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Public Comment - Group 11

**From:** Renee O'Neill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das  
**Cc:** Villalobos, David; Melekian, Barney  
**Subject:** Re: Renee O'Neill's Spoken Public Comment for 6-2-2020

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Dear SBC and BOS,

In addition to PRA request I submitted on June 2nd, during spoken Public Comment:

("This is a PRA request to require SBC to "be transparent," by including all pertinent documents that disclose the exact, all-inclusive costs/benefits for Cannabis Industry; and by amending any budget reports, after November 2016 that have excluded applicable, critical information. The public has been misled by this county and that needs to be remedied, immediately.")

I also would like to submit a PRA request that SBC be required to provide budget records, which include all pertinent documents that disclose the exact, all-inclusive costs/benefits for Wine Industry, in the same period of time (November 2016-2020).

If SBC would do a full cost/benefit analysis/comparison for both Cannabis and Wine Industry, I believe it will show the Public that it costs a great deal more to oversee/monitor/regulate/enforce cannabis industry than is financially, beneficial to our county. Wine industry "costs" to SBC will be minimal, comparatively whereas their long-term dependable Revenue will far surpass and continue to surpass, what the cannabis industry will ever provide in Revenue. The Wine Industry has not created the plethora of problems/complaints/appeals/litigation that the cannabis industry is costing our county, above and beyond, previously mentioned expenses.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Renée O'Neill*

On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 4:04:29 PM PDT, Renee O'Neill wrote:

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Re: Please submit the "Speech" I prepared to accompany my three-minute, "Cannabis Scofflaws..." Power Point presentation (below). As this was limited to two-minutes due to BOS/Speaker time-constraints, I am formally submitting it below, beginning with, "Chair Hart..."

Note Re PRA request: I spoke, "2019" but I wrote and meant to speak, "2016."

Transparency must be required by SBC and BOS. We are very concerned about the misleading and/or undisclosed information re the "truth" about *purported* Cannabis Revenue. Facts must be made available to the public. Thank You.

Please submit the following "Speech," for my "spoken," Public Comment:

"Chair Hart, Members of the Board,

Tepusquet Community encourages the Board and the County of Santa Barbara to do the following:

Require CUP's for ALL cannabis projects, including dispensaries. This will save money because many projects are not only being Appealed but are being litigated.

Prohibit Commercial Cannabis in ALL EDRN's, and the like! When the ordinance was changed to prohibit cannabis on parcels zoned AG-I 20 that was supposed to include EDRN's!

The Cannabis Industry is, in fact, costing SB County taxpayers more than it is generating in *purported* revenue. A full cost/benefit analysis would prove this to anyone who cares to know the truth but some supervisors and people are presenting a very misleading viewpoint to the general public.

**"In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020, this county lost over \$1.2M dollars in cannabis revenue. SBC neglected to include Attachment "A" in their public budget report.** The PRA documents that I requested are attached in my Public Comment (Group 4), which will verify this Fact.

This is a PRA request to *require* SBC to "be transparent," by including all pertinent documents that disclose the exact, all-inclusive costs/benefits for Cannabis Industry; and by amending any budget reports, after November 2016 that have excluded applicable, critical information. The public has been misled by this county and that needs to be remedied, immediately.

"Is the "Green Revenue Machine," actually, factually worth it? How long will it take to get SBC out of the Cannabis Red Zone?"

In 2017, 95% of Tepusquet Residents signed a Petition to prohibit commercial cannabis industry in our community. Since 2014, non-compliant industry operators have been allowed to run roughshod over our community, unimpeded. As a result of Santa Barbara County's failure to uphold and enforce the regulations set forth by this county and the state, we have been compelled to seek state and federal intervention, on our behalf, to enforce and uphold the laws!

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Renée O'Neill*

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**From:** SANDI CHAVEZ <sandic21475@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW:

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For entry into the record

Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Hart:

I am writing to urge you and the County Board of Supervisors to require a conditional use permit (CUP) for all cannabis projects including dispensaries in urban zone districts, especially in the Old Town Orcutt area. Retail cannabis already requires a CUP in the OTR-14/GC Zone, and we request that this requirement be extended to all zoning in the Orcutt Planning Area.

Cannabis dispensaries impact communities and have strong potential to adversely impact neighborhood compatibility. Citizens have the right to voice their opposition or support of such projects, and only the CUP discretionary process provides the appropriate venue for this input. A land use permit process does not allow for adequate public input due to limitations in noticing. A CUP process ultimately will give you as the decision makers the most accurate appraisal of community opinion so as to make the best informed decision

The Old Towne Market was a family place , my granddaughter died of leukemia at the age of 9. And for the past 7 year I hold a fund raising event at that location to be able to give the students of ORCUTT ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL , THE ROSIE CHAVEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. I am heartbroken at the outcome of this business transaction. We will no longer be able to see the wonderful people who come to look and support this event.

Sandi Chavez

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**From:** Jared Banks <banksracing@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Old Town Orcutt Marijuana Project

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Supervisor Hart:

The citizens of Orcutt strongly urge you and the County Board of Supervisors to require a conditional use permit for all cannabis projects including dispensaries in urban zone districts, especially in the Old Town Orcutt area. Retail cannabis already requires a conditional use permit in the OTR-14/GC Zone, and we request that this requirement be extended to all zoning in the Orcutt Planning Area.

Cannabis dispensaries impact communities and have strong potential to adversely impact neighborhood compatibility. Citizens have the right to voice their opposition or support of such projects, and only the conditional use permit discretionary process provides the appropriate venue for this input. A land use permit process does not allow for adequate public input due to limitations in noticing. A conditional use permit ultimately will give you as the decision makers the most accurate appraisal of community opinion so as to make the best informed decision.

It would be a shame to have the Old Town area of Orcutt house a cannabis based business. As a person that works with youth in the Orcutt area, I see first hand the way cannabis use affects those teenagers that use it. The existence of a dispensary, or even processing plant, in the hub of our community would shine a light of acceptance on the use of cannabis which has the potential of negatively affecting the youth of our community. We do not need more promotion of practices that harm our youth. We need to be standing up for them. Allowing for the business proposal does the opposite of support. It will be just another sign to the youth of today that they are on their own. Let's send a message to our youth, that we care about them and the dangers they face.

Sincerely,

Jared Banks  
Orcutt Resident

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**From:** Kenneth Parker <kenanddi@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:15 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Cannabis Dispensary

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To: Greg Hart, Chair Person  
From: Ken Parker, Orcutt Resident  
Re: CUP process for Cannabis related projects

I urge you to require a conditional use permit (CUP) for all cannabis related projects in the county of Santa Barbara - especially in Old Town Orcutt.. It is imperative that this be included in all zoning actions taken related to the Orcutt Area General Plan.

Only the CUP process allows the necessary community input processes and procedures that would enable the Board of Supervisors to make informed action for or against a cannabis related project while concurrently reflecting upon the comprehensive planning in the Orcutt Area G Years ago I attended many of the 50+ community planning meetings that are related to the Orcutt Area General Plan. That work will be respected through the CUP process.