

Renee O'Neill's additional comments:

I heartily approve of Supervisor Hartmann's considerations and admonitions:

I approve her recommendation to get Department of Conservation's interpretation of their rule.

Re Legal non-conforming:

Many of us, throughout the county, have identified cannabis operations that either expanded and/or literally "cropped up," after January 19, 2016, which was strictly prohibited under Article X. Tepusquet community has provided the Board, PC and county with aerial images on Dayspring/Watkins expansions and other illicit non-compliant operators, proving this FACT. Yet, most have been allowed to continue business as usual, unimpeded and were given extensions on their provisional licenses.

As Supervisor Hartmann stated, 'They (cannabis industry operators) think this issue can be cured by getting a permit. At least with the housing thing there's a penalty. Here, we're just blessing it. What kind of message does that send?' Where is the Justice?

Re Cumulative Impact: Enough is enough! Delay all permitting until Affidavits have been verified and Bad Actors removed. Our P&D, PC and Enforcement Teams are overwhelmed, as are you. There are already too many applications in the pipeline, waiting for approval. The amount exceeds what the county allows.

Again, Sup Hartmann states, '...too much concentration in one area (Santa Rita Hills), especially since the vineyards have worked very hard, since 2001 to build a reputation. This is a serious consideration. Wine has a reputation value; it's the bricks and mortar; it has a value, which we haven't fully considered the impact on the wine industry...'

Sincerely,
Renee O'Neill