dean MD

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From: Villalobos, David
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July 3, 2019

Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
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Re: Cannabis Land Use Ordinance
7/9/19 Hearing
Item 2 (19-00536)

Dear Supervisors:

NO CHANGE IN THE AG1 ZONE CANNABIS ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY! THE ORDINANCE FULLY PROTECTS NEIGHBORS

ODOR

It is clear that virtually all objectors to cannabis cultivation in AG1 zones are concerned with odor. The irony of the calls for banning cannabis cultivation on AG1 zoned parcels is that AG1 zoned, **fully land use permitted** cannabis operations, are **required** to not allow cannabis flower odor to be emitted from their operations. End of story.

OUR SEALED GREENHOUSE TECHNOLOGY

Our proposed cannabis cultivation operation, on our AG1-5 property, calls for a completely sealed greenhouse design. Think of a “terrarium” and that is what we will have. A fully closed, climate controlled, cultivation environment.

OUR INSIDE AND OUTSIDE AIR QUALITY

All outside air brought in, when needed, goes through a HEPA filter. And no inside air, that is not fully scrubbed of 85% of all VOCs and pathogens and secondarily cleaned by a carbon filter, is exhausted to the outside. Only pure, clean air is allowed to be vented from our facilities.

This is what we want for our employees and our family members living on the property. As well as for our neighbors. The consistent, pure air quality, within our greenhouse, will actually be cleaner and healthier for our workers than the ambient outside air.

OUR PERCENTAGE OF LAND USED ON OUR AG1 ZONED PARCEL IS MINIMAL

Structures (residences, barns, stables, greenhouses, etc.) allowable with a Land Use Permit (LUP) on all AG1 zoned parcels is **20,000 square feet**. Therefore, an actual five acre parcel, zoned AG1, is allowed to use **9.18%** of it land for structures. Less than **10%**! How is that a burden to neighbors? Go over **20K** and a **CUP** is required, fair enough!

PROPERTY VALUES WILL NOT FALL

There have been three properties, opposite our project site on Fredensborg Canyon Road, that have come on the market since notice of our project was established. Based on conversations with the listing agents, none of the three were put on the market because of our proposed

project. All three were offered for sale for the personal reasons of the owners. Two of the properties promptly sold very close to their asking price and the third is in escrow.

One of the three homes recently sold was bought by a speculation building that invested in it to fix and flip. It will be coming back on the market soon. They buyers knew what was being proposed across the street, yet they still made the investment. There is a fourth property opposite our site that came on the market recently and I have been informed by the listing agent that the owners are downsizing and not moving because of our proposal.

THE OPERATION WILL NOT BE A TARGET FOR THEFT

No cash will be kept on site. Banking facilities are becoming increasingly available within the state. The SAFE Bank Act is quickly working its way through Congress and has broad nationwide support from many prominent sources inside and outside government.

Absent cash on site, the product kept on site will be well secured and the County Sheriff's Office must approve our sophisticated security systems. Our local banks seem more often than not to be targets for robbery.

CHILDREN CAN NOT POSSIBLY BE HARMED BY OUR OPERATION

Traffic to and from our property will be minimal. More than half our employees will live on site. Product deliveries off site will be a few van trucks per month. Deliveries to the site will be a couple of small trucks per month.

Aside from the fact that it is not in anyway dangerous to be inside a cannabis cultivation greenhouse, the security fencing and security systems will preclude any curious children from entering the area on our property that will be occupied by our greenhouse facility.

ELIMINATING CANNABIS CULTIVATION ON AG1 ZONED LANDS IS SELF DEFEATING

The cultivation of, and need for, medical grade cannabis is exploding world wide. Many universities across our country have established research projects to study the efficacy of cannabis in the treatment of a growing list of ailments. The phenomenal growth of CBD products, now available in many stores and online, is a testament to the powers of cannabis and its great potential for good that it can bring. Eliminating the sites for small greenhouse or indoor cultivation operations limits the potential for smaller, focused medical cannabis research, cultivation and product development operations like ours.

THE CANNABIS ORDINANCE, AS IT RELATES TO AG1 ZONED LANDS, IS THE SWEET SPOT IN THE ENTIRE CANNABIS LAND USE ORDINANCE

AG1 zoned cannabis cultivation operations are the most regulated. Fully implemented regulations will provide all concerned with the best protections against any adverse impacts. The ordinance should not be changed and cannabis cultivation should not be disallowed. Except for its odor while flowering, cannabis is as innocuous as any vegetable or flower grown in a greenhouse.

Steve Decker, CEO
Santa Barbara Cannabis, LLC
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Solvang, CA 9346
805 708-6400

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Ed & Caroline Woods <randc11@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 1:30 PM
To: sbcob; Miyasato, Mona
Subject: Responsible Cannabis Legislation

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Respectfully Submitted,
Caroline Woods

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From: Annette Jacobs <annettemariejacobs@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 1:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Ordinance File # 19-00536

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We are writing in support of excluding cannabis cultivation on all AG-1 properties of 20 acres or less and to require a CUP for any AG-1 property over 20 acres. Additionally we would request the Board look at some sort of cap on acreage available for cannabis cultivation in the County

The current regulations do not protect rural AG-1 properties that are primarily used as residences by allowing commercial cannabis operations to be inserted into these neighborhoods changing the makeup of these long established communities. We do not believe this was the original intent of the Board of Supervisors and these changes in the regulations will right this mistake

In October of 2018 we were made aware of a pending application for a almost 16,000 square foot marijuana cultivation facility on a five acre AG-1 property. We were very surprised to find out that all that was required was a LAND USE PERMIT. This property is located in Fredensborg Canyon in the Santa Ynez Valley with the Solvang City limit being only about 300 yards away and all ingress and egress going through Solvang City limits

Fredensborg Canyon is a rural neighborhood of homes on AG-1 properties. There are no commercial operations in the Canyon. It is made up of people who want to live in neighborhoods with the rural feel and ability to have horses or animals for personal use or to grow small crops for personal use. The approval of the proposed cannabis facility would destroy the texture and culture of this neighborhood that has been there for decades. The Fredensborg Canyon neighborhood is how most if not all of the AG-1 property is used in the Santa Ynez Valley. By excluding cannabis cultivation on AG-1 properties of 20 acres or less and requiring a CUP for all others the Board would be protecting the neighborhoods in the Santa Ynez Valley that have been established for decades

We also believe it would be prudent for the Board to establish some form of cap on the acreage available for cannabis cultivation so that better control is in place to protect all residents while the future of this new industry is still in development.

Stephen and Annette Jacobs
1690 Fredensborg Way
Solvang

Sent from my iPad

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: annette annable <aleonea@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Support for the County's Cannabis Industry

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July 7, 2019

Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
104 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 406
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear County Supervisors,

I'd like to share with you my support for the cannabis farmers and the County's regulations regarding the industry. As a proud born and raised Carpinterian I hold our city's wellbeing close to my heart and always have our best interest in mind. With that said, I have seen the city undergo countless amounts of growth and change in my lifetime and I can say with certainty that the introduction of cannabis cultivation in the county has not negatively affected my family or I in any way.

The farmers have done a remarkable job at implementing an effective odor control system and have completely mitigated the aroma that we able to smell when they first began growing in 2018.

I have spoken with many of the hardworking people in this new industry and am continually impressed with the professionalism of their operations and dedication towards both their businesses and our community. I hope we can come to a peaceful resolution together and continue to support our local farmers.

Sincerely,

Anny Annable

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Winfred Vanwingerden <gerberagrower@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 3:11 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan
Cc: Winfred Vanwingerden; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Bozanich, Dennis; Elliott, Darcel; Litten, Jefferson; Plowman, Lisa; Culver, Mollie; sbcob
Subject: Letter of Support for the Cannabis Growers

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Dear Ms Hartmann,

My name is Winfred Van Wingerden, and I'm writing to you today to ask you to support the cannabis industry in every way you can. We all know we are a new industry that is at the forefront of medical breakthroughs as well as a viable crop to save the greenhouse farming industry here in Carpinteria. We know this crop has amazing healing powers and many people I know have benefited from this sacred plant.

As a grower in the Carpinteria Valley for close to 50 years, I have seen many floral crops move to S America. We are still in the gerbera daisy business but it has been extremely challenging. This new crop of Cannabis has revived us. We are now able to upgrade our greenhouses and add new computer technology that gives us an edge over other crops grown outside. Carpinteria has always been a place where many crops can be grown due to its climate and geographic location.

This issue driving conflict can be outlined in one word, ODOR!! If we control the odor, no one would even know what is grown in the valley or elsewhere in the county. We've seen a great deal less odor here in the Carpinteria Valley due to better odor control. The bad players need to be eliminated. Require odor control now!!!

Our greenhouses are CO2 absorbers by pumping the CO2 of the boiler back into the greenhouse. We grow with no pesticides, and use only beneficial insects and recycle all our water so no fertilizer goes into our ground water. No orchard or field flower or any outside operator can say that. We are the essence of eco farming. Why not give that a chance?

We need to allow the permitting process take it's place. Once we have all players with no odor control out of business, then the issue of odor will be gone. I drive thru Carpinteria Valley every day, and there's hardly any place where you can smell cannabis. City council people have told me they do not smell it either but want to appease some of the loud voices that have complained. One never smells it downtown Carp and the tourists have never complained about it.

We need to allow truth and reason to prevail here, Ms. Hartmann. I would be happy to give you a tour of the facility and drive you thru the valley of Carpinteria so you will see there is no need for drama here. Let the truth speak for itself.

Thank you for listening and hope to hear from you soon.

Kind Regards,

Winfred Van Wingerden
Maximum Nursery
4575 Foothill Rd
Carpinteria, CA 93013

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From: john annable <jcannable@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 4:36 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie
Subject: Support for Cannabis Businesses in the County

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Dear County Supervisors,

I am writing in support of our local cannabis farmers operating under the county's comprehensive regulations. My name is John Annable and I have resided on Arbol Verde Street with my family for the past 35 years. Our home is very special to me. I have not witnessed or experienced any negative implications since the county began licensing and regulating cannabis cultivation.

The odor once present in Carpinteria has been eliminated since implementation of the compliant odor control systems in the greenhouses. This new industry has provided many members of our community with stable jobs and income for them and their families. I have met many of these hardworking individuals and they have demonstrated nothing but professionalism and a strong work ethic. I'm confident they have our community's best interest in mind and are committed to ensuring that their involvement in the cannabis industry ultimately contributes to our city's prosperity.

Sincerely,

John Annable

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Whitney Collie <whitneycollie@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 5:06 PM
To: Hartmann@countyofsb.org; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Support of the Cannabis Industry

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing in support of the cannabis industry. Because Cannabis does not use pesticides, which is better for our community's health, including our schools and residential areas and is sustainably grown in greenhouses, without lights, and water is recycled (reused and captured) making Cannabis is a more sustainable crop than many other crops that have been previously grown in Carpinteria greenhouses and better for the environment.

The smell that once existed in town is now almost completely gone following the installation of the odor abatement systems at the majority of the greenhouses in town. Once all the greenhouses have installed the systems, the smell will be non-existent.

The industry provides hundreds of well-paying, stable jobs with health insurance and benefits.

Thank you for your time,
Whitney Collie

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Howard Keum <howard.keum@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: I support the fair regulation of cannabis in SB County

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Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I highly support the cannabis industry and the County's program to regulate this new industry.

I look forward to the hard work of the SB County Board of Supervisors and staff to review Land Use Permits and Business Licenses and make sure all farmers are playing by the same set of fair rules.

Despite the opposition group's claims, it is pretty apparent they are prohibitionists acting under false guise. **PROHIBITION IS NOT THE ANSWER. Prohibition will only cause lost jobs, decreased property values, and have an adverse affect on SB county economy and tax revenues.**

I have personally seen the positive affects of the cannabis industry in the SB county alone. Improved business revenues of non cannabis businesses benefiting tremendously from the new industry. **I have seen several neighboring SB County restaurants see increased customers, hardware stores selling millions of dollars of supplies, contractors receiving millions in contracts, vendors getting new customers, accountants getting new work, agriculture consultants pivoting to the cannabis industry, and philanthropic giving back to the community from this new industry.** It keeps on going and going. They have all hired additional employees, invested in capital expenditures, and increased their business profile directly from the introduction of the cannabis industry.

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Some things I have noticed that make common sense.

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Howard Keum - Business Owner in Carpinteria, CA

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Susan Cooper-Smith <susan.coopersmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 5:59 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Carpinteria cannabis industry: facing the facts

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Dear Das Williams, Gregg Hart, Joan Hartmann, Peter Adam, and Steve Lavagnino:

I have been a proud Carpinterian for the past 30 years and I support cannabis cultivation in Carpinteria. I am concerned about the misinformation, propaganda, and innuendo perpetuated by word of mouth, news publications, and social media, all of which have resulted in countless hurtful attacks against various cannabis leaders, County representatives, and supporters of the cannabis industry.

I have seen our town face a number of controversial issues over the years, but none as divisive and contentious as this one. The 2019 Carpinteria Valley Economic Profile, (prepared for the City of Carpinteria by the California Economic Forecast) invalidates several of the circulating falsehoods. Specifically:

- The cannabis industry has **NOT** led to a reduction in Carpinteria's tourism industry.
- Carpinteria home values have gone up, and **NOT** taken a dive due to the cannabis industry.
- The cannabis industry has **NOT** brought more crime to the Carpinteria Valley.
- Cannabis industrial trucking traffic has **NOT** gotten heavier, and is actually lighter than what it was when the cut flower industry that it replaced was in "full bloom".

Furthermore, I am personally disturbed and distraught by the unsubstantiated allegations that our County officials are all in cahoots with cannabis growers. All constituents, including cannabis industry opponents and proponents, have the right to reach out to their representatives to voice their concerns and/or lend their support. Socialization between representatives and their constituents, including cannabis growers, is not a crime, nor is it prima facie evidence that this contact will lead to undue influence. It should be acknowledged that regardless of whom they hang out with, politicians have to listen to both sides.

I would also like to address some of the health concerns that have been brought forward. Although I am not a medical professional, I have over 35 years experience as a plant biologist, mostly managing plant tissue culture research and production laboratories where the knowledge of environmental safety of plants and chemicals has been a necessary component of the job. In that regard:

- Allergies to cannabis pollen are **NOT** a health hazard here because cannabis plants are dioecious, and the plants grown in Carpinteria greenhouses are female (non-pollen producing) plants.
- Cannabis plants are a short day crop, requiring a daily 12 hour dark period to produce buds. For the plants in the vegetative cycle requiring more light, growers use black curtains in the evening hours so the supplemental light is **NOT** bothersome to neighbors.
- All plants are genetically programmed to produce secondary compounds. Cannabis plants produce over 140 different terpenes, the secondary volatile organic compounds (VOCs) responsible for the odors that draw the greatest complaints. Despite the skunk-like smell, terpenes are **NOT** considered by the FDA (among others) to be toxic, dangerous, or a health hazard.
- In response to community concerns, all of Carpinteria's cannabis growers will be required to use odor neutralization systems. To date, roughly half of the growers have already voluntarily complied with this new

regulation, with most using Byers Scientific's vapor phase technology. This system has exhibited very promising results; however, the full effectiveness of odor neutralization technologies can **NOT** be properly evaluated until all cannabis growers are compliant.

- According to the OSHA mandated safety data sheets (SDS), the chemicals used by Byers Scientific's vapor phase technology, are **NOT** toxic, carcinogenic, teratogenic, flammable, or a threat to the environment. They are safe to people and animals, and do **NOT** pose any health risks. They do not mask the cannabis VOCs, but safely neutralize them.
- Cannabis growers must adhere to tight regulations that have a near zero tolerance for pesticides, effectively eliminating their use. Even trace amounts of hazardous pesticide residues found on the dried cannabis product will force the grower to discard the crop. This exclusion of pesticides is a benefit to the community, as it results in fewer dangerous chemicals in the air that we breathe. With respect to avocado growers, it is regrettable that the pest control companies that apply pesticides to avocado orchards did **NOT** accept the deal proposed by all the local cannabis growers, who together in good faith, agreed to indemnify the pest companies against any damage resulting from unintended pesticide drift on their crop, as long as they worked together organizing application date(s).
- In addition to tight pesticide and odor neutralization regulations, the Carpinteria cannabis industry must also abide by several safeguards to the community, including requirements that the crop be strictly grown under tight security in controlled indoor environments utilizing recycled water and reduced energy, thereby **NOT** wasting our vital resources.

The cannabis farmers grow medicinal products, create jobs, bring in both tax revenue and charitable contributions, and establish a sustainable industry immune to the foreign competition that has damaged our local horticultural and agricultural economies. While modifications to current regulations will undoubtedly be forthcoming, and all regulations must be properly enforced, it is important that people recognize that this industry is very beneficial to our community. Therefore, it behooves us all to move forward in a spirit of cooperation, not contention, if we are to address the needs and concerns of all parties so this industry can thrive without Carpinteria losing its charm. And we must let the facts be our guide.

Best regards,
Susan Cooper-Smith

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Jacqueline Rathor <jacquelinerrathor1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 6:38 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
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Jacqueline Rathor
 Brand ambassador
 Calyxpeak

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Erin Kennedy <erinmichellekennedy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 6:40 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Cannabis Industry in SB County

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Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I support the County's program to regulate the cannabis industry and the work of the Board of Supervisors and staff does reviewing land use permits and business licenses. These efforts ensure that all the farmers play by the same rules.

While I recognize this is a new industry and there still issues to sort out, prohibition of cannabis farming is not the solution. This industry has made many positive contributions to the residents of the county. Fair regulation by the county is the best way our communities can continue to benefit from this vibrant and growing industry.

The cannabis industry is a positive economic force in SB County. It has increased area property values, provided employment opportunities for area residents, and contributed much needed tax revenue for vital county services. Cannabis farmers provide high paying, year-round stable jobs with benefits to local families, which is unprecedented for other agricultural employers. Prohibition of cannabis farming means the community will lose out on these economic benefits.

Claims about odor control problems have been greatly exaggerated by the opposition, and have been made in bad faith. We need to consider facts about odor control when it comes to policy. Odor is improving in Carpinteria. Odor control works and the vapor phase technology is not only safe, but the same exact technology has been proven effective in mitigating odors emissions from other industries. Vapor phase was also studied in the County's EIR which was certified by the Coastal Commission. The odor is non-existent or negligible.

Cannabis promotes sustainable farming practices and preserves the agricultural character of our community. It is a more sustainable crop than many other crops that have been previously grown in Carpinteria greenhouses. Cannabis does not use pesticides, which is better for our community's health. Additionally, cannabis farmers are held to much higher standards than other crops, including compliance with CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and Water Board.

The cannabis industry is one that gives back. In addition to the numerous economic benefits it provides, it is also known for generous philanthropic contributions to nonprofit organizations. The industry is good for the environment, good for the community, and good for the economy.

We need to continue to promote responsible regulation that allows this industry to flourish. Prohibiting cannabis farming would be a step backwards. It would lead to a loss of jobs, tax revenue, and funding for community organizations. Therefore, I strongly urge you to consider sensible regulation of the industry and that you continue to permit qualified businesses and individuals to farm cannabis.

Thank you,

Erin M. Kennedy

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: David Carlson <davidcarlson2014@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 6:52 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3

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Dear board of supervisors,

My name is David Carlson and I am a proud Gaucho and Santa Barbara resident. I am originally from San Luis Obispo, but I came to Santa Barbara for college. I graduated in 2014 and have become an active and engaged member of the community ever since. I am a Software Engineer at a software company up on the Riviera. While I am not overly involved in politics, I do pay attention to what is happening in my local community, and am not afraid to stand up for issues I believe in. One thing that I have noticed lately in the public domain of the web is incorrect information about the cultivation and use of Cannabis in the area.

I'm writing to you because I'm deeply concerned about the potential negative impact of the misinformation that has been circulating and I wanted to let my stance be known.

Here are the key things I stand behind or for.

- I support the cannabis industry and the County's program to regulate this new industry.
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Thank you,

David Carlson
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From: Dave Holmes <holmesdave1964@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 7:27 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Dave Holmes and I've been a resident of Santa Barbara county for more than 35 years. I raised my family here and very much love calling this area my home. I have no intention of ever leaving.

I try to stay informed of local events and politics. Recently I have seen lots of posts about these issues on Nextdoor.com. I have been surprised and concerned regarding the misinformation being spread about cannabis and it's cultivation.

I'm writing to you because I'm concerned about the potential negative impact of misinformation that has been circulating. I'm aware that there is an event this week in which many of the people circulating this misinformation will be attending in order to convince you to change policy.

As someone who has followed research into this subject and consider myself to have some knowledge of what is true, what is being manipulated, and what is un-true, here are the key things I stand behind or for.

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- 'The smell bothers me'
 - The smell of Cannabis **does not** bother me nor do I know a single person who it does bother. That said I DO know a few people who really like the smell. While smelling nothing but cannabis might be overwhelming for some, that no longer seems to be an issue as the farmers in Carpinteria have put in place odor control.
- 'I fear for my children' (who smell it)
 - Children who may on the off chance catch a whiff would have no real context for what it is since they aren't allowed to use it. Even if they do know what it is, it is as legal as alcohol is now in the state of California and smelling it has zero impact upon anyone. It's no different to smelling rosemary bushes, orange tress, or other flowers... it just has a different unique smell.
 - If you want your children to turn into responsible adults, which to you means not consuming cannabis, then teach 'your way' while also giving them the factual information. Smelling cannabis will not be the gateway to having your children try it... their friends and family or the media they consume will. Education is the only real way to solve your particular issue.
 - This is often a claim promoted heavily by religion and as such has a wide reach. That said, this is a theological theory and not based on fact. Unfortunately, this spreads an illogical fear into the minds of many and fear leads to claims as ridiculous as this one. We must not let fear be a driver of this policy as it has far more power to help than hinder.
- 'Crime rates are going up'
 - Where are the facts that the cultivation of Cannabis is causing more crime? There aren't any that can be proved beyond a shadow of a doubt. There are far too many variables to consider to establish this as a fact, so this should be thrown out immediately.
 - Now that it is legal and more people are using it, I believe we have and will continue to see less crime occur in general.

This plant is a plant... naturally occurring on this planet and positively impacting millions of people. The reason you are hearing so many complaints is simply fear, due to lack of education. If you want to do anything, you should educate your misinformed and fearful citizens and continue to stand behind the overwhelming evidence that this industry is a major positive, not a negative.

Thanks for your time,

Dave Holmes
HolmesDave1964@gmail.com

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Molly Wilson <mwwilson@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 8:58 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Support of cannabis industry

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To whom it may concern,

I support the cannabis industry and the County's program to regulate this new industry. Cannabis does not use pesticides, which is better for public and environmental health. Cannabis farmers are held to much higher standards than other crops, including compliance with CA Department of Fish and Wildlife and Water Board, which has other positive environmental implications. Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Molly Wilson

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Molly Wilson
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de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Trista DeAngelis <tristadeangelis@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 9:41 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3

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Dear board of supervisors,

My name is Trista DeAngelis and I've been a resident of Santa Barbara county for about 11 years. Prior to that I lived in Vacaville, CA - a good place to grow up but Santa Barbara quickly became my home upon moving here and I care deeply about this community.

My husband and I stay informed on politics and local news and feel there is some misinformation spreading around town about the Cannabis industry. I felt compelled to write you because I'm concerned about the potential negative impact of rumors and opinions spreading around town. We've done a lot of research on the cannabis industry, and we've even toured local facilities. Here are the key things I stand behind or for:

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It's disappointing this plant still has a poor reputation with some due to a lack of education. People are complaining and dramatizing this issue simply because they were taught to fear it and they haven't taken the time to research it properly. It would be upsetting to let fear dictate the future of this industry and its ability to positively contribute to our community.

Best,
Trista

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Colton Trautz <cjtrautz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 10:13 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3

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Dear board of supervisors,

My name is Colton Trautz and I've lived in Santa Barbara County for my entire life.

I'm writing to you because I'm deeply concerned about the potential negative impact of the misinformation that has been circulating and I'm aware that there is an event this week in which many of the people circulating this nonsense will be attending and trying to convince you to change policy.

As someone who has done a tremendous amount of research into this subject, has toured local facilities, and as such is hyper-aware of what is true, what is being manipulated, and what is complete and utter falsehood, here are the key things I stand behind or for.

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'I fear for my children' (who smell it)

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Thanks for your time,

Colton Trautz
cjtrautz@gmail.com

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: diane mazur <diane_93463@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 10:59 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: diane mazur
Subject: Board Meeting July 9, 2019 Cannabis Ordinance Decisions
Attachments: BOS ltr July.doc; ltr 1-29 to BOS.doc

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Dear Supervisors:

Please see the attached letters regarding our position on the cannabis amendments you will be voting on July 9.

Diane and Stefan Mazur
1128 Fredensborg Canyon Road

To: The Board of Supervisors
From: Diane and Stefan Mazur
Date: July 7, 2019

Our community of six homes, Fredensborg Heights Estates, submitted a letter dated January 29, 2019, co-signed by all six petitioners and read to the Board of Supervisors by Mrs. Dreyfuss at the meeting of the same date.

My and my husband's position on the matter has not changed since that letter was submitted. We couldn't be more strongly opposed to the cannabis operation a field over from our property and the granting of any permits for cannabis operations on any small AG1 and AG1-20 acre parcels. If anything, we are more upset. There have been a number of incidents negatively affecting my neighbors since then which pose a danger to all of us in this community by the Decker cannabis operation should there be a fire.

I was in attendance at the January 29 board meeting, and was very pleased with your unanimous response for a prohibition on same. We now ask that you reaffirm your unanimous position and make the responsible decision to put caps on the size of grows in Santa Barbara County similar to the one in place in the First District. In addition, amendments to the ordinance should include a CUP for all AG-1-40, as well as guaranteeing that any modifications passed by you on July 9 be applicable to all current pending land use applications as well as any submitted in the future per Section 35.42.075 (A.3). Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane and Stefan Mazur
1128 Fredensborg Cyn. Rd.
Solvang, CA 93463

January 29, 2019

County of Santa Barbara
Board of Supervisors
123 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Agenda Item: 1/29/19 - 19-00085
Case No: 1800LUP-00000-00458 Opposition
Re. Decker Cannabis Operation
Address: 988 Fredensborg Canyon Road - Solvang, CA

Dear Board Members,

We are writing to protest the possible permitting of a commercial cannabis operation at 988 Fredensborg Canyon Road. We are a group of directly affected neighbors who have already experienced negative impacts by the actions of this applicant. We wish to point out the applicant's disregard for county regulations and the health and safety of his direct neighbors.

We have 7 specific areas to address which have already directly and negatively affected some, or all, of us.

- 1) The first was a severed gas line that occurred at the end of February of 2018. We were notified by the Southern California Gas Company that our gas was being cut off because there was a broken line in the area and that we would not be able to turn it back on without being recertified. Adrian Kays observed Steven Decker and his son digging, likely unpermitted, with a backhoe; when the Southern California Gas Company arrived to shut the gas off, they confirmed that the backhoe had caused the break. Owners Dreyfuss, Kays, Mazur, Quinn, and Norcott, were without gas for periods of up to one week. Significant costs were incurred by each owner to get this gas service restored.
- 2) Steven Decker, designated well master, for a four-party shared well, proceeded with well reconstruction without giving the other three parties an estimate or keeping them updated on the costs. Had they known the bills would mount from an initial approximately \$6,000 per owner, to another more than \$15,000 per owner, the other parties would likely have requested another opinion and estimate from a well contractor. Though recognizing the improved water quality, the other parties had been given no reason to expect bills so high as the ones received from Steven Decker. Some or all of the work was performed and billed by Steven Decker and his son. It is doubtful that permits were pulled. The water well owners are Decker, Hobgood, Lugli and Norcott. The Langes are tenants of the Norcotts.

3) Some of the neighbors have already had periods of time when they have had no water when they turned their spigots on, with no prior notice. There now appears to be additional work being done at the well site, without prior notice to the fellow owners.

4) We own adjacent parcels that have wells on the same aquifer. We are concerned that Steven Decker's actions will affect aquifer capacity and quality.

5) The grow lights on the current operation that Steven Decker now has on this property are already causing discomfort to the neighbors, specifically some direct intrusion into neighboring homes and overall night light pollution.

6) The odor on the current operation that Steven Decker now has on this property is already causing disturbance to some of the neighbors.

7) The noise from the current operation that Steven Decker now has on his property is already causing discomfort and disturbance to some of the neighbors. The noise sounds like generators and/or pumps. The noise wakes the neighbors as early as 5:00 am.

Sincerely,

Elaine U. (Maidy) Dreyfuss
1132 Fredensborg Canyon Road

Adrian Kays
1124 Fredensborg Canyon Road

Jane & Rob Hobgood
990 Fredensborg Canyon Road

Susan & Julian Lange
996 Fredensborg Canyon Road

Stefan & Diane Mazur
1128 Fredensborg Canyon Road

David & Mary Ann Norcott
996 Fredensborg Canyon Road

Patrick & Cyndee Quinn
1120 Fredensborg Canyon Road

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Brett Vapnek <brett@thehacienda.co>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 11:26 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
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Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today as member of the Cannabis community and a state licensed cultivator. I have been involved in Cannabis cultivation since 2008 via California's prop 215 medicinal marijuana program and have been cultivating in Santa Barbara county since 2015. Over the past four years the Cannabis growers in this county have been involved in helping to craft regulations and ordinances that are progressive and balance the needs of the community as well as the needs of commercial agriculture which has a long history in the county. Many hours and hearings were spent crafting rules, regulations and processes to create a framework for business to obtain licenses and land use permits. The understanding of these rules plays an important role in where and how to invest in projects. The constant changing of regulations prior to the actual issuance and implementation of the current ones makes it extremely difficult and creates uncertainty which is detrimental to any business.

The land use permitting and licensing process for this crop is an arduous one. The property in Santa Ynez that I am involved in an application for has had to meet many standards including; security that is unobtrusive yet secure, Landscape screening, Fish and Wildlife inspections and mitigation, Biological reports, Water reports & Odor mitigation plans even though we are a large AG II parcel and not explicitly subject to it. The impression with the general public that we are completely unregulated and not subject to strict regulation has certainly not been my experience. This is also not taking into account the vast array of regulations and licensing requirements for the state CDFG.

The scale and scope of this crop has to be taken in to account compared to other Ag crops, such as vineyards where over 21,000 Acres are planted now. Cannabis will be less than 10% of that if all current applications are approved. Cannabis is also a crop which has extremely strict testing requirements which make the use of commercial pesticides nearly impossible to use. Other Ag stakeholders complaining that they can't use their pesticides near the Cannabis crop is especially troubling since they seem to not be taking into account what they are actually putting into the environment and our water supply. The community may find odor easier to complain about than the odorless chemicals they are subject to on an ongoing basis.

There will of course need to be adjustments to the ordinance as the board is contemplating now, but large wholesale changes induced by a vocal minority is not the path to building a sustainable industry that will drive jobs and tax revenue for the county. The evidence of this is in our northern neighbor San Luis Obispo county where multiple draconian changes made in similar fashion have caused operators like myself to move over 100+ jobs to others counties, scale back capital projects and abandon other possible operations.

Some reasonable and sensible options are:

- Allowing applicants to proceed with business licenses and Land use permit applications simultaneously.

- Having the existing language of the ordinance at the time of the Land use application be used for determination and not retroactively applied like some have suggested.
- Maintain the exclusion of Odor control on outdoor cultivation in AG II as it is nearly impossible to control effectively

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Vapnek

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Yoze Van Wingerden <yozevan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 6:12 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
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- Cannabis farmers always donate to many local causes and organizations in Carpinteria such as Girls Inc., Carpinteria Rotary, Avocado Festival, Destined For Grace, Citizens for the Carpinteria Bluffs, Lou Grant Parent-Child Workshop etc.
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- Cannabis farmers provide high paying, year-round stable jobs to local families, which also include benefits.

Sincerely,

Yozé Van Wingerden
4790 8th Street
Carpinteria, CA 93013

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Ivan Van Wingerden <ivan@ever-bloom.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 8:06 AM
To: Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
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Comment submittal for July 9th 2019 Board of Supervisor hearing.

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and Staff,

Thank you for your time, focus, and dedication to draft the complex regulatory and land use framework we've been involved in together for the last 3 years now. As a local farmer and cultivator who has participated in this process since it began, I am amazed at the scope of this countywide undertaking and how it has evolved over the course of more than 3-dozen county supervisor meetings. That said, I'd like to address some of the recent campaigns against the cannabis industry that persist misinformation, publish melodramatic hyperbole in the press, and strategically create division in the local regulatory process.

Cannabis is clean. Cleaner than any other commercial ag crop in fact. There are zero harmful pesticides as this crop is third-party tested to under 4 parts per billion for over 74 toxic substances. No other agricultural product, organic or conventional, is tested to this level of scrutiny. I am proud to say that we continually pass this testing and grow a safe product.

Cannabis grown in greenhouses with hydroponics uses less water than most other agricultural crops. Closed-loop hydroponic systems recapture the water and reuse both the water and excess fertilizer. The amount of cannabis that can be grown per square foot of greenhouse is the most efficient method to cultivate. Furthermore, we are using preexisting high-tech greenhouses to grow – no new greenhouse infrastructure has been added in Carpinteria.

Vapor phase odor control is safe. The ingredients of the odor control solution comprises of expensive plant based essential oils, reverse osmosis water, and a medical grade surfactant. The machine converts this natural solution to a vapor, a process that evaporates the surfactant and the majority of the water. The remaining concentrated vapor that is then pushed with a large fan through a perforated perimeter pipe is a clean homogeneous vapor that mimics the physics of the cannabis odors. When cannabis odors vent out the top of the greenhouse, the vapor interacts with it and neutralizes it, the very same way any terpenes interact in our atmosphere. The net biogenic terpene contribution to our air and environment from cannabis and the vapor phase odor control systems is fractions of one percent. The largest contributor to our local terpenes and VOC's is the ocean and the Los Padres forest. Vapor phase odor control concentrates a naturally occurring process around a small area of greenhouse. This safe and effective odor control technology has been utilized for other industries, not just cannabis, in many states and has been approved for municipalities around the state and country.

The hysteria around so-called "dangerous VOC's" emitted from cannabis would be laughable if this recent slew of junk science weren't so pervasive. The VOC misinformation is a desperate ruse from a very small constituency of anti-cannabis citizens that are endeavoring to put a moratorium on cannabis. Unlike actual harmful synthetic VOC's emitted by every internal combustion car driven on the road, the science and

facts around biogenic VOC's are that they are not harmful to humans or animals. The EPA does not regulate any biogenic VOC's emitted from any agricultural crop or product – they don't, because there isn't anything plausibly harmful to regulate. Cannabis, being a plant, emits biogenic VOC's like *all other plants*. There is nothing special about cannabis terpenes, other than it has higher levels of some specific terpenes that may cause more odor – much like garlic, broccoli, pine trees, lemon trees, etc.. None of its odors or emissions are toxic or allergenic. There is zero pollen as all plants are female. The 'skunky odor' that some cannabis strains emit is a by-product of years of selective breeding responding to cannabis consumer preferences. Saying cannabis terpenes and biogenic VOC's are harmful, would be like asserting Roma tomato terpenes and VOC's are harmful. This is junk science that will inexorably be corrected with actual facts.

The cannabis businesses that will make it through the rigorous State and County regulations and land use requirements will be the responsible operators. Any operator who cannot control odor, maintain seed-to-sale best practices with the state, pay their taxes and licensing fees, and cannot check all the boxes with the myriad of county and state agencies will certainly fall out of compliance. This survival of the fittest process is onerous, comprehensive, and necessitates a level of operational excellence that has been established by a robust public process already. The anti-cannabis groups are endeavoring to complicate this even further... before the current ordinance has even had a chance to come into effect.

Lastly, the economic opportunity from cannabis cannot be ignored. The industry employs over 1100 people in Carpinteria alone (a town of about 14,000). Tourism hasn't slowed, occupancy is maxed out for hotels and industrial properties, housing prices have risen 10% and more year over year, crime has gone down, there is less truck traffic, avocado prices are at an all time high, and once the ordinance is enforced, even more cannabis taxes will pour in. This was all recently published in Carpinteria's economic report.

As a cultivator, employer of dedicated people, and environmentalist, I have earnestly done my best to address concerns from my neighbors and other local citizens. It is critically important to me to follow the process and contribute positively to our town and environment. As one of your constituents, I implore you to continue to move this divisive issue forward in a productive and fact-based manner as I know this will normalize and sensible compromise will be achieved.

Sincerely,

Ivan van Wingerden

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Justin Torres <justinrtorres@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 8:08 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Letter for Consideration

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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As a current employee in the Cannabis Industry I simply wanted to inform you that I am in full support of the County's program to regulate the current and ongoing activities surrounding cultivation, distribution, and development of regulations for the safety and consideration of our community.

Having worked in the software as a service (SAAS) industry for the past 10 years and recently transitioning into the cannabis sector, I can honestly say this migration has been both a blessing and breath of fresh air. The SAAS market-space, currently, is heavily saturated with few progressive job opportunities, fierce competition for low to mid-level jobs, little upward mobility, and a dwindling capacity to provide compensation commensurate with the value in skill-set (that we've spent tens of thousands of dollars in student-loan debt cultivation and refining). The cannabis industry, by contrast, has provided myself, my co-workers, and many of my peers with an invaluable opportunities and means of "making it" in an otherwise challenging environment.

It would be a gross understatement to claim that Santa Barbara county is an expensive place to live and when coupled with student loan debt, rising cost of living, and accrued hospital bills from sick family members, I've personally come to depend on this job to support myself, to support my family, and contribute positively to our community through taxes and giving directly to local programs.

I know there are many concerns surrounding cannabis but having first-hand experience in working in a facility here in town, I can honestly make the following assertions and claims:

- Cannabis odor has greatly improved in recent months, especially with the onset enforcement of new policies
- I cannot smell cannabis anywhere near our facility
- I have no concerns surrounding the methods for odor control and find them 100% safe after reading the documentation certified by the Coastal Commission

As a member of this community and someone who depends on this job to live, I would strongly urge you to consider all of the positives this industry has to offer and the opportunities we have to be a model of excellence for the State of California and for the Nation. The spotlight is on us and we have a civic duty and responsibility to move this industry forward no matter the challenges.

In the words of George Bernard Shaw, "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

Best,
Justin

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Foued Sassi <sassi.foued@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 8:25 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3
Attachments: Public Comment D2 and D3 - Foued Sassi.docx

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Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Please find attached a copy of my letter supporting the cannabis industry and local cannabis farmers.

Thank you for taking the time to read it.

Best,

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Foued Sassi
(805) 636 4854

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a Santa Barbara Resident of 10 years and am grateful to have carved out a home in this beautiful and safe city. I am also grateful when communities can create new opportunities to start new industry and job creation. (My first 'real' job was with a local software start-up and I am still with them, 8 successful years later).

I would like to put another vote in favor of the responsible, licensed cannabis growers in this county. A friend reached out to me and let me know that an important meeting is happening this Tuesday that may greatly affect the fate of some of our local growers. In response, I did a little research and read up on local articles posted on this subject – I am shocked to hear that people still think this plant is the cause of crime, danger and most shocking – that it causes allergies (well, female plants don't – which I believe are the most popular these days). While I can agree that it's a smelly plant that some do not enjoy (myself and my friends enjoy the smell, we sometimes take the backroads just to get whiff) I believe that odor mitigation systems can help with this. As this industry develops, so too will an innumerable amount of congruent businesses, including odor mitigation systems. I ask that you allow the responsible farmers to continue doing what they do best - growing plants in their highly efficient green-houses.

My support for this industry isn't just based on my research. I have toured some of the greenhouses recently and learned about all the regulations, permits and licenses that are regularly updated. Some of the farmers I've met are 2nd and 3rd generation local farmers and care for this community just like the residents who are pushing back.

I think it's our job to protect and support local businesses and farms. What disturbs me the most is that several comments that have been published attacking local farmers are based on personal points of view. They also lack scientific evidence and are simply arguments from personal incredulity and fear.

Instead of spending all this time attacking farmers, we should reach out to them, educate ourselves and share the knowledge with the whole community.

We should support farms that play by the rules and report violations. We should also learn from all the new practices marijuana farmers are inventing and adopt them in other agricultural products.

Local farmers need all the support they can get, they have my vote.

Best regards,

Foued Sassi

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From: Stephanie Rivera <stephlizethrivera.26@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 8:32 AM
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Subject: Cannabis industry

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Personally, I support the Cannabis industry and my reasons are as follows:

1. Like any other booming industry, generate thousands of jobs throughout the state and country, the economic benefits of this industry have helped cities to channel tax revenues from sales to other fields such as education and infrastructure.
2. The cultivation of cannabis has contributed greatly to the reduction of pesticides and chemicals that end up damaging the earth, making it fruitless in the future.
3. The cultivation of cannabis allows the reuse of water and light, since it is cultivated mainly inside greenhouses, as well as the use of the same land for compost of other crops.
4. Cannabis has many positive uses such as health and well-being, such as CBD, which is a product that is used as a treatment for epilepsy or pain.
5. Carpinteria obtains large profits for the taxes that this industry generates, which is an important economic boost. Many other cities have invested a large part of their profits (for cultivation) in social programs that directly benefit people of all ages.

Likewise, the role played by the state in the regulation of this industry seems right and very important to me, just as any other business must comply with parameters of health, safety and legal permission; Thanks to the supervisors and the role played by each of the state's taxpayers, the cannabis industry is regulated in a positive way, helping both the grower and the buyer.

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Amir Eskandari <eskandar.a@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 8:51 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm a local Carpinteria resident and cannabis grower, and my family and I support cannabis cultivation in Carpinteria. The cannabis industry has not only brought jobs and tax revenue, but it has breathed new life into our greenhouses with a crop that can be grown with sustainable farming techniques, including no dangerous pesticides, water recycling, and CO2 systems that recapture and use all CO2 emissions. Carpinteria is an agricultural community and allowing farmers to continue to use pre-existing greenhouse structures will keep Carpinteria the same quaint town it's always been.

I support the County's program to regulate this new industry, and over the course of the last year we've seen a huge improvement to the odor issue in the area as the county continues to shut down operations that are not permitted. Nobody can deny this huge improvement. This will only improve as the County continues to enforce on bad actors.

Lately there has been a lot of misinformation being spread by a loud minority in Carpinteria, but unfortunately for them, facts don't support the positions they continue to repeat in print and in person. It's a shame that these lies must continue to be addressed, since the facts have repeatedly shown them to be false, but there are a few blatant ones that I wanted to call attention to again:

- False claim: "Cannabis is causing prices of homes in Carpinteria to fall". According to the 2019 Carpinteria Valley Economic Profile home prices went up 12% last year.
- False claim: "Cannabis will bring crime to Carpinteria". According to the 2019 Carpinteria Valley Economic Profile crime rates in Carpinteria continue to be among the lowest levels in Santa Barbara County.
- False claim: "VOCs cause headaches and other health issues". Fact: cannabis plants produce over 140 different terpenes, and the secondary volatile organic compounds (VOCs) cause the smell that have caused many of the complaints. The FDA does not consider terpenes to be toxic, dangerous, or a health hazard.
- False claim: "Cannabis is causing allergies". Fact: cannabis plants grown in Carpinteria greenhouses are female (non-pollen producing) plants.
- False claim: "Byer's Scientific's vapor phase technology only masks odor and is dangerous". According to the OSHA mandated safety data sheets (SDS), the chemicals used by Byers, are not toxic or carcinogenic. They don't cause any health issues for people or for animals. Additionally, they don't just mask the cannabis VOCs, they neutralize them. The improvement in cannabis odor in Carpinteria has been significant and it will continue to improve as uncompliant growers are shut down.

Thank you for your continued hard work and vigilance on this endeavor. The majority of your constituents are rational, reasonable adults who understand that cannabis is nothing more than a plant. Please continue to let scientific data and facts guide the path forward.

Thank you,

Amir Eskandari

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Arturo Gomez Mazatan <agmazatan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Support

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to express my support to the cannabis industry. Nowadays, this industry is being a huge improvement for the whole agriculture sector, worldwide. That is way I support the County's program to regulate it in Carpinteria. I think prohibition is not necessarily the best option since regulation of the County has proven to be the answer. Carpinteria's community has benefited from the jobs created, the tax revenue, the environmentally friendly production of this industry and the economic thriving of the area. The odor control was not controlled before, but now it has stopped to be a nuisance.

Best Regards,

Arturo Gomez

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From: Orr R. <redko.orr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:11 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3

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Regarding the July 9, 2019 Board of Supervisor hearing.

Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

The future of the Carpinteria cannabis industry is in your hands. Also in your hands is the future of hundreds of permanent, non-seasonal sources of income for hundreds of families living in Santa Barbara County.

I have toured facilities in many different places, and the Carpinteria cannabis industry is ahead of the game in terms of water usage regulation and conservation; organic, pesticide-free cultivation; treatment and salaries of employees; and compliance with California's laws.

My father has severe Chron's Disease and modern medicine has failed him. By using cannabis products, he has been able to keep his condition under control and live a normal, relatively pain free life. Sure, there are several facilities in California and the United States that produce cannabis products, but after learning about the agricultural industry and the measures taken to ensure a crop does not get destroyed by pests, I only recommend product from the Carpinteria area.

The farmers in Carpinteria have shown that they take an active interest in the wellbeing of the locals by participating in several City Council meetings and take expensive measures to make sure that the populace is satisfied. The same can not be said for many multi-million dollar companies operating within the area today who value higher profits and bonuses over locals' needs/wants.

As a Santa Barbara native and son of of a man who is living proof that organic cannabis cultivation practices is a betterment to people's lives, I fully support the cannabis industry.

Thank you for your time and for reading my letter of support.

Sincerely,

Orr Redko

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Vanessa Garcia <vaneg628@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob
Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Cannabis

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The Cannabis have created the opportunity for parents to give a better life to their families. Thanks to the year round jobs and pay I been able to provide food and clothes and a stable living environment. As a mom of 3 I used to work 2 jobs to be able to afford living, and didn't have any time to spend with my kids. Even with the 2 jobs I would live check to check not being able to breathe. Being sick and staying home wasn't an option because that day off would mean one bill wouldn't be paid. My life has changed significantly now I am able to spend time with my kids and participate in their after school activities. This job has also made me look into the future and retirement where before this wasn't a possibility. Cannabis farmers are not only creating new jobs but a brighter future with stability and financial freedom.

Thanks to their involvement/ support for local organizations my daughter and other children have been able to participate in summer programs and in local sports team at no cost. The cannabis farmers care about local families, employees and our community.

Thanks,

Vanessa

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Patrick Cavanaugh <pat654@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:30 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: jeffwjacobsen@gaikl.com; boylemdc@aol.com
Subject: Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Amendment

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It is my wish and hope that that the Board of Supervisors includes this letter among those it is considering regarding the proposed Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Amendment.

I have been a homeowner in Solvang for over seven years and moved to this beautiful community in May, 2014, after serving the University of the Pacific in Stockton, San Francisco, and Sacramento for seventeen years as its Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer. (Before this service at the University of the Pacific, I held a similar position at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and, before that, served as the chief budget and financial officer of the State of Iowa during Governor Branstad's second term.)

With this letter, I respectfully request the Board of Supervisors approve and direct implementation of the following changes to the current Cannabis Ordinance:

- Exclude cannabis cultivation from AG-1_20 and smaller parcels for the Inland Area to protect residential areas as is the stated intent of the cannabis ordinance.
- Require a Conditional Use Permit for ALL AG-1-40 for the same reason and in keeping with the Planning Commission recommendation.
- Direct the implementation of ordinance section 35.42.075 (A.3) so that any ordinance modifications passed by the Board of Supervisors on July 9 should direct that all pending land use applications pending at that time as well as any future land use applications.
- Institute a County wide acreage cap similar to the one in place for the First District.

My wife and I chose to live in the beautiful part of the state because of the quality of life available in Santa Barbara County. I am among those who are concerned that unless the Cannabis Ordinance is approved and implemented with the greatest of care to maintain this haven, we could be in danger of losing it and becoming more and more like Stockton, San Francisco, and Sacramento.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick D. Cavanaugh, MBA JD
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Solvang, CA 93463

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Steve Stubblefield <stevee@goheadwaters.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Supporting SB County Cannabis Ordinance

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Honorable Board of Supervisors,

My name is Steven Stubblefield, I am the COO of Headwaters. My partners grew up in Ojai and are a deep part of the community here. It is clear to me that we need to allow the legislative process to be seen through and allow the ordinance to take full effect. We are excited to see the impact that total compliance will have in Carpinteria and SB County. Thank you for all the hard work you have put into the ordinance. Please do not de-rail the process at this point by making amendments to the ordinance.

- I support the cannabis industry and the County's program to regulate this new industry.
- We support the work of the county board of supervisors and staff to review land use permits and business licenses and make sure all farmers are playing by the same rules
- Regulation and oversight by the county is the answer, not prohibition
- **The cannabis industry continues to contribute in a positive way to the Carpinteria community in the form of jobs, economic vitality, increased property values, philanthropic giving, tax revenue and sustainable farming techniques which will preserve the agricultural character of our community**
- Cannabis is a more sustainable crop than many other crops that have been previously grown in Carpinteria greenhouses
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- Cannabis is sustainable grown in greenhouses, without lights, and water is recycled (reused and captured)
- Farmers are using pre-existing infrastructure and not proposing new construction or industrialization of our agricultural community
- Cannabis farmers are held to much higher standards than other crops, including compliance with CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and Water Board
- Odor control works and the vapor phase technology is not only safe, but the same exact technology has been proven effective in mitigating odors emissions from other industries
- Vapor phase was also studied in the County's EIR which was certified by the Coastal Commission
- Odor has greatly improved in Carpinteria
- Odor is non-existent or negligible
- Cannabis farmers are also improving our quality of life by paying extraordinarily high local taxes, which provide valuable tax revenue, which funds county services which benefit residents, regardless of whether or not they live in the county jurisdiction, including public health services
- Cannabis farmers have already donated to many local causes and organizations in Carpinteria such as _____
- Cannabis farmers provide high paying, year-round stable jobs to local families, which also include benefits, which is unprecedented for other agriculture

Kind regards,

Steven

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Brendon Evans <bbevans333@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Silent Majority want to protect and increase the burgeoning Cannabis industry...

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Dear board of supervisors,

My name is Brendon Evans and I have lived in Santa Barbara County for over 45 years. I am still married to my high school sweetheart and we raised both my kids in this amazing place. I care deeply about our county and keep up to date on the local politics which I why I am taking time to write you.

I have seen a lot of disinformation being spread about the growing Cannabis industry in our backyard. It seems the vocal minority is trying to force their opinions on, what I think is, the silent majority.

I am concerned all this one sided and negative "information" will drown out a common sense approach to managing and regulating this IMPORTANT NEW LOCAL INDUSTRY. Santa Barbara County is well positioned to become a world leader in this burgeoning market. We need to be look long term and realize the important, positive impact this industry can have on our local economy. I don't see any other industries that are positioned to provide good paying **LOCAL JOBS** and revenue streams for generations to come like Cannabis.

I have done a lot a research into this subject and below is list of what I stand and VOTE for.

- I support the cannabis industry and the County's program to regulate this new industry.
- We support the work of the county board of supervisors and staff to review land use permits and business licenses and make sure all farmers are playing by the same rules
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The following is I what I consider the vocal minorities "disinformation" campaign.

1. "Smell"....the smell is unhealthy..I personally like the smell of Cannabis and don't know of any research suggesting it is unhealthy but I can see people not wanting to smell it all the time. Thankfully there are odor control technologies available to mitigate this "negative" impact and from my research the professional growers are already starting to institute that technology. Perfect...control the smell and keep the local jobs and revenue streams flowing.

2. "Crime"...Cannabis cultivation leads to increased crime...I haven't seen any stats to back up these claims. If anything, taking this plant out of the "black market" and bringing under State and local control decreases crime while providing more revenue to fight the real problems our community does face with substance abuse.

Thank you very much for your time and I hope you consider ALL the facts when considering how best to regulate this new and increasingly vital local industry. Please don't let the loudest voices "drown out" common sense. They don't speak for me, my friends, my family or the majority of our citizens.

Best Regards,

Brendon Evans.
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From: Scott Manser <scott.manser@goheadwaters.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: SB County Cannabis Ordinance

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Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Scott Manser from Headwaters here. I just wanted to reach out for the first time in regards to moving forward with implementing the current SB County cannabis Ordinance.

- I support the cannabis industry and the County's program to regulate this new industry.
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Thank you all for your time and hard work.



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From: Susan Mailheau <susan.mailheau@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Subject: County Board of Supervisors Meeting of July 7
Attachments: City of Carpinteria Letter and Resolution to SB County.pdf

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Dear Supervisors,

With all due respect, I believe you appear to be participating in corruption. You have allowed the County of Santa Barbara to become overrun by a new industry which is single handedly destroying the quality of life for those who live here, all for the monetary gain of cannabis growers and for yourselves, the politicians who allow it it proliferate. This is appears to be nothing short of outright theft and malfeasance.

Cannabis growers have demonstrated a level of arrogance or ignorance in response to concerned residents. First there is the issue of the pervasive and repugnant odors created by this money-making enterprise - but such is the "smell" of money. Let us not forget that Nature has endowed skunks with a highly effective and remarkably similar scent as a defense strategy. Most cognizant beings are aware that this scent means stay away. Cannabis use, for its medicinal or recreational properties, is a legal choice made by consensual individuals. It should NOT be imposed upon the non consenting merely by storm of its pervasiveness.

But it goes beyond this odor problem. Another money-motivated, self-described "scientist" has danced upon the scene purporting to "neutralize" the odor with Ecosorb. What science holds up to the claims that encapsulating the VOCs of cannabis does anything other than limit our awareness of it? How long will that compound (Ecosorb) last in our environment which we are striving desperately to protect? Why and when was is even a good thing to pile one chemical upon another to "fix" a problem that didn't need to be a problem to begin with?

Santa Barbara County has long been a haven for those who embrace its ocean breezes and natural beauty. The residents in this County have fought long and hard to preserve its treasures with their voices and legal fights as needed.

Resulting from your failure to honor our values, this County has, with lightening speed, become a foul-smelling pit of dissension and hoop houses.

In closing, I ask that you, Das Williams and Steve Lavagnino, recuse yourselves from all votes regarding cannabis. And to all, please follow the requests and concerns of the City of Carpinteria, letter attached, while concurrently acknowledging the reality that the Coastal Zone is as important, if not more important in requiring rigorous regulations of cannabis grown within these zones based on coastal vulnerability as a repository of runoff of both aqueous and aerosol emissions of this under-regulated and oprioual industry. Growing cannabis is an incompatible use in these zones, therefor CEQA should have addressed this pollution.

Signed,

Carpinteria resident and property owner who is adversely affected by the nuisance of cannabis odors

Susan Mailheau, DVM
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CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



June 24, 2019

Members of the City Council

Honorable Steve Lavagnino, Chair
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Wade T. Nomura - *Mayor*
Al Clark - *Vice Mayor*
Fred Shaw
Gregg A. Carty
Roy Lee

Re: Commercial Cannabis Activities in Carpinteria Valley

Honorable Chair Lavagnino:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Carpinteria (City) City Council regarding the substantial impacts to Carpinteria residents resulting from ongoing cannabis activities within the County of Santa Barbara's (County) jurisdiction, specifically within the Carpinteria Valley. As you are aware, nearby residents, including City residents, bear the impacts of the County's expanding cannabis industry in the Carpinteria Valley, many of which are the unintended consequences of the County's efforts to regulate an unprecedented industry.

The attached City Resolution No. 5901 establishes a record of the issues and impacts experienced by Carpinteria residents and the resulting need for action by the County. It also reflects our conclusion that the County's approach to enforcement and regulation must change in order to effectively address issues and impacts our community is experiencing.

Of critical concern is the County's enforcement capability. To date, the City has been experiencing crime and nuisances associated with the County's permitting scheme. The County's investment in enforcement must be increased to match the amount and sophistication of illegal activity currently being experienced both within the City and across the greater Carpinteria Valley. The City requests that the County immediately initiate the following enforcement efforts:

Require Compliance with Odor Control Regulations. Conduct investigations as necessary to identify all odor emitting cannabis facilities, including locations where applications for permits/licenses have been filed with the County, and issue orders to cease operations until such time as the facility can demonstrate compliance with county regulations, including the County's odor control standards as codified in Article II, Coastal Zoning Ordinance, Section 34-144U(C)(6).

Shut Down Illegal Expansion of Nonconforming Uses. Identify and inspect all cannabis activities operating pursuant to the County's legal nonconforming use provisions (Article II, Coastal Zoning Ordinance, section 35-160) and issue cease and desist letters to operators of facilities determined to have violated Article X by illegally expanding their premises and/or completing improvements beyond those described in their affidavits. As part of compliance investigations, County should also validate the permitted status of all structures being used as part of the cultivation facilities.

The City also strongly supports the County Board of Supervisor's (Board) initiation of amendments to County Cannabis regulations and, in particular, supports the County Planning Commission's motion to recommend the Board require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) subject to public hearing by the Planning Commission for all cannabis cultivation activities occurring on AG-I zoned parcels of 20 acres in size or less, including such parcels located within the Coastal Zone. Accordingly, the City requests the County to immediately initiate the following amendments:

Require CUP for all Cannabis Operations on AG-I Zoned Parcels. Require that all commercial cannabis applications on properties zoned AG-I, county-wide, including within the Coastal Zone, be approved only after a noticed public hearing before the County Planning Commission and issuance of a Conditional Use Permit. Such an approach would assist the County Planning Commission in imposing enforceable conditions of approval, particularly for odor control mitigation measures, and would allow for greater public participation by affected neighbors of proposed commercial cannabis facilities.

Amend Ordinance to Require Immediate Implementation of Effective Odor Control, Lighting, and Noise Plans. Establish a requirement for pending County permit applicants with legal nonconforming cannabis cultivation operations to immediately implement odor control systems, lighting plans, and noise plans that meet the County standards by a finite deadline, and once said plans are operational, require quarterly monitoring by County staff to ensure ongoing compliance. The odor control plan should also assign County Planning staff as the designated recipient to receive odor complaints rather than the cannabis cultivators themselves.

Address Clustering of Cannabis Activities in Carpinteria Valley. Establish standards to address over-concentration of cannabis activities in the Carpinteria Valley. Possible measures could include, but are not limited to, adopting cultivation acreage caps on the size of individual cultivation operations, and requiring minimum separation requirements between cultivation operations. Such actions would serve to prohibit an over-concentration of cultivation activities in a constricted area.

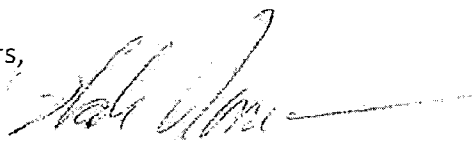
Amend and Expand Buffer Requirement. Amend the County's sensitive receptors buffer requirements as follows:

- Revise the method for measuring the required sensitive receptors buffer to instead be measured from property line of the lot upon which the sensitive receptor is located to the property line of the lot upon which the commercial cannabis activity is located, without regard to intervening structures;
- Extend the required buffer from its current 750 feet to 1,000 feet; and
- Expand the qualifying sensitive receptors to include properties zoned for residential use, irrespective of within which jurisdiction said residential areas are located.

Initiate Regulations on Hemp Cultivation. In addition to cannabis, industrial hemp cultivation threatens to have similar impacts on both the Carpinteria Valley and City residents. Therefore, the City requests that the County initiate work on regulations and licensing for commercial hemp cultivation.

Once again, thank you for the County's willingness to remain engaged on cannabis issues. We want to acknowledge and thank the County for publicly opposing Senate Bill 67 in its May 14, 2019 letter to Assembly Member Susan Eggman. At the local level, we recognize that resolving the above matters will require a careful balancing of competing regulatory and policy interests, but we maintain that the current situation is untenable and requires meaningful action on the part of the County to ameliorate the impacts on Carpinteria residents. The City looks forward to continuing this discussion.

Yours,



Wade Nomura, Mayor
City of Carpinteria

Enc. City Council Resolution No. 5901

Cc. City Council Members
Dave Durflinger, City Manager
California Coastal Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 5901

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARPINTERIA
REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ACTION TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF
CANNABIS ACTIVITIES IN THE CARPINTERIA VALLEY ON THE PUBLIC
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF CARPINTERIA RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Carpinteria (City) falls entirely within the Coastal Zone and is uniquely situated between the Pacific Ocean and the open-field agricultural "greenbelt" of the Carpinteria Valley (Valley) within the unincorporated Santa Barbara County (County). In addition to the City's small, beach town character, this open-field agricultural "greenbelt" is one of the most important attributes of the area that helps define the character of both the City and the southern portion of the County; and

WHEREAS, the City has an extensive history with the County, working in close collaboration regarding land use issues that affect the City and the greater Carpinteria Valley, including the creation of the Carpinteria Agricultural Overlay District; and

WHEREAS, during the County's consideration of commercial cannabis regulations, the City has repeatedly expressed its concern regarding the impacts and unintended consequences of permitting commercial cannabis activities within the Valley, particularly those in close proximity to the City's jurisdictional boundaries, including odor, traffic, noise, lighting, public safety, over-concentration of cannabis activities, and the potential for serious public health, safety and welfare issues; and

WHEREAS, throughout the County's extensive public hearing process, the City made numerous requests, attended public meetings, submitted written comments, and/or met with County or California Coastal Commission staff on August 10, 2017, November 14, 2017, December 12, 2017, January 19, 2018, January 29, 2018, February 6, 2018, February 23, 2018, March 19, 2018, April 5, 2018, July 23, 2018, August 22, 2018, September 17, 2018, October 5, 2018, October 8, 2018, October 10, 2018 and April 16, 2019, expressing concerns and offering to assist the County in developing cannabis regulations given the City's local knowledge and unique position to experience direct impacts from cannabis operations in the Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carpinteria has expended significant staff resources and consultant services in reviewing and commenting upon the County's cannabis regulations in an attempt to ensure Carpinteria's concerns were adequately met, and since effectuation of the regulations, the City has continued to devote

significant staff time to researching, monitoring, and acting upon community concerns with respect to cannabis activities in the Valley; and

WHEREAS, the County's overly permissive commercial cannabis regulatory program has allowed for a proliferation and overconcentration of commercial cannabis cultivation operations in Carpinteria Valley, as evidenced by 187 of the State's 1,562 current provisional licenses, equivalent to approximately 12% of all provisional licenses statewide, having been issued to Carpinteria Valley cannabis cultivation operations despite the Carpinteria Valley comprising only 0.007% of the State's land area; and 34 of the 115 countywide currently pending or approved cannabis permit applications, equivalent to 30% of the permit applications, being concentrated in the Carpinteria Valley despite the Carpinteria Valley comprising only 0.3% of the County's land area; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has largely ignored the City's requests and downplayed the health, safety and welfare impacts of such intense commercial cannabis grow operations adjacent to City and Valley residents, even though residents have reported numerous odor complaints and associated health concerns since early in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the complaints have not diminished, and on the contrary, have grown substantially amid a firestorm of public protest appearances at City and County public meetings, reams of protest letters, social media, and news articles criticizing the County's cannabis regulations and attitude towards addressing the public health, safety and welfare issues; and

WHEREAS, many Carpinteria residents report ill effects, such as headaches, nausea and severe allergy or asthma-like symptoms, related to pungent cannabis odors and must take extreme measures to prevent the odor from constantly permeating their homes; and

WHEREAS, City and Valley residents located adjacent to cannabis cultivation facilities suffer ongoing nuisances resulting from operational noise and lighting associated with cultivation operations; and

WHEREAS, the City has received testimony that the above-described nuisance impacts associated with cannabis cultivation in the Valley are having a detrimental impact on visitor-serving commercial activity, discouraging tourism to Carpinteria and economic activity for some area businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City has received testimony suggesting that commercial cannabis cultivation operations in the Valley threaten the long-term viability of other established open field agricultural crops, including avocados, due to potential concerns over cross-contamination between adjacent uses; and

WHEREAS, incidents of crime related to cannabis operations in the Valley have been on the rise affecting not only the cannabis growers but neighbors and innocent bystanders having nothing to do with the cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, the mostly unchecked proliferation of cannabis cultivation activities in the Valley is incrementally degrading the rural character of the Valley as a result of new or augmented security fencing, employee parking demands, unpermitted construction and improvements, new and more intensive lighting, and an increased security presence on area roadways, including but not limited to Casitas Pass Road, Foothill Road, Cravens Lane and Via Real; and

WHEREAS, all of these negative impacts, and more, can have an adverse impact on Carpinteria property values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals above are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City of Carpinteria finds that the current County regulatory and enforcement actions are inadequate and that cannabis activities are having a negative effect on, or are threatening, public health, safety and welfare, elements of the local economy, property values, and the established rural, small beach town character in the City of Carpinteria and the greater Carpinteria Valley.

SECTION 3. The City Council requests that the County take action immediately to address the above-described issues related to cannabis activity in the Carpinteria Valley.

SECTION 4. The City Council commits to working with the County Board of Supervisors to help craft amendments to the County's cannabis regulations to address the aforementioned unintended consequences.

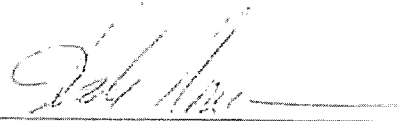
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 17th day of June, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): CARTY, LEE, SHAW, CLARK, NOMURA

NOES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): NONE

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER(S): NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER(S): NONE



Mayor, City of Carpinteria


ATTEST:


City Clerk, City of Carpinteria

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carpinteria held on June 17, 2019.


City Clerk, City of Carpinteria

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Jena Acos, on behalf of Brownstein
Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP acting as
City Attorney of the City of Carpinteria

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Justin Riley Rodriguez <justinrodriguez@email.arizona.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 10:43 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment Letter On Cannabis Industry- Justin Rodriguez

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

I have heard from some of my friends that the cannabis industry (in Carpinteria) is under some scrutiny and I wanted reach out and show my support for the industry.

As a Carpinteria resident the last 22+ years, I have directly seen how the cannabis industry has positively impacted the city (creating new jobs, increasing property values, increasing local tax revenue,etc). My hope is that these trends continue.

I think the best course of action for the industry is fair regulation for all. The cannabis industry is already one of the cleanest agricultural industries around because they don't use pesticides, they use recycled water, and they implement odor control technology.

The county's current program is doing a good job - anything stricter (like prohibition of cannabis farming) would be unfair.

I look forward to seeing your future decisions.

Best,
Justin Rodriguez
Carpinteria Resident

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: yvonne@yvonnebailey.com
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 10:52 AM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Miyasato, Mona
Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] NO COMMERCIAL CANNABIS IN ZONED AG-1 AND EDRN.

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To all of my Respected Supervisors,

My name is Yvonne Bailey. My husband and I own a beautiful small ranch in Cebada Canyon, Lompoc. We have been here since April 15th, 1999. I have been in Lompoc for over 50 years. My husband and I own a business in Moorpark CA.

When we decided to buy another home, we looked all over, Ventrua, Moorpark, Westlake, and almost signed paper for a place in Santa Ynez. What sold us on " Cebada Canyon" property was how beautiful it is, the quiet of living here after dealing with our busy business world.. And dealing with all the traffic L.A., Ventura traffic. We honestly thought we had just bought a piece of paradise. (Also our property sits on top of a Mountain, and joins the La Pursimia Mission .. We found paradise.

Normally I sit in the morning and enjoy a diet coke or tea... Sometimes Hot Choc, (lol don't touch coffee) then I harness one of my mini horses or donkey and go for a nice little buggy ride down our street , to Avena, and back home.

.....but now all has changed. I am afraid to drive my mini horses and donkeys on the road, I have been almost hit a few times. Now with all the Cannabis growing in this area, the roads are no longer safe, seems the worker have no respect for safe driving... Which means I am no longer safe or all our wild life that have felt safe for years. One time I was giving the finger when I asked someone to slow down, after almost hitting me.

I no longer can enjoy my patio, because of the smell ... It smells like someone ran over a skunk in my front yard.... And when this smell is around I can not enjoy the outdoors at all.

As everyone else in our area I am concerned about the heavy use of water, Our water bill with two other family's runs around \$170.00 per month. I have heard that the Cannabis growers runs \$1000.00 and up a month.

I have supported my Supervisors for years, I hope that will support our family,

plus my neighbors and stop this in our area.

If the Cannabis must stay in this area, what is going to be done about the smell. Please stop all growing NOW until rules can be followed to make all happy. Its just not fair to us who have loved and supported our community to have our lives so turned up side down. I want to feel safe again. Our roads were not build for all this new traffic, large trucks in and out all the time, taking up the whole road. Plus again I will bring up the Wildlife on our roads.

Thank you
Dennis & Yvonne Bailey

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From: Whitney Messinger <whitnymessinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: We Support the Cannabis Growers in Carpinteria
Attachments: SB County Board of Supervisors letter.pdf

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Good Morning,

Please see attached letter of support for the Cannabis Community.

Thank you very much,
Whitney Messinger

July 7, 2019

To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

We are writing collectively as a group of non-concerned citizens who live within the Carpinteria valley. We have, and continue to call, Carpinteria our home and the best place to live. We feel that we are part of the silent 2/3rds majority of people who voted for Prop 64, support the local cannabis industry, and frankly are dismayed by the overexaggerated concerns about odor and outright misinformation that has been ceaselessly posted in the media by local prohibitionists. The unreasonable anxieties of these few dozen prohibitionists in town should not outweigh the many thousands who are supportive and unconcerned about cannabis being cultivated in Carp.

The cannabis growers that we know have been long standing members of our community. They have been responsive to local issues and have even given tours to hundreds of people, in the spirit of full transparency, to see for themselves that cannabis is just a plant. We highly recommend that all county staff and local citizens engaged in the cannabis regulatory process take a tour – we learned a lot on the tour we participate in. They grow without the use of any harmful pesticides and use beneficial insects to combat pests. They use less water than they did previously growing cut flowers. Odor control was installed nearly 2 years ago, which made a dramatic improvement on the odor in town. We look forward to when county regulations are enforced and *all* operators are required to have the same vapor phase odor control machines. Odor used to be pervasive, now it is very rare that we smell cannabis from our homes. The vapor phase technology has not only been studied in the EIR, but has also been proven effective and safe in mitigating odor emissions in other jurisdictions, in a variety of industries.

Carpinteria and Santa Barbara thrive with this industry. Everyone in Carpinteria knows someone who works in the cannabis industry. As a small coastal town of 13,000, an industry that employs over 1,000 locals is a tremendous positive economic driver. These people work in high paying jobs, spend their money at local shops and restaurants, and raise their families here. It is the largest industry employer in our valley. A prohibition would have catastrophic rippling affects throughout our community and county. On top of the jobs, Santa Barbara needs the tax revenue. Oil is on its way out, and we have a much cleaner and sustainable local industry to fill the void. The cumulative positive economic impacts of cannabis cannot be ignored.

Thank you for your consideration. We are the YIMBY's. *Yes in my backyard!*

Signed:

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From: Yadi Hernandez <yadira_805@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; delliot@countyofsb.org; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; lplowman@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
Subject: Support Cannabis Industry Farmers

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I support the cannabis industry and would like your staff to review the land use permits and business licenses to make sure all farmers/growers are upheld to the same regulations and rule standards to help this new industry to continue to thrive and make a positive contribution to city of Carpinteria and the county of Santa Barbara.

The cannabis nursery here locally in Carpinteria has made a lot of positive changes, one of many is that the growers/farmers provide higher salaries year-round and greater benefits which has promoted stability for many families including mine. I live in Oxnard and I have been commuting 60-45 minutes daily to work in Carpinteria for the past few years because the salary and fringe benefits that I'm offered are greater than if I worked locally in Oxnard, Ventura or Camarillo. When my husband was unemployed and suffered a work injury for a few months last year, I was fortunate and blessed to continue to be able to provide for my family and make ends meet with the salary I'm earning. I'm grateful that this new industry has evolved and flourished and made such a positive impact financially to the economy and my life personally.

The cannabis farmers have helped improve the quality of life for many families and have also helped the economy by reducing the local unemployment rate. Without the industry participants I feel the city of Carpinteria, would have struggled to advance and ultimately prosper like they have in the past 2 years.

I hope that the County will continue to regulate this industry and the cannabis program to let growers/farmers continue to operate. We need conformed regulations for all the citizens, not prohibition.

I appreciate the work that the Board of Supervisors and their staff has done to help regulate the cannabis industry and ask that you continue to support and work collaboratively with the farmers to identify ways that they can continue to do business that help our economy, and many families that rely on their jobs.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I have trust and confidence in your decision.

Best Regards
Yadira Infante

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Carla Wilson <carla.bonjour@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 11:08 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public comment D2and D3

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To the Board of Supervisors,

We want to add our voices to those who have recently come out to say that the odor control in Carpinteria Valley is working to make the situation much better than it has been in the past. We live on Foothill near Cravens and we used to have the smell of cannabis all around us. We are very much in favor of odor control and we believe you need to crack down on companies that are not working to control the smell.

Furthermore we want to say that we are very happy to have a crop in the valley that does not use pesticides. We are a family that eats only organic, and hopefully we can work towards having more organic crops in the county.

Last but not least we would like to add that we are very much in favor of medical cannabis. We have seen the incredible benefits of cannabis for diseases where no other medicines would work. Our county can be proud to grow a product that relieves pain and anguish for many people.

Sincerely,

Carla Wilson
Leslie Wilson

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Jade Egelhoff <j.egelhoff@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Regarding the hearing tomorrow- keep Carpinteria green

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Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Carpinteria was one of the most progressive cities in California, and one of the earliest to electively choose to eliminate plastic bag use at grocery stores. Things like that are what make Carpinteria unique and charming. The avocado farmers in our area who utilize organic farming and biodynamic farming practices get an average of \$0.70 more per pound of avocados than those grown with dirty and conventional farming practices.

Cannabis in the area is a continuation of our sustainable and progressive attitude toward our environment. With cannabis as a new crop, there is an unspoken encouragement to other farmers to use safer techniques with less harmful pesticides, and closed loop systems. Why not encourage our farmers to be cleaner to our citizens and our earth? If cannabis can push our region to become an organically certified valley, just imagine how our real estate (both residential and agricultural) will become more valuable, and we will be better stewards to this beautiful area we all call home. I don't see why that is being turned into a bad thing, that farmers would consider growing to a higher standard- and increasing the value of their crop in the market. This is how we can protect our children and our future- by being safer and more environmentally respectful for the longevity of our land.

Thank you for your time,

Jade Egelhoff

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: NATHAN ESP <nathan_esp@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 11:19 AM
To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Impact of Cannabis on Santa Barbara County

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Honorable Board of Santa Barbara County,

Santa Barbara's influx of cannabis cultivation has absolutely changed things for our County. First, greenhouse workers are receiving living wage pay for the first time in their lives. Greenhouse workers are able to take time off with their families, care for themselves and rest when they become ill, and plan vacations for themselves and their loved ones. Agricultural labor has never provided benefits to their staff, or offered affordable health insurance.

With cannabis in our County, workers who may be considered 'unskilled' are able to get valuable training and certifications in safety programs. The commitment to growth and development for cannabis farmers allows staff to rise in their positions at the farm, and have opportunities to move to management and sharpen their skills. These practices change the lives of those who work in cannabis and their families who depend on their care. When cut flowers were the local ag in this area, the greenhouse staff was seasonal, came and left our area, and received low wage pay.

Please consider the importance of the new crop in this area, and the progressive developments it brings to an industry that struggles in providing living wages to their staff.

Thank you for your time to read this, and take care,

Best Regards,

Nathan Esp

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Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Board of Supervisors Hearing - July 9th

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To the Supervisors of Santa Barbara County,

Cannabis farming is simply agriculture being agriculture. Farming cannabis produces zero affects that are harmful to those living near a farm. Another important fact to note is that by utilizing the greenhouses that have been here for decades, we are preventing the need to rezone and develop our Valley for mass housing and high-rise apartments. If cannabis was not here, this is what would be happening. There needs to be an appreciation for the fact that cannabis has preserved our landscape and protected our region from the change we have been wisely staving off since Carpinteria was incorporated as a City.

Thank you,
Mary Yellott

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Subject: Support to the current cannabis regulations for southern Santa Barbara County

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To The Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County,

This letter is to serve as support to the current cannabis regulations for southern Santa Barbara County.

Carpinteria has already seen positive growth and development since our farmers began growing cannabis in 2015 and prior. At the Carpinteria Chamber of Commerce breakfast for Congressman Salud Carbajal, he stated in his speech to "Give Cannabis A Chance". This is something we voted in mass approval of, especially in relationship to the rest of the County's support of Proposition 64.

The Carpinteria Chamber of Commerce also held a State of the Community luncheon, where our City's leaders and policymakers gathered to discuss the state of our economy, community and what we need to focus on in the future. Das Williams voiced his commitment to stopping any grey or black market operations, and using cannabis' tax revenue for the much needed enforcement. This has been a problem for decades in our area.

Especially in the Los Padres, where there is costly cleanup and rehabilitation of land and negatively affected wildlife. At the same State of Community Luncheon, economist Mark Schniepp stated that tourism is at an all-time high, along with housing prices. Crime, on the other hand, is lowest it's been in years. These are all statistics that have changed in our favor since 2015. Please do not ignore these facts. Without cannabis, it will be housing developments, which will certainly bring up the incidents of accidents, crime, and housing prices going down.

Thank you.

Yesenia Arroyo

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From: Matthew Horowitz <matt@thehacienda.co>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 11:29 AM
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Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3

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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today as a member of the Cannabis community and an employee of a state licensed distributor, manufacturer and hopeful cultivator with an open application for an AG-II in the Valley.

I fully support the County's hard work and efforts to amend the operating standards for the new cannabis industry. We are deeply committed to operating a farm that is within the standards of the surrounding agricultural Valley. We understand that many hours went into crafting these rules, regulations and processes, and the constant changing of regulations prior to issuance makes it very hard for us to operate as a business.

Even though we are AG-II, we will continue to exceed the County's standards and are committed to working with the community and co-exist with other industries, such as the wine industry, and both can flourish in a positive way. Even though odor control is not technically required on Ag-II, we are proposing perimeter vapor phase odor control technology, that is not only safe and effective, but was also studied in the EIR. Our plan also includes landscape screening, and increased setbacks from the property line, to avoid visual and other impacts.

We are committed to working with the County and our neighbors to co-exist in the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. We humbly request that you allow applicants to proceed with a business license and Land Use permit simultaneously, have the existing language of the ordinance at the time of the land use application be used for determination and not retroactively applied, and maintain the exclusion of odor control on outdoor cultivation in AG II, as it is nearly impossible to control effectively.

Thank you for your time,

Matt Horowitz
The Hacienda Company

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From: Sean Black <sean@thehacienda.co>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 11:41 AM
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Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Public Comment D2

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Good morning Supervisors,

My name is Sean Black and I am an applicant for a cannabis cultivation farm on AG-II in the Valley. I grew up in the Santa Ynez Valley area, and went to Dunn School. I continue to support the County's work to refine the operating standards for this new industry as opposed to a prohibition. We are deeply committed to operating a farm that is compatible with the surrounding agricultural and rural nature of the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. We are confident that cannabis can co-exist with other industries- such as the winery industry – and both can thrive and contribute to the community in a positive way. Even though odor control is not technically required on Ag-II, we are proposing perimeter vapor phase odor control technology, that is not only safe and effective, but was also studied in the EIR. We will continue to exceed the County's standards because our company is committed to fostering positive and sustainable community relations. We have carefully developed our project proposal with our neighbors in mind, including landscape screening, and increased setbacks from the property line, to avoid visual and other impacts. Furthermore we are not proposing any new infrastructure, and will take advantage of pre-existing agricultural infrastructure onsite. Our team has been working on our land use permit application since November 2018 and I can tell you that it has been an exhaustive process, that has taken an extraordinary amount of capital (in the form of fees for biologists, land use consultants, etc) and time and staff to navigate this process.

We are ready and willing to work with any constituencies in the County who have concerns or questions about cannabis, and have been attending stakeholder meetings, including those hosted by Planning Commissioner Parke and We Watch. We will continue to proactively outreach to a variety of organizations in the area to hear from them and see how we can work together.

As you consider a county wide cap tomorrow (which we support), please direct staff to develop a pathway that allows those of us who have already secured land use permit approvals to have clarity and certainty regarding our path forward (in light of possible appeals). We urge you to recognize project applicants who are already in the permitting pipeline, and allows approved projects to secure a place under the cap.

Sincerely,

Sean Black
Hacienda

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Subject: Citizen of the County

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Dear Supervisors of Santa Barbara County,

Disclaimer: This is to express support of the local cannabis industry.

There has been a culture of lies and untruths that are being spread by "concerned citizens", which has become worrisome for the rational and critically considerate residents of our area.

In efforts to keep this comment brief, I will focus on the SB County EIR, Environmental Impact Report. As I'm sure you are aware, the nature of an environmental impact report is to unpack any potential impacts that could affect our County.

The County EIR is a 600 page document that details reasons that cannabis cultivation in our County is appropriate and will not produce significant negative impacts to the community and the land.

Air quality, community concerns, traffic, noise, pollution are all discussed and considered in this report. These documents are written by third-party scientists who have no bias what so ever, meaning they are not employed by either side. They are simply here to provide a truthful examination of evidence to culminate into an educated recommendation.

An honest opinion, the Board cannot ignore the facts and evidence that supports cannabis farming in our County's EIR. There is no reason to dispute science.

I hope you take this to heart, and look forward to seeing where we go in the future!

Thank you,
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Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] In support of Cannabis growers in Carpinteria Valley

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Sheila Batson and I've been a resident of the Carpinteria Valley for a decade. I am relieved that cannabis has been approved for use at so many different levels. As a Registered Nurse in Santa Barbara, I have personally seen the benefits of cannabis in our patient population. I'd like to share with you just a few of the successful medical uses of cannabis that I have witnessed:

- Administration prior to general anesthesia to prevent severe nausea and vomiting
- Treatment of pain for individuals suffering a variety of chronic and terminal illnesses
- Use for those with psychiatric disorders: OCD, bipolar, and depression to name a few
- Treatment of anxiety, sleep disorders and PTSD

And in my opinion, one of the most critical uses is the role cannabis plays in the weaning of opioid addiction and abuse

As a resident of Carpinteria I hear a lot of chatter regarding this new crop. And what I hear is acceptance and understanding that if Carpinteria is to remain rural the farmers must have a crop that is viable. Time and again I hear community members say they have faith in the cannabis growers to do the right thing for the community in which they all love and live. The general belief I have heard stated is that Carp's cannabis growers have integrity and care about the community.

The cannabis growers that I know have been responsible farmers and upstanding citizens of the valley. They support many worthy causes and treat their employees with great respect. I had a tour of one of the operations and it was remarkable. It showed me that cannabis is just another crop, that it is not evil or scary and it is pesticide free! The tour, and the growers open book attitude, is the best way to get an accurate idea of what is going on. It took the drama out of it and revealed the truth behind cannabis cultivation. These operations are run very eco friendly and so amazingly clean. And I say again they use no harmful pesticides!

It appears to me there is a small, very vocal group of naysaying drama-mongers creating havoc. The articles I read leave me a bit dumbfounded. Where do they get their information? I recently moved from the Baliard Avenue area of Carp to Foothill Road near Cravens Lane. I never smelled cannabis in the Baliard area and it's been rare that I've smelled it at my Foothill home. I do smell horses, cows and goats on a daily basis but that contributes to the rural charm.

I feel it is unfair to have a few negative voices represent the many who are quiet because they have no real problem with this new crop. Please do not allow the opinions of the few speak for an entire community and drown out the truth of living with cannabis in Carpinteria Valley.

Please let the compliant growers move forward so that we can keep our farming industry strong and healthy. Please address the growers who do not have the odor control in place as that is essential to solving the problem of odor.

Thank you for your time and attention to this most important matter.

Regards,

Sheila Batson
Carpinteria, CA

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Subject: Public Comment D2 and D3

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- I support the cannabis industry and the County's program to regulate this new industry. I support the work of the county board of supervisors and staff to review land use permits and business licenses and make sure all farmers are playing by the same rules
- Regulation and oversight by the county is the answer, not prohibition
- The cannabis industry continues to contribute in a positive way to the Carpinteria community in the form of jobs, economic vitality, increased property values, philanthropic giving, tax revenue and sustainable farming techniques which will preserve the agricultural character of our community
- Cannabis is a more sustainable crop than many other crops that have been previously grown in Carpinteria greenhouses
- Cannabis does not use pesticides, which is better for our community's health, including our schools and residential areas
- Cannabis is sustainable grown in greenhouses, without lights, and water is recycled (reused and captured)
- Cannabis farmers are held to much higher standards than other crops, including compliance with CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and Water Board

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Subject: Letter from a now-local New Yorker

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am emailing to express my support for the cannabis industry and the County's initiative to regulate it moving forward. My perspective comes from working as a data analyst with a finance-driven background. I felt it necessary to send a letter of my own, because I have been able to read the opposition's claims through use of misguided, and a lot of the times false, statistics.

Claims of Santa Barbara's share of the industry from a statewide view is an argument based off of skewed data, some of which I can't even find where it was made up from. After doing the correct diligence and diving into the correct data sources, Santa Barbara's share of licenses/acreage in comparison to the state is no larger than it's proportional share of other crops and agriculture. As we all know, Santa Barbara is an agricultural area. In fact, SB County is responsible for more proportionate acreage in strawberries, lettuce, grapes, and much more, than it is cannabis acreage (this data came right from the State's crop report, as well as the CDFA CalCannabis data source).

On a more personal level, I'm from New York, so I am new to the state that allows for expansive legal cannabis markets. However, what I've been able to learn is how valuable this industry can be both internally and externally. On an intrinsic level, the industry provides countless opportunities to ambitious, young professionals, looking to develop in and shape an industry centered around sustainability and wellness. Coming out of college I didn't want to work in an Investment Bank (where my degree was heavily pushing me), or another New York hedge fund, because I didn't know if I would be able to find fulfillment in an industry that doesn't seem to help anyone but itself. Cannabis opened up the chance to use my educational background and my passions to help an industry that only wants to help others. I have seen first hand what cannabis can do medically, as I have an aging grandfather. He never used cannabis up until this past year, and it has been able to improve his quality of life, and ease a lot of pain that he would endure because he didn't want to be subdued by complicated and unnatural medication. I'll end this point here, although I hope you all can sense my (as well as countless others with stories like mine) appreciation for what this industry can give.

In terms of economics, this is a simple point. Cannabis creates jobs, and provides diverse opportunities to a multitude of people in the workforce. These people in turn support local economies (bonus: property values). We have all seen what these added tax revenues have been able to provide the community, as well as the philanthropic impact cannabis businesses have on the community.

The last point I would like to make refers to what delaying the progress will do. As we have been able to observe, cannabis business are well-run and cooperative. When asked to comply to new regulations, they happily do so. This is evident in the recent odor-control issue brought up by some oppositionists. Cannabis business are willing to work hard to comply and find the right answers to any qualms brought up locally. The issue that many oppositionists still have, are with businesses that are non-compliant. The focus should be prioritized to shutting these businesses down. Delaying progress will only allow these rogue businesses to continue to make issues and stir complaints. It will only elongate the issues.

I hope the Board is able to move forward with fair regulations made through consultation with industry experts who know how to find solutions. When we use concrete data from reliable sources, we can come to solutions with confidence and efficiency. When all cannabis businesses are adhering to the same rules, I am confident the County and the Cannabis Industry will be able to work together to reach a point of mutual understanding and beneficence. I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter, and I am looking forward to further deliberation, and progress. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Truman Samberg

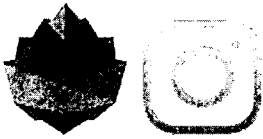
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