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Public Comment - Group 3

From: Bobby <bobbyless@aol.com>
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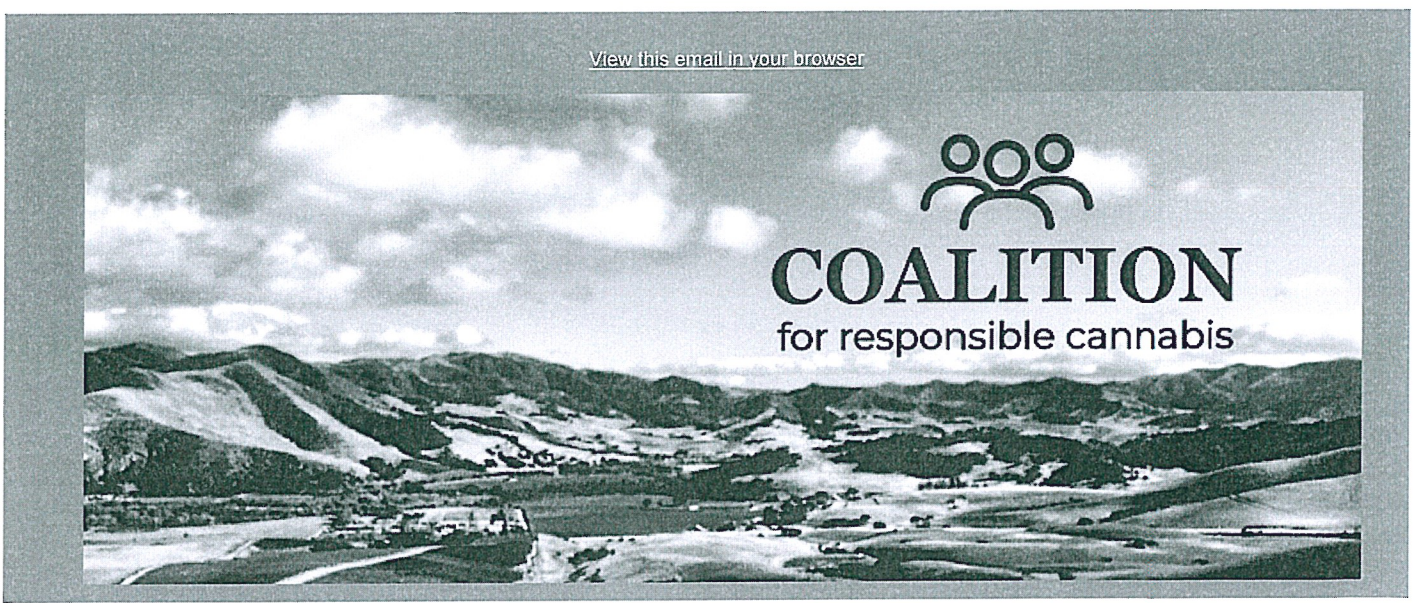
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Dear Supervisors,
 Although the much- talked about Grand Jury report tells us - with an impressive amount of documentation- that the cannabis lobby controls the votes of some of our supervisors, I'm hoping that's not the case.

If that is not true, there is no reason then not to endorse CUPs- on all Cannabis permits, at your final vote on Tuesday. This is your opportunity to prove to a very skeptical public that the BOS is not a wholly owned subsidiary of the Cannabis Lobby.

Robert Lesser
 Carpinteria
 805/680-4020



The damning Grand Jury Report that came out last week has finally shone a bright light on the

failed process of our Board of Supervisors and our need for a new cannabis regulatory plan, along with basic ethics reform.

Coverage of the report has continued throughout the week, led by a banner piece by veteran reporter and local columnist, Jerry Roberts. He take the Supervisors to task and gives a detailed account of the mistakes made along the way: [Read More](#).

Check out coverage from the [Noozhawk](#) as well as from our neighbors to the north at the [Cal Coast News](#) in SLO.

As part of the Grand Jury process, there will be a few opportunities in the coming weeks to make your voices heard at the Board of Supervisors. The first of these is coming up next Tuesday, when the Board takes a final vote on the CUP ordinance. We want to remind you why a CUP requirement is the right choice for all Santa Barbara County communities:

1. Neighborhood compatibility. The main objection to cannabis cultivation in certain areas is incompatibility with surrounding land uses. Currently, the Land Use Permits being used by cannabis grows, do not allow any consideration of a project's compatibility with a neighborhood.
2. Transparent Public Process. Land Use Permits are issued behind closed doors by the Planning Director with limited public access to documents, no public review process and no public hearing. Conditional Use Permits are issued by the Planning Commission and Project documents are posted to the web and holds public hearings to review proposed projects and hear from the public.
3. Authority to mitigate impacts. According to the County Attorney, under Land Use Permits the County has limited authority to reduce project size or require enhanced impact mitigation. Conditional Use Permits provide much greater authority for the County to customize cannabis projects to avoid deleterious effects and protect the environment.

Please urge your Supervisor to support amending the Cannabis Ordinance to require Conditional Use Permits for all cannabis cultivation projects.

Write an email:

To: The Board of Supervisors: Sbcob@countyofsb.org

Subject: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Cannabis

Date: Must be received NO LATER than 5 PM on Monday, July 13th

By Phone:

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The Coalition continues to be the leader on cannabis cultivation issues, as well as local ethics reform. Not only do we need to change our cannabis cultivation laws, but we need to ensure this never happens again. We are here, day in and day out, following the stories, shaping the agenda and leading the legal and legislative push for change. We cannot do this without your support, and this report underlines how important the work we do is. Please DONATE TODAY to help fund the change we need.

Thank You,

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From: Jeffrey Ehrsam <jeffmekala@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 7:06 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: ban on cannabis in EDRNs

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Supporting Arguments:

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3. This ban will not significantly impact growers from farming in Santa Barbara County. The Ban will only restrict one one-thousandth of the overall county.
4. Areas within EDRNs exhibit steep slopes, sensitive biological resources, unique visual/scenic resources, existing inadequate access, and/or limited water supplies; the prohibition on commercial cannabis activities within EDRNs would eliminate the potential for new commercial cannabis projects that could result in adverse effects associated with these environmental issues and resources.

Jeffrey E Ehrsam
2936 Tepusquet Road
Santa Maria, CA

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From: Mekala Manus <rocketbooster805@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:33 AM
To: sbcob
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From: Becca Tucker <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:05 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Amendment to County Land Use Ordinance and Development Code - Objection

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Jacquelyne Alexander,

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Hello, I am a member of the community and a supporter of regulated cannabis farming in SB County.

I urge you to reject changes to permitting and business policies that would further impede this burgeoning crop in our county. ****Now, more than ever, we need sustainable industries, and good jobs for our community members.****

County voters overwhelmingly support (68%) extending right to farm protections for cannabis farmers; in the eyes of many, as was deemed by Governor Newsom last year, cannabis, though new and emerging, is an agricultural crop in California. Cannabis provides farmers the opportunity to grow a clean, organic crop, free of pesticides and with a reduced impact on natural resources.

Many of our local cannabis farms are owned by small, independent farmers who have followed regulatory protocols in good faith though incurring substantial and hindering costs. Another change to this ordinance threatens their ability to pursue their own livelihood, and to continue to both provide year-round and good paying jobs within our communities while also supporting local auxiliary businesses in industries ranging from agricultural supplies to restaurants.

In rebudgeting amidst the wake of COVID-19, your fellow supervisors have acknowledged the importance of revenues stemming from cannabis farming. As you again consider staff reports surrounding commercial cannabis activity, I urge you not to amend cannabis farming

regulations in such a manner that would disrupt or jeopardize local jobs and residual revenue which is essential to supporting county programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Becca Tucker

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Ramirez, Angelica

From: de la Guerra, Sheila
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:12 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: Amendment to County Land Use Ordinance and Development Code - Objection

Sheila de la Guerra
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From: Becca Tucker <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:05 AM
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Sheila de la Guerra,

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From: Charles Markline <charles.markline@verizon.net>
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Subject: Support of ban on cannabis in EDRNs - Amendment to the proposed ordinance

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TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

Let me get right to the point.

I support the addition of the following statement in the proposed Cannabis ordinance:

“This ban applies to parcels with the EDRNs and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN as the sole means of access.”

Sincerely,

Charles K. Markline, Ph.D.
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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Dave Clary <templeclary@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:12 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Dave Clary; Lil Clary; Renee O'Neill; Steve Junak; Steve O'Neill; Kathryn Donovan; Linda Tunnell; Barak Moffitt; Alyssa Moffitt
Subject: Letter for public comment regarding item 3, LUDC amendments, BOS hearing 7 14 2020
Attachments: LETTER - DTC - AMENDMENTS FOR 7 14 2020 BOS MTG.pdf

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Clerk of the Board ...

Please circulate the attached letter to the members of the Board of Supervisors.

Also please make it available as public comment.

The attached letter deals with the Cannabis LUDC amendments listed as item 3 on the standard agenda for the July 14, 2020 meeting.

Thank you very much

Dave Clary

To the:
Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors

Date: Friday, July 10, 2020

Re:
Hearing Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Topic: Cannabis amendments to LUDC
Item Number: Standard Agenda Item No. 3
Position: In favor of the amendments, with one proposed change

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

For those of us who reside in Tepusquet Canyon it was an exciting day on June 11, 2020 when the Board of Supervisors voted 3 to 2 to ban all commercial cannabis operations in EDRNs. We keep pinching ourselves. We are grateful for this support of our rural residential communities.

It was clear that the language in favor of extending this prohibition to parcels adjacent to EDRNs would not pass. One supervisor said that whenever we get more we want more. The recent publication of the Grand Jury Report regarding cannabis issues in the county clearly points in the direction for more responsiveness to public input, not less. The ordinary citizens of the County have not had much success in opposing the steamroller momentum of the cannabis industry in this county, clearly one of the most successful for cannabis in the state.

So we ask for something that was not discussed at the June 11, 2020 meeting. We request that you extend the ban on Cannabis Commercial activities to include not only EDRNs but parcels for which the sole means of access is through an EDRN. This is identical to the language which has heretofore been in effect requiring a CUP for cannabis operations.

The impact of commercial cannabis activities which are outside the boundaries of an EDRN but all of whose traffic passes through an EDRN raises the same issues raised as if it were in an EDRN. It adds a high level of commercial activity to basically rural residential neighborhoods. The key characteristics of the two largest EDRNs, Cebada Canyon and Tepusquet Canyon are one-way in, one way out, narrow roads, many sharp turns, substantial traffic problems in case of fire making exit difficult, the fire hazard presented by commercial cannabis operations, the impact on scarce water resources, the hazards posed by pesticides and other chemicals, among others.

The purpose of the EDRNs, as mentioned by supervisor Joan Hartman at the meeting on June 11, 2020 is to prevent encroachment of residential usage on agricultural acreage beyond the EDRN boundaries. Here, it is strange that the current issue is just the reverse. The cannabis industry insists on encroaching in one way or another on the EDRNs. These are rural residential

communities. Commercial cannabis operations should stay out completely. They are not going to do it voluntarily, so we implore you to expand the ban to prohibit all commercial cannabis activities in EDRNs and to parcels for which the sole means of access is through an EDRN.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dave Clary

Resident of Tepusquet Canyon for 23 years.

Resident of Santa Barbara County for 40 years.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Lillian Clary <mzlil2988@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:18 AM
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Subject: Written public comment 7/14/20 Cannabis LUDC Amendments

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Thank you.

Lil Clary

I am writing in support of the ban on cannabis activities in EDRNs (Existing Developed Rural Neighborhoods).

I also support addition of the following language:

“This ban applies to parcels within EDRNs and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN as the sole means of access.”

I have lived in Tepusquet Canyon for 24 years. For the past 4 years I have personally observed the impact of cannabis-related traffic on Tepusquet Road. I’ve encountered erratic, speeding drivers in trucks hauling oversized trailers with loads that sway from side to side. I’ve been forced to hit the brakes while towing a horse-trailer, endangering my live cargo (my mule) when a cannabis employee sped around a curve and went onto the narrow road margin. I’ve followed 2000 gallon water tanker trucks so loaded that water sloshed out the top as they negotiated the sharp curves and hugged the middle of our (barely!) one lane wide road.

The ban on cannabis, if limited strictly to parcels within the EDRN will NOT reduce these traffic impacts.

That is because Mr. Dayspring, applicant for multiple cultivation permits has two extremely large operations that are outside the EDRN boundary. In order to reach those two parcels, however, he has to drive about 11 miles of Tepusquet Road before turning off onto a dirt road.

Please vote to support the ban and to add the critical language noted above.

Lil Clary, Tepusquet Canyon

Ramirez, Angelica

From: de la Guerra, Sheila
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: 7-14-20 cannabis ordinance
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From: Leigh Johnson <rj.leigh@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:56 AM
To: de la Guerra, Sheila <sdelaguerra@countyofsb.org>
Subject: 7-14-20 cannabis ordinance

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Please enter into record and distribute among Honorable Supervisors for the cannabis hearing 7-14-2020

Respectfully,

Leigh Johnson
Cebada Canyon

July 9, 2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for continuing consideration of CUP's on all cannabis permits. It's advantageous for the county and public. We also appreciate the ban on cannabis in EDRN's such as Tepusquet and Cebada canyons. We believe a ban in all EDRN's would be for the best and necessary for our safety, general welfare and quality of life. The subject of a ban on cannabis adjacent to EDRN's was entertained at the hearing on June 11th. While this didn't go to a vote; we believe the subject is gaining in popularity as Supervisor Lavagnino alluded to in the Santa Maria Times article regarding the Grand Jury report on July 5th.

(Santa Maria Times excerpt): Lavagnino also said a lot of things have changed between the time the grand jury report was written and when it was released.

“We decided to not move forward with any grows in Tepusquet and Cebada canyons,” he said. “That’s a significant change.”

We ask for the discussion that Supervisors Adam and Hartman introduced at the previous hearing of no cannabis adjacent or accessed through an EDRN to be re-entertained and approved. We feel this would be good for all EDRN's and protect the general health, safety and welfare of the communities and those adjacent or accessed via an EDRN. Close proximity to the EDRN and a satellite of residences just beyond an EDRN are relevant and would benefit from the same protection.

At the 6-11 hearing the topic of the applicants/owners time and investment came up and it would be wrong to change the ordinance since these growers need to have a chance to try to make their grows 'fit in to the neighborhood' Lavagnino said "that it's bad government to change the process after time and money spent." Earlier Supervisor Hartman reminded everyone that the cannabis applicants - owners had made considerable money during the multiple harvests and non-conforming time period. During the discussion of the applicants - owners investment of time and money...Mr. Ghizzoni (county counsel) said:

“Permits, Applicants, don't vest to an application”

We are under the impression that was to clarify and echos the language from last page of the ordinance, Section 20: that the BOS "...retains all of its statutory planning and zoning authority concerning cannabis activities..." and that the BOS "...still may take actions(s) later to change the zoning of cannabis activities to being prohibited." Further the BOS "...later may need to change the zoning of cannabis activities to being prohibited and may need to do so without cannabis activities receiving: 1) an amortization period; and/or 2) legal nonconforming use status."

Respectfully, if you could please consider that in your decisions 7-14-20

The Sun newspaper came out 21 months ago with **Santa Barbara County pot growers walk a fine line between staying legal, angering their neighbors, and getting raided**

the following excerpt is from the article:

"I don't know if places like Cebada or Tepusquet Canyon will ever be the same," Deputy County Executive Officer Dennis Bozanich told the Sun.

We have doubts also, and in the public record the anonymity factor has faded leaving us in an uncomfortable situation. We ask for future protection and see altering of the ordinance as a way to alleviate future safety and general welfare issues before having a chance to harbor. We have faith in The Sheriff's Cannabis Compliance Team and in Assistant CEO Mr. Melekian (with the enforcement background) but we would like these situations to not arise from the get go. We fear long term safety is compromised.

We are not just concerned about our immediate area and canyons; we are supportive of:

-Sta.Rita Appellation and protecting the vineyards wineries that have painstakingly promoted themselves to worldwide accolades. Incompatible crops and odor are compromising the allure of a priceless local industry.

-Carpinteria avocado growers and the residents need relief from odor, nuisance and the ability to protect their crops.

-Santa Ynez Valley and Buellton need protection from odor, incompatible crops and protecting its tourism aspects.

-Goleta the technology centerpiece of our county needs protection from odor and protect the citrus farmers - residents throughout.

-We support all areas of the county that feel besieged by excessive cannabis. Not because cannabis is unacceptable in all circumstances. We believe areas acceptable are sustainable and not populated. Not in and EDRN nor closely adjacent to be affected by odor, nuisance or visually damaging to the character of the surroundings. We believe a **Ban to parcels within EDRNs and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN as the sole means of access.**" Adjacent or accessed by is key in boxed canyons and one ingress -egress locations. Industrial cannabis should be heavily regulated and not allowed in surroundings for which a population is affected and character is altered.

Amendments like these to the LUDC will enhance the process and establishing the uniform policy will speed it up.

Having CUP's and EDRN protection will afford the county with information needed to determine what is acceptable. The CUP process would give the County mitigation power over projects to fit the surroundings and limit industrial grows in unacceptable areas. Transparency is paramount in cannabis but responsibility is crucial to the success of the County.

We urge the Board to adapt the Ordinance - LUDC and take these concerns into consideration. We understand the current coronavirus situation and economic downturn; but we must live and prosper next to these ventures and it will forever change quality of life and the surroundings. To live forever next to a industry that was to temporarily fix a fiscal situation is unreasonable for the long term and inconsistent with the County of Santa Barbara's mission, vision and environmental forefront.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leigh and Ronnie Johnson
Cebada Canyon
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From: Renee O'Neill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:18 PM
To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter
Cc: Villalobos, David
Subject: Letter for Public Comment, July 14, 2020
Attachments: Letter to BOS re LUCD Amendment, 7-10-20 PDF.pdf

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Attached, please find my 268-word letter (sans greeting and signature) to be submitted to Public Record, for July 14, 2020 LUDC Amendment Hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O'Neill

July 10, 2020

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
From: Renée O'Neill
Re: LUDC Ordinance Amendment

Dear Honorable Chair Hart and Supervisors,

We sincerely appreciate your decision to prohibit commercial cannabis activities within the EDRNs.

We would also like to respectfully request that the Board consider amending language to include, 'prohibit commercial cannabis activities in communities that are adjacent to and accessed through an EDRN. Without these essential clauses, cannabis growers that are currently operating on USFS Inholdings and illegally, on forest lands will continue to put our community in great jeopardy. Illegal use of generators and heavy levels of commercial industry traffic will continue to negatively impact the health and safety of Tepusquet residents.

In May 2020, the Tepusquet Canyon Crisis Committee submitted a detailed report, "Tepusquet Road Conditions and Potential Impacts," which included Google Earth images of our narrow canyon road, number of reported accidents, inadequate road width, blind turns, etc. This extensive report shows that commercial cannabis traffic poses a serious risk to our community. The communities you propose to protect within the EDRN's, will continue to be heavily and negatively impacted by cannabis and/or other commercial industries, without those important clauses.

Lastly, at several BOS and/or PC hearings I have attended, County Council, Michael Ghizzoni and Brian Pettit remarked that our county would have more authority in regulating cannabis projects under a Conditional Use Permit, whereas a Land Use Permit will limit county authority. On July 8, Mr. Pettit reiterated this fact, during the PC Hearing. In addition, a CUP requires a public review process and public hearing. Therefore, it is our sincere hope that the board will consider revising their decision and require a CUP for all cannabis activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O'Neill
Tepusquet Canyon Crisis Committee

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From: Barak Moffitt <filmosound@me.com>
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To: sbcob
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Honorable Supervisors,

We are residents of Tepusquet Canyon. We were delighted to hear that the prohibition of cannabis activity in EDRN's was voted in and we sincerely thank the supervisors who supported this vote. Because traffic is of paramount concern in our canyon and the existing cannabis activities in our canyon have already caused loss of life and critical injury, it is critical that access issues are also addressed. The ban must also apply to any parcel that requires the use of our roadway.

Our road is unsafe under cannabis cultivation. It is uncontrolled for speed limits and is highly dangerous especially with respect to negotiating large trucks such as the water, fuel, fertilizer, transport and maintenance trucks used by the cannabis industry along Tepusquet Canyon Road regularly. It is highly foreseeable that present and future cannabis operations that use this roadway, if allowed to operate, continue to expand, or become permitted by the County of Santa Barbara will result death and injuries to the residents of this area based on the unsafe condition of this roadway for this kind of use. Such conditions are only exasperated by persons who exceed basic speed law and/or are driving under the influence of intoxicating substances, unfortunately a reality that has been introduced or at least amplified by the presence of cannabis operations.

The thought of injury or death relating to a preventable and incompatible land use in or accessed through our EDRN is unbearable. The fact that we had no voice in the current proliferation of these dangerous conditions is infuriating.

Please support us and our community by strongly wording the ban on cannabis cultivation in EDRN's like ours, and extend the ban to any parcel that requires the use of EDRN's as the sole means of access. It is really a matter of life and limb.

The Moffitt Family

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Kathy Grimes <kmzgrimes@gmail.com>
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Please accept the attached letter regarding cannabis language to be considered at your July 14, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Thank you,

Kathleen Grimes
Tepusquet Canyon Resident

I live in Tepusquet Canyon and I support the ban on cannabis in EDRNs, I chose to live a rural life and the traffic due to the growers is horrendous I also support the addition of the statement **“This ban applies to parcels within EDRNs and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN as the sole means of access.”**

1. Joe Armendariz who is the “Director, Government and Public Affairs” for Dayspring has submitted a public comment stating that cannabis should be allowed in Tepusquet because “we should allow cannabis cultivation in areas of the County where you especially can’t see it, hear it, or smell it” As a resident of Tepusquet I can see these grow sites and I am definitely impacted by the traffic they generate. Families here in the canyon have serious concerns about our safety on Tepusquet Road. I hear the generators running and I have smelled the disgusting skunky odor when I travel to visit my neighbors.

2. Growers may claim that the ban affects too much of the county. According to the Board Agenda letter from Planning and Development, the amount of land that will be taken out of cannabis use is 25,000 acres, but that is only one one-thousandth of the overall county.

3. The Findings document included in the Board materials for tomorrow has excellent language supporting our unique situation as a reason for the ban. ...areas within EDRNs exhibit steep slopes, sensitive biological resources, unique visual/scenic resources, existing inadequate access, and/or limited water supplies; the prohibition on commercial cannabis activities within EDRNs would eliminate the potential for new commercial cannabis projects that could result in adverse effects associated with these environmental issues and resources.”

PLEASE be sure to support the ban on cannabis in EDRNs.

Thank you,

Kathy Grimes
Tepusquet Canyon Resident

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Jennifer Cota <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Objection to Amendment to County Land Use Ordinance and Development Code

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Jacquelyne Alexander,

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

As a member of the community and a supporter of regulated cannabis farming in Santa Barbara County, I urge you to reject changes to permitting and business policies that would further impede this burgeoning crop in our county.

A poll of County voters overwhelmingly support (68%) extending right to farm protections for cannabis farmers; in the eyes of many, as was deemed by Governor Newsom last year, cannabis, though new and emerging, is an agricultural crop in California. Cannabis provides farmers the opportunity to grow a clean, organic crop, free of pesticides and with a reduced impact on natural resources.

Many of our local cannabis farms are owned by small, independent farmers who have followed regulatory protocols in good faith though incurring substantial and hindering costs. Another change to this ordinance threatens their ability to pursue their own livelihood, and to continue to both provide year-round and good paying jobs within our communities while also supporting local auxiliary businesses in industries ranging from agricultural supplies to restaurants.

In rebudgeting amidst the wake of COVID-19, your fellow supervisors have acknowledged the importance of revenues stemming from cannabis farming. As you again consider staff reports surrounding commercial cannabis activity, I urge you not to amend cannabis farming regulations in such a manner that would disrupt or jeopardize local jobs and residual revenue which is essential to supporting county programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Cota

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Ramirez, Angelica

From: de la Guerra, Sheila
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To: sbcob
Subject: Board of Supervisors for 7-14 meeting

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7-10-20

FOR:

Tuesday July 14th the Board of Supervisors will be reviewing proposed language for amendments to the Cannabis ordinance.

We are for the ban for cannabis growers that applies to parcels within EDRNs and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN as the sole means of access.” plus that touches a EDRN.

The traffic, dust , trash the chemicals the big delivery trucks with massive amounts of potting soil. The water trucks, potta potty trucks, the U haul trucks at all hours.. hmm wonder where that's all going.. The different people that go in and out all 24 hours a day. Its just plain crazy. Its taken the rural feeling totally out of our beloved lands and made a mess and very upsetting and uneasy feeling.

Is just not meant to be where people live and are trying to enjoy their land. plus its not fair to land owner to have to deal with all of that if they go through your property to get to the grow. We support for the ban including the additional language meaning .No cannabis in or near touching or going through any EDRN plus in EDRNs.

Plus no conditional permit to be even considered to be issued to growers to go through any EDRNplease we beg you .

Thank you

Mike and Janis Tremper

Land owners Pine canyon

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Linda Tunnell <LSTunnell@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Written public comment 7/14/20 Cannabis LUDC Amendments

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Clerk of the Board ...

Please circulate the attached letter to the members of the Board of Supervisors.
Also please make it available as public comment.

I applaud your action of June 11 th this year for the ban of commercial cannabis in EDRNs. However, if you are going to do it, do it right. In Tepusquet, we have a narrow, sometimes steep, hairpin curvy road. You or some of your people have been on parts of it. You have documentation of the accidents that have occurred in the past few years and yet you do not see a Robles with commercial traffic solely through an EDRN to a pot grow. There has been one death on the private road that connects Tepusquet and the adjacent pot grow, and it is not in the County's sphere of enforcement to make sure that road is in any condition for a commercial enterprise. And yet you do not address that in your ban.

How are you going to regulate/enforce a grow that has to be accessed through private property? Are the generators in compliance? How are they getting fuel to the grow? The pictures of accidents you've seen show tanker trucks on their side. How is that access going to benefit the County when a fire is started? When another death occurs? Or are you going to take their word on an affidavit that they are completely honest?

I don't know how many other EDRNs that have this issue, but if any lives are lost due to traffic from a grow, or fire started and property or lives are lost, it will be on YOU, because you have the opportunity to diminish the risk right now.

Linda and Curtis Tunnell
Residents of Tepusquet Canyon for 22 years.

Sent from Linda's iPad

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Jeannette Forrest <jeannette.forrest@curohs.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cebada Cyn

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Dear Sir/Madam;

I wanted to write to you to state that I am in support of prohibition of cannabis within EDRNS and also to any parcel that requires the use of the roadway located within an EDR. My family have been long time residents of Cebada Canyon buying their property back in the late 1970's. I grew up in this canyon and have always enjoyed the safety of the area. I recently moved back to Cebada Canyon after living in Iowa for over 20 years to help my aging parents. I was shocked at the amount of traffic in and out of our canyon upon my return. While some things have changed over the years, we still have very narrow roads, with one way in and out. I have been witness to multiple cars coming in and out of the canyon, driving too fast, tailgating, and driving over our divided lines. We simply do not have the road capacity to safely support the increased traffic that will be brought to our canyon by growers.

I also have concerns over water usage. We all know that California is continuously either in a drought or close to be in a drought. If we dry up our water sources due to high irrigation for the cannabis growers, it will be the long term residents of this area that will suffer the ramifications.

Cebada Canyon has been like any other neighborhood that I have lived in over the years, the neighbors support each other and do their best to keep this a safe environment for our families and friends. I would love to see this area continue to be a true neighborhood in every aspect.

I appreciate you time and consideration.

Jeannette Forrest, MSN, RN

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Ramirez, Angelica

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To: Ramirez, Angelica
Subject: Agenda BOS Meeting July, 14,2020

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Hi Angelica;

Re: The Cannabis LUDC Amendments listed as item 3 on the standard agenda for the July 14, 2020 Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors meeting.

Attached please find our letter to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

Please give the Board Members each a copy; also please include it as public comment.

Thank you and Best Regards,

Diane and Gordon Hintz

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Diane Hintz <dandghintz@gmail.com>
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Attachments: Cannabis BOS meeting July 14 2020.docx

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Hi Angelica;
Sorry for the error. Please see attachment referred to my just prior email.
Diane Hintz

July, 10, 2020

REGARDING: Item 3 on the standard agenda, Cannabis LUDC; for the July 14, 2020 meeting of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

POSITION: Support

Dear Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors;

This letter is in general support of the proposed amendments to the Cannabis Ordinance.

We are longtime residents within an EDRN, which relies on a narrow winding one way in/one way out access road. We are hoping that you would also include prohibition of any largescale cannabis operations in adjacent areas to EDRNs which would share this kind of road.

Cebada Canyon Road, is our only access to and from our home. We enter and exit it via a left turn just after a blind curve for drivers coming from the right on Cebada Canyon Road. Our safety would be adversely affected by such commercial traffic added to it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Gordon and Diane Hintz

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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Carrie <pacер@silcom.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support for the Ban of Cannabis in ERDNs

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Dear Supervisors,

I just want to thank you for your support of the residents of Cebada Canyon and other ERDNs in the County of Santa Barbara. I've noticed a big difference in the traffic patterns since your vote in June. Keep up the good work.

Yours,

Carrie Hartmann

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