Katherine Douglas Public Comment #6

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NOTES DURING HEARING:
Please do not give the growers tax breaks or incentives! If they can't afford to run their business properly in the community, they should sell and go into another business. Furthermore, the tax code is already weak with an honor system on gross income (should have been based on acreage, like most other counties do.) There are already too many pot farms in the community and a glut in the market, so if a few go out of business it will NOT be a huge negative for our County.

In response to the grower who said they are "employing 300 people and in turn helping the community," I will remind you that **the vast majority of these employees do not live in our county**. They commute up here daily from the Ventura/Oxnard/Camarillo area, so their income is helping Ventura County, not Santa Barbara.

Thank You!

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Dear County Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the hundreds of residents on **Padaro Lane** who have been smelling the pot odor off and on since cannabis was made legal 8 years ago.

We have supported numerous appeals of cannabis farm permits, only to be denied repeatedly. Now, with Roy Lee in the First District, we feel we might have a chance to finally be listened to.

This is the board's chance to right a wrong they've done to County residents with the poorly written cannabis ordinances. It's your chance to make sweeping **improvements to the air quality in the Carpinteria Valley** and to **improve the quality of life of its 16,000+ residents**. It will also **help property values**, and hence your incoming property taxes, which are the County's largest source of income.

We hope you will take this opportunity to implement stricter odor ordinances that will actually work and be enforceable.

We don't profess to be experts on what the best current technologies are to prevent cannabis odor, but we are counting on you to make the Carpinteria farms **implement those technologies, require enough of them per acre** to prevent odor, and **enforce the new requirements** with strict punishments. The Planning & Development's recommendations to Chapter 35 are not strong enough, and we recommend the following:

1. **Multi technology carbon filtration units shall be installed 10 per acre, no later than six (6) months after board adoption**. One year is too long; and six months is plenty of time to order and install the units.
2. There must be **no extensions** granted on the above timeline.
3. Readjust the Planning Commission's formula for acceptable odor on the Nasal Ranger from "below 7 D/T" to **"below 4 D/T."** If the technology can't *entirely* prevent odors, the odor should be **Very Faint at most.**
4. The County should adopt a program of **annual inspections of each farm**, before renewing each farm's business license. The inspectors should count the number of working filtration units per acre, as well as perform an odor test at the property line.
5. **Noncompliance and/or continued odor complaints not corrected within 30 days should result in the revocation of the annual business license.** (This needs to be added to Chapter 50.)

In addition to the above regulations, we ask that the County Supervisors do the smart thing and **put a temporary moratorium on all new cannabis farm permits within 1,000 feet of Carpinteria residents.** The supply is clearly higher than the demand, causing farms to shut down, and causing a lack of taxable income from the farms to the County. Adding more farms will only increase the problem. This moratorium will be a win-win for the residents and the existing cannabis farms, and thus for the County itself. Please consider it!

Thank you for your hard work in hammering this out, as we know it's not easy, but well worth it.

Sincerely,

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