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From: Al Weil <alweil@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:09 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Sandy Weil
Subject: Fwd: Santa Barbara County Supervisors Meeting 04/23/24

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Subject: Santa Barbara County Supervisors Meeting 04/23/24

Hon. Joan Hartmann, Hon. Bob Nelson, Hon. Laura Capps, Hon. Das Williams, Hon. Steve Lavanino

Subject: Cannabis Odor Requirements, Enforcement and Transparency

My husband and I live in the Carpinteria Valley and have followed the cannabis industry in our valley since the first Board of Supervisors meeting in February, 2018. We have been dismayed for the past seven years because of the lack of transparency regarding odor control, the issuance of permits and the self tax reporting of the cannabis growers. We support the letter from the Coalition for Responsible Cannabis, the letter sent by Jeff Giordano to the Montecito Journal that is entitled "Cannabis Tax Debacle...," the many letters from Concerned Carpinterians, and those letters sent from all the members of Santa Barbara County. We are so tired of attending meetings, writing letters and talking and listening to friends and neighbors complain. Is there hope this time that our Board of Supervisors will finally implement the changes that have been requested for so many years?

We are asking each of you to step up and create a clear standard banning cannabis odors past the property line, ensure property line testing, require the Best Available Control Technology, and make odor enforcement part of the licensing process.

Sincerely,
Allan & Sandra Weil
Carpinteria Valley

Sarah Mayer

From: Bill Hahn MD <whahn@sansumclinic.org>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis odor management

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We have several rental homes at our farm, and continue to get complaints from people who rent our properties about the noxious smell . Furthermore we get the inevitable Questions and comments from perspective renters about the offensive odors.

We have lost a number of potential significant rental arrangements due to the cannabis odor.

There is also an impact on the health of many individuals who are exposed to either the cannabis odors, or the masking sprays. It is well established that either or both of these will trigger significant respiratory problems in many individuals, with virtually nothing known about the potential long-term health problems which may develop in the future. Virtually everyone who lives here in the valley has had a significant negative impact on their quality of life, the value of their property, and perhaps more importantly, has seen a degradation of the culture and traditions of respectful farming and coexistence among neighbors due to the presence of the cannabis grow houses, and their signature odor assault.

I would emphasize to the board that the odor problem exists on a regular basis and has not gone away, and will not go away unless there is strict enforcement, or even better improved regulation, with enforcement to eliminate this problem.

Respectfully

William Hahn

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From: Leigh-Anne Anderson <talktoleighanne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:47 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: In Support of Cannabis.

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Leigh-Anne Anderson, I have lived in Carpinteria for 17 years and am raising my family here.

I am in support of Cannabis and if the County or members of the community would like more odor control beyond sensitive receptors, then perhaps the County should invest the windfall of tax received by cannabis operators to make that investment and not try to drive out the operators playing by the rules?

Growers like Autumn Brands are strong leaders in the community and invest in the community.

Thank you for listening.

Leigh-Anne Anderson

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From: Danielle - Rose Story Farm <Danielle@rosetoryfarm.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: cannabis odor

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We have lived with the skunk stench for several years now. Before writing this letter, I reviewed the dozens of emails I have sent over the past several years regarding the stink with complaints to the various parties involved. Nothing substantial has been done to remedy the problem. I have stopped writing letters and complaining, solely because I am tired of the negativity that surrounds these complaints. It is definitely NOT due to the lack of a problem.

We have five homes on our property and all residents have complained about the smell. There are certain times of the day and season during which the smell permeates the entire farm. Our business at the farm is growing fragrant roses. On many days, we can no longer smell the roses. In the past we conducted biweekly tours of our property for rose enthusiasts. This is no longer possible, due to the stench. In addition, we have been distilling rose petals for hydrosols and perfumes. We have given this up due to concerns of the contamination by the pot smell. We have been very neglect in terms of reporting the stench but there is hardly a day that goes by when we don't smell the pot OR the masking 'fog' that is used.

One of our tenants complains of a metallic taste in his mouth each time he is outdoors during the 'fog' application.

The original farmhouse (built 1890) is closest to the pot greenhouses, and we have had tenants in the house since our children left for college. We now live in the guest house which is at the far end of the property, in an effort to avoid the worst of the smell. We have multiple sets of tenants leave because of the smell. One of the departures was a family of two doctors and their 4 young children. They loved the house and farm environment, made immediate new plans to send their two oldest children to Crane school and planned to stay a year. Sadly after two months, their 4 year old daughter began vomiting every morning. We tried an air purifier, resealing windows and doors (in an old house this was virtually impossible) and made several other attempts to mitigate the smell. Finally, after an entire day of their daughter vomiting, they gave us 24 hour notice, packed up and left. The vomiting would occur when the smell was particularly intense. They conducted their pediatrician who told them her GI upset was related to the exposure to the fumes. This was understandably, a huge disappointment to us, not to mention, a financial impact. The rental income from this 9000 square foot home, has been a significant contributor to the economic viability of the farm.

Meanwhile, I personally have been struggling with severe allergies. We've been here for 30 years and prior to the pot, I did not have any issues. My most recent consult was with Dr. Brian Garber, a Sansum Clinic pulmonologist. After describing my symptoms, he told me that the symptoms were identical to two other patients of his who lived immediately adjacent to pot greenhouses. He believes it is most likely from the smell masking 'fog' that growers are using in lieu of the carbon filters. We are trying various medicines to help, however, he believes moving out of the area may be the only long term solution. I have an incessant cough which comes on in the middle of the night, interrupting my sleep and causing intense headaches. The repercussions of this have severely affected the quality of my life and my work here at the farm.

We would like to be good neighbors, however, enough is enough. We are fortunate that our children are grown and out of the house, but we feel badly for the students around us both at Cate AND Carpinteria high school. They should not have to be subjected to this at a critical stage of their educational development.

Danielle Dall'Armi Hahn

Roses always,

Danielle Dall'Armi
Rose Story Farm
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Great Rosarian of the World, 2014

Sarah Mayer

From: Bill Hahn MD <whahn@sansumclinic.org>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:58 PM
To: Dani Hahn; sbcob
Subject: Re: Cannabis odor management

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On Mon, Apr 22, 2024 at 4:44 PM Bill Hahn MD <whahn@sansumclinic.org> wrote:

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To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Support

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am a neighbor to two cannabis farms at 3678 Foothill Road in Carpinteria. We have lived on the property since 1976 and fully support the new cannabis industry and our local farmers. Please do not use the intermittent odor from our local greenhouses as a battering ram to drive farmers out of our area and if you deem this to be a "real" issue, please identify monies in your budget for experimental remedies and not lay one more requirement on an already struggling industry.

Thank you
Tina Frontado

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Lorraine McIntire <raineytax@gmail.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: D5

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- The local cannabis industry provides good paying jobs for our community
- Operators are strong leaders in community and invest in the community. It is obvious that the operator here today are here to stay and have invest substantially
- Most operators have gone above and beyond what is required in the ordinance for odor control and are responsive when approached
- Odor in residential areas and at schools must be addressed immediately when problems are identified, but in our experience is cannabis odor has radically decreased in Carp and is rarely an issue anymore
- Odor experienced in ag zoning or on roads is not the standard in the ordinance and requiring substantial investment to achieve a “no odor” standard is not realistic and a waste of money that could be better spent of infrastructure or housing – things more beneficial to our community.
- Operators have spent considerable time, money and resources to research and develop on their own so that they can effectively run a successful business and be good neighbors.
- If the County or members of the community want to require more odor control beyond sensitive receptors, then perhaps the County should invest the windfall of tax received by cannabis operator to make that investment and not try to drive out the operators playing by the rules.

The County needs to help address the power upgrades necessary to support odor control system that go above and beyond the ordinance requirements

Best,

Lorraine McIntire, CPA

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Sheila de la Guerra

From: Leonadi Ward <leonadi@me.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 6:06 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: CANNABIS ODORS along Foothill Blvd in Carpinteria

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Supervisors and Staff,

As a ten year resident of Carpinteria, living well within the zone of direct CANNABIS IMPACTS, I have inexcusably allowed other residents to "carry water" that I should have carried myself. As a person who has made my living in agriculture, I am partial to the concerns of agriculture, and to the countless challenges that we face. As a resident, I see and feel the impacts of this "new crop" on our community. First-time houseguests regularly ask about the "skunk smell" when they visit. It is NOT GONE. But I believed that even though progress has been slow, maybe inexcusably slow, I have felt that OUR CONCERNS as residents, were being heard. "The latest and best scrubbing tech will be installed." I no longer believe that is true. Our representatives are NOT REPRESENTING US. The latest word from on high, "Impacts of commercial ag onto single family residents, and students, DO NOT DESERVE MITIGATION!! It is too costly".

Das Williams recent defeat should tell the clearest story of folks being frustrated.

Declaring that the costs of improvements are "too expensive" is simply hogwash. It is stupidity. Could I drill an oil well next door without mitigating the impacts. Would SB Co let me off the hook I claimed that mitigation would make my business less profitable? Absolutely not!

Any new industry must be responsible for its own adverse impacts on the surrounding community. It rests is on your shoulders to protect your constituents, and their health.

It is well known that SB County "fast tracked" countless cannabis growing concerns. SB Co led the pack! Now YOU must be willing to make the necessary corrections to a failed policy. I might add, a policy has been allowed to continue, in large measure, based on promises not kept.

It is time to act, to do your jobs! STOP THE STINK. STOP the health impacts. NOW.

If some growers go out of business in Carp, while unfortunate, that is the cost of doing business with residents immediately downwind.

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