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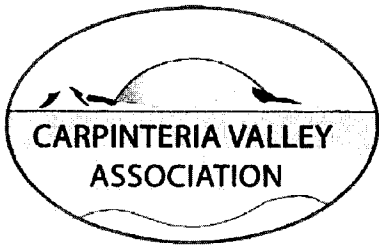
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Subject: Comment on Interim Urgency Ordinance for Nonmedical Marijuana #17-00228
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Attached is a letter with comments from the Carpinteria Valley Association regarding Agenda Item 1 on the April 4, 2017 Board of Supervisors agenda (File # 17-00228).

Thank you,

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President
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April 2, 2017

County Clerk of Santa Barbara County
Das Williams, Supervisor
Jessica Metzger, Project Planner

Re: Interim Urgency Ordinance for Nonmedical Marijuana #17-00228

The Carpinteria Valley Association, a local environmental group, would like to express our support for the adoption of the Nonmedical Marijuana Interim Urgency Ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on any activities associated with the Adult Use of Marijuana (AUMA), including the cultivation, distribution, transportation, storage, manufacturing, processing, and selling of nonmedical marijuana, nonmedical products, and industrial hemp, and on outdoor cultivation (Case No. 17ORD-00000-00004).

The purpose of the interim urgency ordinance is to protect public health, safety, and welfare while the county considers comprehensive regulations, along with appropriate environmental review, for marijuana activities in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County. We, in the Carpinteria Valley, have been suffering the odorous and allergic consequences of the Board of Supervisors' decision on January 19, 2016 to approve Medical Marijuana Regulation (Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 35, Article X). By not instituting some sort of compliance rules at this time, neighbors suspect that many greenhouses have begun growing medical marijuana who were not previously authorized to do so. Before this date we weren't aware of any neighbors' complaints of the noxious "skunky" smell.

Proposition 64 passed by the voters on November 8, 2016 creates a licensing system and allows the local governing body to adopt and enforce local ordinances. Unregulated marijuana operations could result in displacement of existing agricultural production activities, impacts to natural resources, and land use conflicts. We agree that the county has a compelling interest to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents and businesses and to preserve the peace and integrity of neighborhoods within the unincorporated area. It is in the county's interest to avoid the risks of criminal activity including money laundering, avoid degradation of the natural environment including the use of rodenticide and insecticide toxicants, protect the water supply and ground water basins that are still in a state of drought, minimize objectionable odors which can interfere with the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties by their occupants, protect neighbors from noise pollution from electric generators and reduce the risk of indoor electrical fire hazards that may result from unregulated indoor cultivation.

There was a meeting on September 29, 2016 with Supervisor Salud Carbajal, Glenn Russell, Zoning Department, Bryan Olmstead, Sheriff of Narcotics Division and about 20 residents living

near Cravens Lane and Foothill Rd. in the unincorporated part of Santa Barbara County complaining about what has been occurring in the Carpinteria Valley. It has been a very arduous process to only respond to complaints, since letters are sent out 10 days before inspectors come and zoning inspectors don't have to even be allowed on the property and fines are quite minimal. Citations are only based on complaints. No one seems to know how many greenhouses were legally permitted to grow Medical Marijuana before January 19, 2016 nor how many are growing it currently, but the smell has been increasing.

The city of Carpinteria has already enacted urgency ordinances to prohibit cultivation and/or distribution of medical marijuana or new uses allowed under the AUMA. This current proposed interim urgency ordinance shall avoid creating a void or local regulation which could result in the disproportionate allocation of nonmedical marijuana activities within the unincorporated areas of the county.

The staff of the Board of Supervisors, Carpinteria Valley Association, and others definitely need more time to study this very important issue. Having only 5 days to even look at this staff report is not sufficient.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mike Wondolowski

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President, Carpinteria Valley Association.