# de la Guerra, Sheila Public Comment-Group 1

From: Renee ONeill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 14, 2022 2:38 PM

To: sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das

Cc: Villalobos, David

Subject:Public Comment re Agenda Item D2Attachments:BOS re, Agenda Item D2, 8-14-2022.docx

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please submit my attached letter to the BOS, for public comment, on agenda item D2. I also embedded it for your convenience.

Honorable Chair Hartmann and Supervisors,

I respectfully request that you adopt the recommendations of the Planning Commission, requiring CUPs and Odor Abatement Plans for all cannabis cultivation projects, including those under appeal.

I also want to add my voice in support of recommendations from the Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis, Atty. Marc Chytilo, Concerned Carpinterians and the numerous residents that have expressed their ongoing concerns re cannabis.

Before you make your final decision, please consider this quote carefully and how it not only applies to cannabis but all other issues, as well:

"Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are," Benjamin Franklin

Best Regards,

Renée O'Neill

#### August 14, 2022

To: The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Cc: The Santa Barbara County Planning Commissioners
Re: Agenda Item D2 – Cannabis Ordinance Amendment

From: Renée O'Neill

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Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O'Neill

From: RON POLLENZ <realestateronpollenz@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 5:05 PM

To: sbcob
Subject: OAP

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Please adopt OAP plans immediately

Ron Pollenz Buellton Resident

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From:

Karen Madler < kmadler@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, August 14, 2022 5:33 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Cannabis Odor Panel and Ordinance Amendments

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Hello Board of SB County,

At this upcoming meeting Tuesday Aug 16th, 2022, I would like to request that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Planning Commission recommendations, requiring CUPs and Odor Plans for all cannabis cultivation projects, including those currently under appeal.

Thank you, Karen Madler Reese Goleta, CA

From: Theresa Reilly <tree101@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 6:09 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Public Comment for August 16, 2022, BOS, D2 Cannabis Ordinance Ammendments

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Attached please find my comments for distribution to the County Board of Supervisors regarding updates to the Cannabis Ordinance.

Thank you,

Theresa Reilly

Sent from Outlook

Re: August 16, 2022, Item D2, Cannabis Ordinance Amendments

August 14, 2022

Attn: <a href="mailto:sbcob@countyofsb.org">sbcob@countyofsb.org</a>
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
123 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I wish to encourage the Board to adopt the recommendations proposed by the Planning Commission by requiring CUPs and Odor Abatement Plans (OAPs) for all Ag II permitting, future, pending, and under appeal, to rectify the ongoing problems with odor, water usage, traffic, security, and neighborhood compatibility. The existing Ag II exemptions are not working as the most problematic cannabis farms upwind of Buellton have undermined the health and quality of life for sensitive receptors in our community. Those which have been required to have OAPs, such as Central Coast Farms, have thus far successfully reduced their impacts on our neighborhood. However, large grows in Ag II without such requirements, such as West Coast Farms, have made our lives miserable during their extended growing and harvest seasons. There are several other areas in the county which have significant odor problems such as Los Alamos, Hwy 246 to Lompoc, and Nojoquí which assault drivers and visitors to those areas.

I implore you to **require CUPs on all cannabis processing facilities**. Buellton residents have already suffered from persistent odors from cultivation upwind. We do not need a huge processing facility in our neighborhood, adding insult to injury, especially without effective odor control. Processing must be strategically placed at a scale which minimizes odors, depletion of water resources, and the impacts of traffic on our local roads. We have seen how problematic LUPs have been on cannabis cultivation and are hopeful that the requirements for processing facilities get defined right the first time to minimize negative impacts and avoid costly and time-consuming appeals and frustration to those of us who are sensitive to terpenes released during harvest, transfer of product, and processing. With the added layers of scrutiny afforded by the CUP, facilities can be placed and designed to be of benefit to our "good neighbor" growers without ruining our air and water quality.

The Board of Supervisors has an opportunity to improve on the inadequate policies in place in order to facilitate compatibility between the residents of Santa Barbara County and the cannabis industry. Let's apply the lessons learned with improved accountability, effective odor abatement, strategic placement of processing facilities, water conservation, and a balanced approach to quality over quantity by requiring CUPs which can be tailored to the needs of growers and their surrounding communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Reilly
Buellton Resident

**From:** sjashbrook@gmail.com

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 6:56 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das

**Subject:** Public Letter for agenda item D2

**Attachments:** Board of Supervisor Letter 8 14 2022.docx

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August 14, 2022

Honorable Chair Hartmann and Supervisors,

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Respectfully,

Susan Ashbrook

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From: Karen Pata <kcpata@zimbracloud.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 7:17 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject**: Cannabis Cultivation

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I would like to recommend that the board adopt the planning commission recommendations to require CUPs and odor plans for all cannabis cultivation projects, including ones that are under appeal.

I live in Lompoc and my parents have a ranch on Jalama Road. When you drive out of Lompoc East on Highway 246 it now stinks when you drive past River Park. I don't think it is good for people enjoying the park or who live near these marijuana growing areas to have to smell this stink. There are things these growers can do to limit the smell and I believe they should be mandated by the county to do so. Thank you

Karen Pata

From: sper2324@comcast.net

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 2:42 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** comment for August 16, 2022, Board of Supervisors Meeting

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As a resident of SB County, residing in Buellton, I am greatly distressed regarding the planting of cannabis. It seems there is a total disregard for the citizens and businesses who are directly impacted. Citizens are experiencing health issues, personally because of worsening asthma. Quality of life has changed due to horrible odors. Of course this will affect property values in the long run.

Sincerely,

Susan Perry

Sent from Mail for Windows

<sup>\*\*</sup>I am asking, no pleading, that the Board adopts the Planning Commissions recommendations requiring CUPs and Odor Plans for all cannabis cultivation projects, including those currently under appeal.

Thank you for your consideration.

From:

Beverly McCurdy <bodiegold2@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 15, 2022 9:49 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Re: Adoption of Cannabis CUP

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August 15, 2022

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

I request the Board's Adoption of the Planning Commission recommendations, requiring CUPs and Odor Plans for all cannabis cultivation projects, including those currently under appeal.

Thank you Beverly McCurdy Bodiegold2gmail.com

From:

Valerie Bentz <valeriebentz@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 15, 2022 10:07 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

We need Cannabis control around Carpinteria

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Dear County Board Supervisors,

Please help the citizens of Carpinteria who have been suffering for years from the odors and chemicals coming from the intense

cannabis growing around our small town. I live a few houses down from Carpinteria drive and less than a quarter of a mile from 192.

I am having continued allergy problems and breathing issues especially during the times of day when Cannabis is aired out.

Please make the right decisions on August 16 to protect the health of residents of Carpinteria.

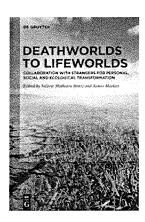
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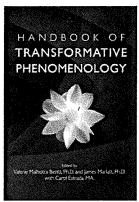
Valerie Bentz



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From: PAUL EKSTROM <paulekstrom@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:40 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: BOS Meeting August 16, 2022 Cannabis CUP recommendation Item 22-00742

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Chair Hartmann and Honorable Supervisors:

I urge you to follow the Planning Commissioners recommendations and require CUPs for all cannabis projects. I feel "the horse is already out of the barn" on past approvals. Carpinteria Valley residents have had to resort to expensive lawsuits to mitigate the negative effects of commercial cannabis grows. Our Planning Commission has had their hands tied on so many projects that have adverse effects on residents and outdoor dining and wine tasting.

Please consider changes to the cannabis ordinance:

- 1. Apply CUP to all projects that have that have not received final approval, including projects that are under appeal.
- 2. Odor abatement plans be required for all AG-II grows.
- 3. Require CUPs for processing facilities.

Thank you and your staff for for your time and consideration,

Paul and Linda Ekstrom

1489 Manzanita St. Carpinteria, CA 93013

From: Dennis Patrick <patrickdennis2100@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 11:14 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: cannabis regulation draft letter to board for Vote TOMORROW. can I add you

name???

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**Dear Board of Supervisors** 

On Tuesday August 16, the Board will consider some long overdue changes to the manner in which Santa Barbara regulates the cultivation of cannabis. My wife, Hayley Firestone, and I live in Buellton Ca. We are very much impacted by the odor and visual plight that attends cannabis production. That said, I want to make clear we are not "anti-cannabis." As "farmers" ourselves, we appreciate the need to promulgate reasonable regulations that balance the need to allow for productive use of the land while balancing the county's long standing commitment to maintaining the natural beauty and "livability" of the Santa Ynez Valley.

The problem is there has been no such balancing of interests. The Board has, to date, promulgated some of the most lax cannabis regulations in the country while simultaneously extracting some of the lowest per acre tax revenues. One hesitates to speculate on the reasons for such an anomaly but the Board now has an opportunity to rebalance the interests of *all* the citizens of this county. To that end, we urge you to:

- 1) Apply CUP standards to all cannabis projects including processing facilities; and
- 2) adopt and require odor abatement plans for all grows & processing.

Sincerely,

Dennis Patrick & Hayley Firestone

From: William F. Thiele, D.D.S. <wmthieledds@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 11:18 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** BOS meeting August 16, 2022

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Please do not allow any processing plants on HWY 246 or Santa Rita area. The smell is horrendous. We can't go outside without smelling it daily. We have enough grows in this area already. Our quality of life is ruined . Jackie Thiele

Sent from my iPhone

From: Emily Garcia <maryemilygarcia@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 11:32 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** I support the update to the cannabis ordinance

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Hello,

I am a Turnpike/Hollister area resident with children (who went to Hollister Elementary) and I'm very worried about the number of cannabis farms that may make up a large part of the farming areas around our neighborhoods and elementary school. I support the update to the cannabis ordinance to (1) ensure that all parcels within the Cannabis Activity Zone will require Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) and additional odor abatement and (2) allow the Board of Supervisors to consider neighborhood impacts.

Thank you, Emily Garcia 805-452-1594

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Dennis Patrick <patrickdennis2100@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 15, 2022 12:01 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Cannabis regulation

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Sincerely,

Dennis Patrick & Hayley Firestone

From:

Sharyne Merritt <professormerritt@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 15, 2022 12:05 PM

To:

Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das; sbcob

Subject:

Cannabis Aug 16, 2022

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Hi All.

I haven't been voicing concerns about cannabis for a while, not because I have none, but because I know it will be a waste of time.

However, please know that as a farmer with two farms (one in Carpinteria and one in Santa Ynez Valley) both impacted by cannabis odors, I am VERY CONCERNED.

PLEASE add CUP's to all cultivation and processing permits.

Processing belongs in industrial zones, but if it is to be allowed in AGII require sealed secure buildings. No odor emitting at all. I strongly suggest you look at the Palm Springs requirements <a href="https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/72334/6371814596458">https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/72334/6371814596458</a> 30000

I have included highlights below.

Provide continuous exterior insulation

Building envelope shall be provided with exterior doors that prevent Air Leakage.

Windows shall not be permitted on exterior walls of process areas.

Manufactured exterior doors shall have an air filtration rate not exceeding 0.3 cfm/ft2 of door area of nonresidential single doors.

Joints and other **openings in the building envelope** that are potential sources of air leakage shall be caulked, gasketed, weather-stripped or otherwise **sealed to limit infiltration and exfiltration**.

Provide anteroom for building pressure stabilization and containment.

Required relief from process rooms shall be routed to anteroom for **pressure regulation and filtration**.

Anteroom shall be negatively pressurized (minimum 5% - maximum 10%) in relation to all adjacent rooms.

100% of all positively pressurized air within building shall terminate within anteroom for filtration.

100% of all positively pressurized air within anteroom shall be routed through an activated carbon filter.

Activated carbon filter assembly shall be provided with MERV-13 pre-filter.

Activated carbon filter shall be sized at a maximum velocity of 450 feet per minute (FPM) and provide a minimum of 45 lbs per 1000 CFM of discharge air at a maximum pressure drop (fully loaded) of 1.50" external static pressure.

100% of all air discharged to the exterior shall be diluted to a 7:1 ratio of clean, atmospheric

air to building discharge air (for every 100 CFM of discharged building air, 700 CFM of

## clean

atmospheric, non-building air shall be induced into the airstream prior to or at discharge). Discharge air is not to be considered environmental air.

Thank you for your consideration, Sharyne Merritt

From:

Anna Carrillo <annacarp@cox.net>

Sent:

Monday, August 15, 2022 12:15 PM

To:

sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Supervisor Das Williams; Lavagnino, Steve; Hart,

Gregg

Subject:

Cannabis ordinance

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To: Board of Supervisors From: Anna Carrillo August 15, 2022

I am writing to urge support of the Coalition for Responsible Cannabis and We Watch's request to require CUPs for all new cannabis applications.

This requirement should also apply to the cannabis projects that are being appealed.

Please also support the request for OAP plans for all Ag-2 cannabis operations.

Require CUPs for any processing that is being done.

Requiring CUPs will allow the county more discretion and enable better compatibility with surrounding land use so conflicts are attended to during the permitting process, not during the appeal process when there is less discretion.

Requiring CUPs will increase county oversight and allow for stricter enforcement.

It's unfortunate that these new proposals are only dealing with those cannabis operations occurring in the inland areas of the county whereas the Coastal zone should also have these same protections. Even though our permitted greenhouses all have OAPs requiring odor abatement, I drove yesterday during dinner time on Foothill Rd./192 along our 4 1/2 mile stretch, and experienced the nauseating odors at at least 3 different areas all that have been already permitted, and even one with their business and state licenses.

It would be good to hear what is the current status in being able to figure out the source of the odor occurring in residential areas and what actual enforcement is being done. I have heard someone was hired in the P&D Department to oversee this but there has been no public outreach or any change in response to complaints filed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Anna Carrillo

From: Jill Murray <jls\_murray@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 12:20 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: Comment on 8-16-22 Item 22-00742 Cannabis Ordinance Update

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Santa Barbara County, I am writing to express my support for the cannabis ordinance updates you will consider on Aug. 16, 2022. Specifically, I support the requirement for CUPs on all commercial cannabis projects. I also support applying this standard to all projects in the permitting pipeline, the requirement for odor abatement plans on all Ag-II projects, and requiring CUPs for processing facilities.

I recently did a deep dive into Santa Barbara County cannabis operations because there is a property owner near my home (Eastern Goleta Valley) that has applied for the first permit in the S. Patterson area. Because it is in the coastal zone, there is no CUP required. I was shocked and dismayed to watch the project nearly be approved with a zoning administrator hearing and no discretionary review. I have learned over the past few months about the P-EIR, the odor agreement in Carpinteria, the business license acreage cap, and the County's desire to growth the cannabis industry. I've heard from those inside and outside of elected offices that the ordinances are written in a way that restricts what the PC and BOS can require of projects, even when they don't feel the project is up to the standards required for minimal impact to the surrounding neighborhood, particularly with regard to odors. Regardless of how one feels about cannabis cultivation, we surely agree that projects should be developed in a way to minimize the odor and other impacts experienced in Carpinteria. I support any changes to the ordinance that help you and the PC preserve the quality of life for residents in and adjacent to the County's Cannabis Activity Zone.

I also strongly support leaving the acreage cap as is. I can imagine that some think the cap should be geographically distributed, including to the Eastern Goleta Valley. Please do not adjust the cap, or approve any projects, in the Eastern Goleta Valley prior to updating the Community Plan for this area. Cannabis was not even on the radar when hard-working community members completed the plan. While cannabis may be just another ag crop in some ways, the regulations addressing cannabis cultivation demonstrate that it can create major impacts that are unique in the ag industry. No findings should be made that a project is compatible with the Eastern Goleta Valley Plan until the Plan is updated to include cannabis.

Sincerely, Jill Murray

From: Beverly McCurdy <bodiegold2@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 1:00 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: Cannibas cup ordinance

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From: Casey Bemis <caseybemis41@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 1:20 PM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das; sbcob

Subject: Cannibas

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Hello!

We need to put a brake on adding more odor, whatever the source. For the Santa Ynez Valley, the above solution will prevent adding more cannabis odor in Buellton and the area west and south of it. That odor already negatively impacts existing agriculture, the health of residents with sensitive receptors, its schools' children and tourism.

Adding processing will enable cannabis growers to become substantially more profitable, more than offsetting the added cost of going through the CUP process and buying odor controls that prevent new sources of odor.

Also, we need to bring an end to appeal after appeal because of incompatibility with existing agriculture/neighbors. Your earlier actions, including the Statement of Overriding Consideration, placed you and the Planning Commission in a box that that made appeals a lose-lose for all and fed the prevailing cynicism about government. Today you have the opportunity to correct that.

Sincerely,
Casey Bemis
caseybemis41@gmail.com

From: prsimon417@gmail.com

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 1:26 PM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das; sbcob

Cc: Pat Simor

**Subject:** Conditional Use Permits for Cannabis Growers

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## CALL TO ACTION CONTROLLING CANNABIS ODOR

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Hartmann – <u>jhartmann@countyofsb.org</u>
Hart - <u>ghart@countyofsb.org</u>
Lavagnino - <u>steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org</u>
Nelson – <u>bob.nelson@countyofsb.org</u>
Williams – <u>dwilliams@countyofsb.org</u>
Clerk of the Board - sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

I am a property owner in The Santa Ynez Valley and live on the unincorporated land on the west border of Solvang adjoining Buellton. I am writing in support of the WE Watch appeal as written below. I have personally been offended by the odor at various points along Hwy 246 and often been to Pence Winery, voicing concern for the damage that the horrible smell will do to their product. I take many guests there as well and they have had the same concerns.

Please lets put the brakes on this runaway situation. Santa Barbara County is already known to be the largest cannabis growers in California. Not a claim to fame that I had hoped for while living here.

Patricia Rheuban Simon

I am asking you to require a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) for all new cannabis applications. If BOS will not change the proposed amendments to require a CUP for processing applicants who already have a Land Use Permit, then I ask that you require them to process indoors and use best available odor control technology.

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From:

Jeff Giordano <jeffg@ir-holdings.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 15, 2022 1:27 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Letter to Supervisors Re: BOS Meeting August 16/Cannabis Ordinance

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From: Dianne Pence <diannedpence@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 2:28 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Request for consideration for modifications to the current cannabis ordinance

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Thank you David for submitting the following request. Hope you are well.

#### Our Honorable Board:

As a concerned resident and business person in our community, we again request the following support from the BOS for modifications to the current cannabis ordinance:

- Please hold (or reduce) the current cap. Our communities already are heavily impacted by the existing
  industrial cannabis grows. It's not fair to the children, elderly and medically sensitive individuals, in addition
  to our existing businesses. It is also unpleasant for our visitors and has impacted tourism for the Santa
  Ynez Valley. It appears that tourists would rather drive to Paso and drink wine and spend tourism dollars,
  where it DOESN'T smell.
- 2. Please support applying CUP standards to all projects that have not received final approval, including projects under appeal. In particular, we would like to see better review and consideration of those proposed grows that impact riparian environments (for example West Coast Farms, Noquiqui, Defriell) as well as those adjacent to schools, neighborhoods and hospitality businesses. Why should established residents and business owners be forced to suffer from the stench produced by these industrial businesses? Why do we continue to stress our very eco-sensitive environments and their living organisms, including fish and wildlife?
- 3. Please requiring OAPs for all grows, regardless of underlying zoning. This "stuff" truly smells and causes issues for many of our residents and businesses.
- 4. Require **CUPs for ALL Processing Facilities**. These operators are working with drugs processing these can be extremely harmful to these sensitive environments (and people), particularly in light of the reagents used, the discharged wastes and water (over)utilization.

We have an opportunity to impact some positive change to the current ordinance, what has been a blight on our county - we kindly request that the BOS do what is right for our community .

Thank you,

Dianne Pence

From: Greg Millikan < greg@millikanlegal.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 2:34 PM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das

**Cc:** sbcob; Joyce Millikan

**Subject:** Santa Ynez Valley Cannabis Applications - Requiring CUP & Best Available Odor Control

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Dear Supervisors,

In tomorrow's actions, please move to require a Conditional Use Permit for all new applications for cannabis growing and processing locations in the Santa Ynez Valley. In addition, please at least require applicants to process cannabis indoors and always to use best available odor control technology.

As you all are aware, particularly Supervisor Hartmann, the economy of the SYV is delicately interwoven among residents, visitors, businesses, NGO's, and governmental organizations in complex layers of diverse, but largely compatible uses. These uses are highly dependent on the unique climate, ecology, natural features, and social history of the region. The aggregate value and attractiveness of the whole mix is evidenced by the thousands of visitors the SYV receives daily, millions year round. Its viability should not be taken for granted.

By requiring CUP's, indoor processing, and the use of the best available odor control technology, you can provide the best framework and the strongest assurance for a sustainable future for the SYV in regard to the impacts of cannabis agriculture and processing in the area.

Thanks for giving this your most thoughtful attention.

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From: GaY <ginfanti@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 2:41 PM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das; sbcob

Subject: August 16, 2022 Agenda Item 22-00742

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Dear County Supervisors,

I am a resident of Solvang and am writing today to request that you take the following actions tomorrow as you consider changes to the LUDC to implement new permit requirements regarding commercial cannabis cultivation and processing, and align existing Odor Abatement Plan with new CUP requirements:

- 1. Require a Conditional Use Permit for all cannabis cultivation and processing applications in Santa Barbara County
- 2. Apply this requirement to all new applications and to applications for amendments to existing land use permits for cannabis processing
- 3. Require that all cannabis processing be done indoors
- 4. Require all cannabis activities to use the best available odor control technology

The residents of the Santa Ynez Valley care about the impacts of cannabis on our Valley. The odor of cannabis is foul – it can be so strong as to drive away tourists on whom the economy of Solvang depends. The odors also spoil the winetasting experience throughout the entire Valley and can spoil the grapes too. In addition, it's unpleasant to live with cannabis odor, spoiling our residents' quality of life. It may also adversely impact our property values – especially if more and more cannabis activity is permitted in our Valley.

Please consider my requests as you deliberate changes to the County's Land Use and Development Code for new permit requirements regarding cannabis cultivation and processing at tomorrow's BOS meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gay Infanti Solvang Resident

From: Len Fleckenstein <lenfleck@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 3:00 PM

To: sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das

**Subject:** CUP for Cannabis Grows

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As a Santa Barbara County resident and taxpayer, I'm asking the Board of Supervisors to unanimously vote to require a Conditional Use Permit for all new cannabis grows. Also, please require indoor processing that uses the best available technology for odor controls. Help cannabis growers be good neighbors!

Len Fleckenstein 430 Valley Dairy Rd. Buellton, CA 93427

From:	Richard Campbell <ec1n8an@hotmail.com></ec1n8an@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, August 15, 2022 3:33 PM
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Subject:	Attn County Board of Supervisors

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**Dear County Board of Supervisors** 

Please vote to update the cannabis ordinance to ensure that all parcels within the Cannabis Activity Zone will require Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) and additional odor abatement before approving cultivation.

The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors must consider neighborhood impacts. CUPs are vital and necessary so that appropriate developments can only proceed with proper safeguards in place. Neighborhoods need to be protected from the smells and other negatives. Cannabis cultivation cannot be permitted without appropriate checks and balances being put in place for each specific location being considered. The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors must retain this right to oversee projects and impose sensible conditions on any cannabis project.

Regards,
Richard Campbell.