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General Public Comment - Group 3

From: Marcia Wertz <dreamergal24@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 5:17 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fw: Lompoc Valley area infrasound and infra-vibration



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From: Marcia Wertz <dreamergal24@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 5:10 PM
To: jhartmann@countyofsb.org <jHartmann@countyofsb.org>
Subject: Re: Lompoc Valley area infrasound and infra-vibration

Dear Supervisor Hartmann,

There is a local infrasound and infra-vibration heard (and felt) that is ongoing and most predominant at night in the Lompoc Valley and area surrounding (as I have heard and felt this in the Vandenberg Village area as well). This infrasound and infra-vibration has been detected by myself (as well as others in local social media discussions) and brought to the attention of the City of Lompoc as early as 2019 and in writing to the City of Lompoc in 2020, with follow-up like complaints in writing, and verbally on the public record to the City of Lompoc as well as to the County Board of Supervisors.

Multiple times have I addressed this in person at City Council meetings in Lompoc, and as of to-date, no answers to the source of this ongoing infrasound and infra-vibration nuisance have been made known. There are periods of time where the noise and vibration is quieter but overall, it has been ongoing since 2019 at least.

There are now visible discrepancies all throughout the City of Lompoc, that are being observable that have come about in just the last few years, such as the newly cracking in concrete parking lots in downtown Lompoc, where each quadrant of concrete has visible perpendicular-ish cracks intersecting. There are a multitude of new cracks in concrete sidewalks around fire hydrants and ADA ramp areas where new work has been done only in the last few years. (Concrete that was literally just put in by workers over the last 2 or 3 years should not be showing ANY signs of stress whatsoever). The City of Lompoc has similar intersecting perpendicular-ish cracking in lines within each concrete section that is observed in the courtyard between the City Hall offices and the County of Santa Barbara Courthouse.

Having raised concerns and noted the infrasound and infra-vibration noise complaint numerous times, it is clearly evident that the City has either no indication of the source, or is unable to remedy this issue. It is very concerning as a local area resident because this issue could certainly be distressing other persons within the community and/or potentially effecting their health and wellness, or their property infrastructure.

Regards,

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From: Don Marolf <marolf@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 7:16 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Need help with a health concern
Attachments: Letter.pdf

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Please see the attached letter.

Thanks,
Don Marolf

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Dear County Board,

We need your help to curtail a problem that is seriously harming our health. For the past few years we have experienced a significant issue involving marijuana smoke for which we have continually been told that nothing can be done. Our neighbors (and their guests, who sometimes congregate there) smoke copious amounts of marijuana. The problem is that the smoke (and smell) are constantly hanging around our house – both outside and also inside. We can smell it inside even when we close all of the windows (which is in any case uncomfortable in the Santa Barbara climate).

I should emphasize that part of the problem is that our neighbors always smoke in their backyard precisely because they don't want the smell inside their own house. The smell is bad enough, and frequent enough, that we cannot invite our daughter's friends over (we don't want them going back home with that smell on their clothes!).

The smell is more than a stinky nuisance as it triggers headaches. Furthermore, a Google web search suggests that there are real health risks associated with 2nd hand marijuana smoke (see e.g. <https://www.uclahealth.org/news/article/secondhand-marijuana-smoke-what-are-the-risks-to-your-health>).

We have tried talking to our neighbors about this on many occasions over the past few years. They reply that it's not illegal and it's their right to smoke on their property whenever and wherever they choose to do so. We tried calling the police to see if we can file a nuisance report, but we were told that there is nothing they can do and they would not take a report.

This situation seems ridiculous. We would have no problem with our neighbor's consuming marijuana if it did not have such a dramatic impact on us. We do not understand why, at the very least, this does qualify as a public nuisance (comparable to, for example, someone banging loudly on drums throughout the day, blaring loud music, or leaving piles of rotting fish guts outside their house). Indeed, as mentioned above, it seems to pose a real health risk. So, then, shouldn't a city law be introduced that makes this illegal? Perhaps an ordinance in parallel with that for noise stating that marijuana (and, perhaps, tobacco smoke) should not be detectable over some level beyond the smoker's property line?

Sincerely,

Donald Marolf
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