# Public Comment-Group 4



Susan Phelps <susandstevens@icloud.com>

Sent:

Friday, July 10, 2020 4:49 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

OPPOSITION to cannabis facilities within an EDRN



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My family and I live in Cebada Canyon and we strongly support BANNING cannabis within an EDRN as well as prohibit any cannabis producing parcel to utilize roads within an EDRN.

We have learned from personal experiences with Herbal Angels/Avo Vista farms, the massive additional traffic utilized on such large grows. Semi trucks and extended trailers DO NOT make the curves on Cebada Canyon Road without crossing the line into oncoming traffic. We have take video of such occurrences. And the driving style of the bulk of employees working the grow have erratic and fast driving habits. Obviously, there's no proving they're using what they're cultivating, but commonsense leads us to believe that's most likely the case.

Manufacturing within the cannabis industry is highly volatile as the oils are extracted from the plants. This is extremely flammable and has resulted in multiple fires in LA County commercial areas recently. If a fire should break out in a rural neighborhood the results would be devastating as many EDRN's have only one way in and out. Also, the amount of waste generated on a grow site is substantial and flammable.

An EDRN, Existing Developed Rural Neighborhood, is everything it says it is. It's a pre-existing neighborhood built on rural land ... not an area in any way set up for commercial cannabis facilities. Time has proven they do not exist well together at all.

Thank you for your time and consideration, John and Susan Stevens

From:

Jeanne Malone <morganhrs@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, July 10, 2020 4:51 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Cannabis Ban in EDRNs

**Attachments:** 

BOS Itr EDRN cannabis ban.docx

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Please see attached

July 10, 2020

Jeanne-Marie Malone 2585 Wild Oak Rd Lompoc, CA 93436

County Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu St Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Prohibition of Cannabis in EDRNs

Dear Honorable Chair Hart and Supervisors:

I am a current resident of 21 years, in Cebada Canyon, and I am writing in support of the ban of cannabis in EDRNs. I also support the additional language "This ban applies to parcels within EDRNs and also to any parcels that require the use of a roadway located with an EDRN as the sole means of access."

I live next door to a cannabis farm that was finally shutdown due to fraudulence and only two homes away from a currently operating cannabis farm. I have firsthand knowledge of the smell, the excess water usage, the traffic, (a worker from the currently operating farm admitted to 'racing' my livestock guardian dogs, as he drives by my property, on a blind curve), the large, heavy trucks, that impact our chip sealed roadways, (I watched one of their farm graders, ripped up a huge section, as they moved it down the road), and I live at a dead end. I see a constant caravan of workers in and out. I also deal with the hideous allergic reaction I have to cannabis pollen. When I moved here, I moved to a peaceful haven and I now live in a stinky, itchy, racetrack, with cars going fast enough they can't stay on the paved curve, but end up partially on my dirt shoulder frontage.

Enough of this nonsense, cannabis and Existing Developed Rural Neighborhoods don't mix.

Please do not allow cannabis in EDRNs or on any roads through or adjacent to EDRNs. Please support the ban on cannabis in EDRNs.

Thank you,

Jeanne-Marie Malone Cebada Canyon

From:

Nick Croson <nickcroson@stickyickysfarms.com>

Sent:

Friday, July 10, 2020 5:01 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Objection to Amendment to County Land Use Ordinance and Development Code

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Jacquelyne Alexander,

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

As a member of the community and a supporter of regulated cannabis farming in Santa Barbara County, I urge you to reject changes to permitting and business policies that would further impede this burgeoning crop in our county.

A poll of County voters overwhelmingly support (68%) extending right to farm protections for cannabis farmers; in the eyes of many, as was deemed by Governor Newsom last year, cannabis, though new and emerging, is an agricultural crop in California. Cannabis provides farmers the opportunity to grow a clean, organic crop, free of pesticides and with a reduced impact on natural resources.

Many of our local cannabis farms are owned by small, independent farmers who have followed regulatory protocols in good faith though incurring substantial and hindering costs. Another change to this ordinance threatens their ability to pursue their own livelihood, and to continue to both provide year-round and good paying jobs within our communities while also supporting local auxiliary businesses in industries ranging from agricultural supplies to restaurants.

In rebudgeting amidst the wake of COVID-19, your fellow supervisors have acknowledged the importance of revenues stemming from cannabis farming. As you again consider staff reports surrounding commercial cannabis activity, I urge you not to amend cannabis farming regulations in such a manner that would disrupt or jeopardize local jobs and residual revenue which is essential to supporting county programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nick Croson nickcroson@stickyickysfarms.com 2500 wild oak rd Lompoc , California 93436

From:

Kelly Rangel <cebadakelly@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, July 10, 2020 11:47 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Amend Cannabis Ordinance to RequireCUP; Ban Commercial Cannabis in EDRNS

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Please distribute to the board members and read into public comment.

To: Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

Date: July 10, 2020

RE: Hearing Date July 14, 2020.

Agenda Item 3

Topic: Cannabis Amendments to LUDC Position: In Favor of Amending LUDC

#### Honorable Members of the Board,

Thank you for the support of the Board members who recognized the need to ban commercial cannabis in the Cebada Cyn and Tepusquet Cyn EDRNs. The 3-2 vote to restrict this area was such a relief! Finally, the negative impacts of commercial cannabis factories located within and adjacent to our rural communities is being recognized.

Commercial Cannibis in these areas destroys the character and scenic vistas of our delicate environment. Air quality is unhealthful and smells. The narrow winding road used to access these parcels with "grows" has made it dangerous, as employees speed to and from work, at all hours day and night, often when the deer come out, early morning and evening. Steep slopes and a sharp drop off make it hard to avoid cars hurtling around the blind curves.

The general welfare, health, safety, character, enjoyment of our neighborhoods are being sold out! The primary goal of the current LUDC /Cannibis ordinance to "create a robust cannabis industry here in Santa Barbara County" is detrimental for the majority, and especially those who live here.

All Applications for Cannibis must require a Conditional Use permit, which would allow public input, environmental review and compatibility with neighboring parcels and existing agriculture. The permit process should be transparent, not made behind closed doors. The Grand Jury Report on how this Cannibis Ordinance was created, exemplifies why A CUP is needed.

In summary, BAN commercial cannabis in the EDRN. Require a CUP for all commercial Cannibis. Last, Ban Adjacent to EDRN, as across the street is just as bad for the neighborhood. I know, I have one across the street. It's a nightmare)! Respectfully, K. Rangel, Cebada Canyon.

Sent from my iPhone

From: gowingcnynranch@aol.com

**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:18 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** I support the probation of cannabis within the EDRNS and also any parcel that requires

the use of a roadway located within an EDRN

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Board of supervisors, I am writing this letter in hopes that you will deny any cannabis growing in Cebada Canyon. We have a small quite community that is not suited for commercial operations . There is only one road in and out of the canyon and it is a very narrow road. Its not made for large commercial vans and trucks. In the case of a fire, which we have had two in the 26 years I have lived here, there could be a serious loss of life with folks trying to get out and the roads would be bottlenecked with no escape because of the extra traffic caused by the Cannabis operations. We had that problem last time and the cannabis guys were not here then. There is also the smell. As I am sure you know the smell from this product is horrendous . Our water tables could be jeopardized by the excessive amounts of water these operations use with the reverse osmosis systems they require. The water tables could also be contaminated with the chemicals theses operations use which are highly toxic . I am pleading with you , PLEASE DONT LET CANNABIS GROWING IN CEBADA CANYON! It is ruining our great neighborhood Thank you for your time . Mark Gowing 26 year resident of Cebada Canyon.

From: Lori Meltzer-Sutton <barrysmom2015@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:20 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Cannabis in EDRNs

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Please accept this brief note as my support for the ban of cannabis in EDRNs. My reasons are narrow roads, traffic, and water concerns. The ban should include land that requires passage through an EDRN.

Respectfully, Lori Meltzer-Sutton Tepusquet Canyon resident.

From:

Ed & Caroline Woods < randc11@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:38 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Cannabis in EDRNs

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

This letter is written in strong support of Prohibition of Commercial Cannabis Grows in EDRN areas.

Tepusquet is my home, and we and you surely are aware of the narrow road and increased (and terrible road manners of) traffic due to the many (likely illegal) grows up high and way back in off the road.

We live in fear of fire, drought and drying creek (which equals drying wells for homes, ranching and gardens or small vineyards)

Please...Please Please hear us when we say, this is The Wrong Place for commercial pot grows

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Caroline Woods

Edwin Woods

From: IAN / PENNY BERNARD < penian@verizon.net>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:31 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Ban on Cannnabis growth and processing in EDRN's

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#### To the Board,

As 50 year residents of Santa Barbara County we would like to strongly oppose the location of Cannabis facilities and farms in EDRN's. We are familiar with many of the locations of these facilities and have heard from residents of the negative impacts to the surrounding areas. The roads in these areas are not designed for as much traffic and commercial travel as occurs with these farms. They are quite often narrow and winding. These facilities require very high water usage, trucking at all hours of the day and night not to mention the odor that can be detected when just driving by. The County has always been concerned in the past with water conservation. When did that stop being a concern? The homeowners in these areas are justly concerned with the disturbance of their peace and quiet and the effect on their property values that these facilities have created not to mention effect on aquifers and wells in the areas.

We strongly urge you to vote to ban these facilities and farms from EDRN's and any parcels that require the use of the roadways located within.

Sincerely

Ian and Penny Bernard Solvang, Ca

From: Greg Millikan <greg@millikanlegal.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:22 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: Hartmann, Joan

**Subject:** Cannabis CUP Ordinance

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Dear Supervisors,

We are writing as Santa Ynez Valley residents to urge each of you to support amending the Cannabis Ordinance to require Conditional Use Permits for cannabis cultivation projects proposed near other existing agricultural uses or residential uses.

The universal purpose of CUP's is to address potential incompatibility of a new or different use with existing surrounding uses and/or existing infrastructure and mitigate the inevitable problems that may arise. Unlike remote grows isolated from all but traditional pasture lands, that is exactly the case with cannabis projects throughout in the Santa Ynez Valley.

We're not opposing cannabis projects, but wanting a means to address the compatibility issues those projects raise. That is where the heat and pressure arise:

- 1. Compatibility. The current Land Use Permit process incorrectly assumes there is no issue of compatibility in these areas, and disallows any consideration of that issue.
- 2. Public Process. Land Use Permits are issued with limited public access to documents, no public review process and no public hearing. Where compatibility matters, Conditional Use Permits allow Project documents to be are posted, and public hearings to be held to review the proposals.
- 3. Authority to Mitigate. Conditional Use Permits allow the County to customize cannabis projects to avoid or substantially mitigate ill effects and negative impacts, as well as protect the environment.

Please vote to amend the Cannabis Ordinance to require Conditional Use Permits for all cannabis projects that may be affected by neighborhood compatibility issues, especially in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Thank you,

Greg and Joyce Milikan

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From: Jessica Scarffe <jessicascarffe@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:43 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Commercial Cannabis Ban in and through EDRNs

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Dear Supervisors,

We write in support of a total ban on commercial cannabis operations in EDRNs as well as on any parcel where access requires the use of a road in an EDRN, such as Tepusquet Road.

We have lived in Tepusquet Canyon for 11 years. The recent massive commercial cannabis operation directly across the canyon from our property has been a source of worry and distress. We can see the large vehicles (such as fuel tankers and water trucks) coming through the narrow canyon road and struggling to drive up a very steep, unpaved dirt road with no guard rails. The additional vehicular traffic is not merely a nuisance, it is dangerous. This is not NIMBYism, it is about safety: fire safety, road safety and personal safety.

Just because a parcel is technically outside of an EDRN, but immediately proximate to and accessed through an EDRN is a technicality that should not become a loophole for dangerous commercial cannabis operations. To pass legislation creating such a loophole ignores the serious threats to the safety of everyone in the canyon. Given the increased fire danger and reduction in available fire crews, this has us particularly on edge.

While it has been really disappointing that the County has done so little to protect the residents of Tepusquet Canyon, it is heartening to see three supervisors approve legislation that acknowledges these problems.

Please do the right thing and pass a total ban on commercial all cannabis operations in EDRNs and those accessed through EDRNs such as Tepusquet Canyon. Voters and residents deserve responsible legislative management of commercial cannabis in Santa Barbara County.

Thank you for your consideration. We will remember your vote at election time.

Sincerely,

Andrew & Jessica Scarffe 2910 Tepusquet Rd.

From:

Henry Cook < hcook8237@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:17 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Cannabis in EDRNs

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I have lived in Santa Barbara County since 1957, and in principle I do not object to the well regulated, legal growth of cannabis. However, the odor, the poorly crafted legislation, the vast acreage under cultivation and the non-compliance by many growers makes me say "enough".

I cannot recall ever seeing a special interest group change our county as quickly and as dramatically as we have seen with the cannabis industry. It seems they get virtually every regulation crafted to meet their desires and every accommodation they request when they have not met the guidelines set by Santa Barbara County or the State of California.

Please, can the citizens of a Santa Barbara County have our county back?

I respectfully request that you do not allow the commercial growth of cannabis in our EDRNs. We do not need more acreage of cannabis cultivation in our county, and we certainly do not need to allow commercial growth in EDRNs.

Thanks for considering my one voice,

Henry G. Cook Santa Ynez

Sent from my iPad

From:

bettehornstein@sbcglobal.net

Sent:

Saturday, July 11, 2020 6:51 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Ban cannabis growing NOW

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I own residential property on Anena Road.

I am highly opposed to all cannibus growers in our canyon.

How on earth did this happen to our beautiful area?

Growers and such should not be mixed with us. It breeds an unsavory bunch, causes truck traffic (tearing up our PRIVATE roads), workers have no regard towards residences, and did anyone think about us being in a high fire area???

And you want to allow them to make product? You must know that high explosive materials are used to create oils and such. And what about the skunk smell if this continues?

How do you expect our children growing up around all this?

Dont ruin our once peaceful private homesteads.

Hey you!

Keep us residential NOT commercial users.

Bette Hornstein

2885 Avena Rd.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:

Denise Ranch <denise@canyonspringranch.com>

Sent:

Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:33 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Prohibition of Cannabis in EDRNs

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Hearing: Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Cannabis Amendments to EDRNs and adjacent properties

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors, As a 17 year resident in Rancho Santa Rita Estates in Cebada Canyon, we were excited to hear at the last Board of Supervisors meeting the vote 3-2 to ban all commercial cannabis operations in EDRNs. For those of you that have visited our community, I hope you see the beauty of the open space, wild life and privacy we relish, there are less and less open land residential developments, please protect this one. They are not making any more land.

We have enjoyed our slice of heaven up to 4 years ago when this whole Cannabis invasion started. As you already know these cannabis operators have all signed false affidavits to the effect that they were growing on the set date created: January 2016. Though they have been raided for illegal grows by Law Enforcement, they continue to pursue their CUPs out here.

We request that you extend the ban on Cannabis Commercial activities to include not only EDRNs but parcels for which the sole means of access is through an EDRN. The roads will simply not support this activity. We are in high fire season, any evacuation is a nightmare, and we have had 2 in past 5 years. One involved my horse trailer full of horses being hit while trying to exit our only egress onto Hwy 246. Add all those employees and the growers trying to move product out of our canyon on the narrow Cebada Canyon Road could very well jeopardize lives.

Cebada Canyon Road is already riddled with pot holes and the shoulder in some places destroyed, you add more heavy trucks and more vehicles, there will be no more road. A car and a truck cannot pass each other without someone going off the shoulder.

Cannabis is not compatible within EDRN neighborhoods:

- \*Odor control
- \*Increased amount of traffic
- \*Safety and welfare: Inconsiderate drivers who speed pass our property \*The fact that the cannabis owner/operators do not even live here \*Water usage – CUPs are estimating over 3 million gallons a year, our water table is already dropping. \*Foot traffic trespassing on our property, short cut to the cannabis grow above us.
- \*Lack of respect for the neighbors, our private roads and other cars. The trash along the road is a good indicator So again we ask that you ban all commercial cannabis activities in EDRNs and parcels for which their only means of access is through an EDRN. Make this right for the people you represent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Denise Peterson Rancho Santa Rita Estates Hearing: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Cannabis Amendments to EDRNs and adjacent properties

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So again we ask that you ban all commercial cannabis activities in EDRNs and parcels for which their only means of access is through an EDRN. Make this right for the people you represent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Denise Peterson
Rancho Santa Rita Estates

From: LAURIE GENTRY <dogpackleader@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:41 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Commercial Cannabis in Cebada Canyon

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We have a home in Cebada Canyon we plan to retire to soon. We want to make it clear that we do NOT want commercial cannabis operations in Cebada Canyon. It is hard for us to believe that a massive commercial operation would be approved considering our narrow country roads and our EDRN status. We chose Cebada Canyon as our retirement home because of the rural, quiet, peaceful setting. We have already seen the hillsides marred by hoop houses and the clean, fresh air tainted by the skunk like odor of cannabis.

Cebada Canyon has numerous blind corners, and vendors carrying containers, soil, fertilizers, porta potties, hoops, plastic, fencing, U-Haul trucks and other large vehicles that typically drive the middle of the road are making for dangerous driving conditions.

Our small roads are barely maintained for resident usage, let alone the many more vehicles that commercial operations would bring. We already see evidence of people who do not live here racing our roads and carelessly throwing trash.

We are also extremely concerned about the potential for volatile manufacturing. Cebada Canyon has experienced two drug manufacturing fires. This is terrifying, and a disaster waiting to happen. Residents have been evacuated a few times already and our road was a freeway of trucks and trailers trying to leave. A Cebada Canyon resident had a collision during the "Mission" fire while evacuating her horses. The only exit is on Hwy 246 and during heavy traffic it is impossible to exit the canyon.

We have already suffered under the quasi-legal and unpermitted grows emitting noxious odors. To allow commercial operations will turn our residential neighborhood into a living hell.

Santa Barbara residents use gasoline but have consistently voted to limit oil production as no one wants to live next to a refinery. Like cannabis production, both are smelly and dangerous.

Respectfully,

Roy and Laurie Gentry

Cebada Canyon residents.

From: Kelly Gowing <gowingkelly@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:00 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Cebada Canyon

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To whom it may concern,

I live in Cebada Canyon and I support the prohibition of cannabis within EDRNS and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN.

Thank you, Kelly Gowing 2955 Wild Oak Road Lompoc

Sent from my iPad

From:

The Barlows <c21lompoc@aol.com>

Sent:

Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:27 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

connieandchuck@kw.com

Subject:

Our voice - Cannabis cultivation

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

I am writing to voice our very strong disapproval of cannabis cultivation within EDRNS as well as to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN. We understand the right of farmers to grow these crops but for numerous reasons we highly object to allowing commercial cultivation within established neighborhoods.

Connie Barlow Chuck Barlow 1340 Blaisdel Lane, Lompoc, CA 93436

805-733-0431 (home) 805-757-8521 (cell - Connie) 805-757-8459 (cell - Chuck)

From:

Gregory Gandrud < Greg@gandrudfinancial.com>

Sent:

Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:55 AM

To:

sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

Subject:

**CUP for Cannabis** 

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Honorable Supervisors:

Please require a CUP for all Cannabis projects, especially ones near established neighborhoods and near city limit lines.

Cannabis is currently being grown within 70 feet of our bedroom window. The odors and the vapors (from the "odor control system") have been making my family and my neighbors sick.

My spouse, Marllus, has suffered from asthma which has been made much worse by the cannabis operations. When we are home, it is barely controlled by enormous amounts of expensive medication which have awful side effects. We left home for a trip to Alaska on June 25 and were gone for 12 nights and Marllus' asthma was completely gone while we were away. As soon as we came home, his chest tightened and the wheezing began and he once again had to take medication so that he could breathe.

Please show consideration for your constituents by requiring a CUP. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gregory Gandrud 1493 Chapparral Drive, Carpinteria

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From:

info@canyonriverdesigns.com

Sent:

Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:24 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject: Attachments:

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Please read into record

**Thanks** 

Tom Peterson

July 11, 2020

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

From: Tom Peterson

Please submit this letter into record.

RE. EDRN Cannabis ban

Dear Honorable Chair Hart and Supervisors

We sincerely appreciate your decision to prohibit commercial cannabis activities within the EDRNs

We have lived in Cebada Canyon for 17 years and have enjoyed the peace and quiet with our horses. Over the past few years we have been subject to illegal cannibas growers claiming that are are legal non-conforming. As many of us know now that they all signed an Affidavit claiming they were growing prior to January 2016. Many of these growers did not know where Cebada Canyon was at that time. They all committed perjury. The statement signed is UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THIS IS TRUE AND CORRECT. One grower signed 3.

The declaration under penalty of perjury is a signed statement sworn to be true by the signer and those who are caught knowingly misleading the county should face serious criminal charges of perjury PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING PERJURY COULD RESULT IN FINES OR A PRISION SENTENCE UP TO 5 YEARS.

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District is now concerned about the ground water table. One grow which is under review states they will use 3 MILLION GALLONS of water, that is only one. Our narrow canyon road with inadequate road width and blind turns will have a negative impact if commercial cannabis Traffic poses a serious risk to our community.

County Council Michael Ghizzoni and Brian Pettit remarked that our county would have more authority in regulating cannabis projects under a Conditional Use Permit, whereas a Land Use Permit will limit county authority

We are opposed to commercial or any kind of cannabis activities in EDRNs.

Thank You

Tom Peterson Cebada Canyon

From:

Dylan Peterson <dylanp@cox.net>

Sent:

Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:20 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Concerns about commercial cannabis activities within the EDRNs.

**Attachments:** 

Letter to SB Board of Supervisors - Peterson July 2020.docx

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Attached is a letter regarding the current situation in Cebada Canyon and the commercial cannabis growing operations, I have addressed some if my concerns with the traffic and the situations their presence creates.

Thank you for your support and your time serving our county

Dylan Peterson

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

From: Dylan W. Peterson

RE. EDRN Cannabis ban

Dear Honorable Chair Hart and Supervisors;

We sincerely appreciate your decision to prohibit commercial cannabis activities within the EDRNs. My parents have lived, full time, in Cebada Canyon for 17 years and I have been staying at their home on and off for that entire time. I have enjoyed the peace and quiet of the canyon to aid in my studies as a graduate student and now as a career employee at The University of California, Santa Barbara. Over the past few years we have been subject to illegal cannabis growers claiming that they are legal non-conforming. The impact of their presence is far reaching, including but not limited to the overuse of our narrow canyon roads. With an enormous increase in traffic, including large box trucks, the roads are suffering and deteriorating at an exponential rate, these roads were never meant to accommodate traffic at that volume. Along with the increased volume of traffic comes an increased number of reported accidents aided by the inadequate road width and several blind turns, this is not an issue when the roads are lightly travelled with residential traffic but adding agricultural business traffic into the canyon will lead to significant problems for residents navigating the road to and from their homes.

I request that you extend the ban on Cannabis Commercial activities to include not only EDRNs but parcels for which the only access is through an EDRN. The roads will simply not support this activity. We are currently in high fire season in a high risk area with evacuation being very difficult and with an additional large horse trailer on small, old roads it becomes tedious. We have been subject to 2 significant fires that have required evacuation in past 5 years. One involved my parents horse trailer full of horses being involved in an accident while trying to exit the only egress onto Hwy 246. With the addition of a large amount of employees travelling in and out of the canyon daily and the growers moving their product out of our canyon on the narrow Cebada Canyon Road could very well endanger our lives in a situation where evacuation is necessary.

Cebada Canyon Road currently suffer from a large amount of pot holes, road damage and the shoulder in some places is destroyed. With the added traffic from large, heavy trucks and more vehicles the road damage could become catastrophic. A car and a truck cannot pass each other without someone having to accommodate the other by having to move off the road to the shoulder. This is an example on how commercial cannabis traffic poses a serious risk to our community. The communities you propose to protect within the EDRN's will continue to be heavily and negatively impacted by cannabis and other commercial industries that want to establish sites within the canyon. I urge you to consider restricting the ability for these entities to take advantage of the system and possibly destroy the lovely canyon we call home.

Sincerely,

Dylan Peterson

From:

Susan Chapman <susan.cabosfour@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:30 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Ban on Cannabis

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I live on Tepusquet Rd and urge you to ban cannabis in EDRN's.

The water supply in this area is limited. The area historically has been used for cattle--not crops. We do all that we can to economize on our water usage. Most of us have no lawns, etc. for this very reason. If it is not a necessity, don't use the water. Some cannabis growers have unlimited funds to dig deeper and deeper wells to tap into our ground water. Even before the growers moved in, during periods of drought some wells have gone dry.

Also, this road is barely adequate for residents I would encourage you to drive the length of Tepusquet Rd. and see if you would like to encounter a large truck while on the narrow curvy road. If a resident were driving a motorhome and had to share the road with a large truck coming the opposite direction on a curve, there would most likely be a collision.

Tepusquet Rd. was not built in anticipation of commercial vehicles and excess traffic. It is a safety issue for those of us who live here. I am afraid now to even take a walk on the roadside to visit a neighbor. Huge water trucks as well as big u-haul type trucks transporting goods have become a common sighting since the growers moved in.

Susan Chapman 175 Tepusquet Rd. Santa Maria, CA 93454

From: Debbie Campbell <gdcampbell@live.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:36 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Cannabis within EDRNS

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To whom it may concern,

We have lived in Cebada Canyon for the last 12 years, when we first moved out here it was a very quiet and peaceful neighborhood which is why we bought our property. In the last few years so much has changed. I'm sure you have heard of the smell, increased traffic, water issues etc. and for the record, there wasn't anyone growing out here in 2016.

We support prohibition of cannabis within EDRNS.

Thank you, Greg and Debbie Campbell

From:

amwlange <amwlange@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:58 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Cannabis in ERDN areas

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NO, NO. NO! Too much traffic. Pollution of landscape. Over draw of finite water resources.

Anita and Gary Lange Tepusquet Canyon

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Susan Ashbrook <sjashbrook@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:47 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** We support the ban on cannabis in EDRNs

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Honorable Supervisors,

We want to thank the Supervisors who took the time to visit Cebada Canyon and vote to ban commercial cannabis in an EDRN.

The CUP process has made it obvious that commercial and industrial cannabis do not belong in an EDRN. We support the ban on commercial cannabis in EDRNs and suggest to include "any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN as the sole means of access."

One of our biggest concerns has been the potential for fire due to the heavy traffic and the processing methods used to manufacture commercial cannabis. We do not have "ranch roads" and evacuation of over 30 plus horse properties would be extremely difficult.

On June 17, 2020 a vegetation fire reported as possible arson, at the corner of Hwy 246 and Cebada Canyon, would have trapped residents if it had not been quickly suppressed.

In an LA Times article on the Paradise, CA. fires, the warning signs are like many EDRN areas and are worth noting:

High winds, a canyon location, only one road exit, 50 year-old chaparral, gridlocked roads. People ultimately jumped out of cars and fled on foot, which lead to their deaths.

## https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-camp-fire-deathtrap-20181230-story.html

Thank you and the grand jury, we hope the lobbyist money won't influence grandfathering commercial cannabis in EDRNs.

Respectfully,

Susan Ashbrook and Derek McLeish

From: Karin Montoya <bykarinkim@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:52 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Cannabis and Cebada Canyon

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To Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam and Supervisor Hart,

With the increase of wreckless driving and too large of vehicles I support the prohibition of cannabis within EDRNS and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN.

Karin Montoya

**From:** Judy Dean < judycathryndean@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:02 PM

To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

**Subject:** To be read at July 14 BOS meeting

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Dear Supervisors,

I again woke up this morning to horrendous cannabis odor at my home in Carpinteria. With only a small percentage of the proposed cannabis cultivation in production we already have unmanageable and intolerable odor problems which are resulting in health problems.

Please institute CUP requirements for all cannabis projects. This was recommended by both the Planning Commission and the Grand Jury. It is the first step needed to correct the problems with the cannabis ordinance. This ordinance has resulted in multiple lawsuits, the appeal of numerous permits, and complaints to the US Attorney, among others. It's past time for the Board to make meaningful progress in correcting the situations created by an ordinance written and implemented without the customary public input.

CUP should be required for ALL cannabis projects, whether inland or coastal. Without this requirement neighbors have no input, and these projects dramatically change the character of our neighborhoods and homes. Cannabis should not be permitted at all in EDRNs.

Please do not ignore the findings of the Grand Jury and the Planning Commission.

Judy Dean MD

From: Cheryl Reynolds <cheryl.reynolds57@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:36 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Cannabis within EDRNS

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To the County of Santa Barbara,

I support the prohibition of cannabis within EDRNS and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN.

Santa Rita Hills, also know as Santa Rita Estates is known for being a wine growing area, a very peaceful upper class residential peace of heaven. Born in Santa Barbara, and loving the area is why I came to the Canyon to build my home. Allowing commercial factories for processing cannabis would bring a stench and negative stigma that comes with it, to the upper class, large residential property area and destroy why people built here and what people enjoy about the area. In turn it would also, De value all the properties in the area significantly. In the past I worked in the Real Estate business, and I have already witnessed values dropping with getting a bad reputation due the past growers in the Canyon. The factories would also bring a certain class of people along with it, for which I have seen first hand. Not knowing at the time, I rented a room in my home to someone working at a company in the Canyon a few years back. I had to repaint the inside of my home to get rid of the smell and I was stiffed for part of the rents owed. This person seamed high all the time and I did not feel safe or felt they should never be driving in that state of mind. Having a person or several people on the canyon roads is a very scary and unsafe driving risk I don't want to see. It would only be a matter of time that there would be a head on collision in the Canyon. Other factors of a Cannabis operation would not only be the increase in road traffic, but the wear and tear of my private road I pay additional taxes on of \$1,000 per year to maintain. Also, the use of private ground water that would be taken away from the local oak tees that are already lacking do to the warm weather drought. This is a great fear, for if the area

runs out of ground water, our properties have zero value! Please keep the big growing factories out of our beautiful Santa Rita Estates Canyon.

Cheryl Reynolds
3400 Catalina Road,
Cebada Canyon
Lompoc, CA. 93436
805-478-8723

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Bonnie Freeman <bonniegoleta@cox.net>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:03 PM

To: Hart, Gregg; sbcob

**Subject:** Amend Cannabis Ordinance to require CUP

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Dear President Hart and fellow Supervisors,

As a member of the EGV Planning Advisory Committee during the updating of The Community Plan, my subject of review was Urban Agriculture in the AG-1 areas of the Coastal Zone, the remaining Goleta AG parcels and the main foothill parcels. We worked very hard to mitigate threats to urban agriculture, and fought to retain the integrity and sustainability of these very valuable growing operations as integral to the character and economic viability of our Ag-1 communities abutting residential neighborhoods, protecting both at the same time.

In following the recent hearings and publications re the "overdue" objective to address amendments that would mitigate some of the impacts of cannabis operations along the urban-rural boundaries, it's obvious that we need a much higher permit standard and in accord with all the neighbors, and the Ag community I've worked with, I strongly urge you to support those of us in the eastern Goleta Valley who support and agree with the PC recommendations for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). We definitely need to provide greater authority for the County to customize PERMITS for all cannabis cultivation projects, including inland and coastal Ag zoning.

So please adopt the resolution recommending that the Board amend the LUDC and Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance to (1) require a conditional use permit for all cannabis cultivation and related on-site processing activities and (2) change the odor control requirements to be aligned with the standards for approval of CUPs.

As an added comment I would hope that staff, including enforcement staff, would look into any applications for the legal nonconforming uses of land that would allow some to receive a permit under false claims, with wrong dates and references, and deny any applications that are proved to be of deceit.

Bonnie Freeman, District II Resident Past GPAC Member Past District II County Park Commissioner (2015-2019)

P.S.

I believe you've previously accepted the following terms or considerations to be amended as well, but if still considering then I submit these comments that I made to the Planning Commission at an earlier date.

1.
CHAPTER 35, ARTICLE II, Coastal Zoning Ordinance
Add additional requirements to protect Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas, that comply with the requirements of the California Coastal Act. For example: A number of the AG-1 properties in the South

Patterson Area are in near proximity to More Mesa open space which has protected flora and fauna with many specific endangered species, including the White Kite, burrowing owl and also important bluffs, with public access to the beach, as well as a portion (approx. 35 acres) of recreational park use as a CSA-3 park.

2.

Odor-Generating Activities. The AG-1 greenhouses that are along the coastal zone should never be allowed to operate due to residential and public open spaces that are within the urban-rural boundary. Most, if not all, of these greenhouses are out of compliance with State standards and could not accommodate a commercial cannabis activity without enormous negative consequences and discord. Support the same considerations for other areas that have been impacted, such as Carpinteria and the canyon communities as well. Neighborhood compatibility should be at the top of all lists.

## 3. BUFFER ZONES

There's no argument that requiring larger Buffer zones between growing grounds and cannabis grow sites within the urban sector and any historic, scenic, parks, schools and open spaces that would impact visually as well as conflict with neighborhoods and recreation is the correct course to take.

## 4. SIZE LIMITATIONS

I understand that now any industrial commercial cannabis operation has NO size limit and only a CDP, the lowest level of permitting, is allowed cannot be true, can it? Suggest setting higher permit standards, CUPs, with inland and coastal Ag zoning treated similarly.

Thank you and please make the right choices to protect our urban Agriculture, our Land Use, and our Environment for long range considerations.

From: Susan Williams <susanclairewilliams@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:37 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Ban of Cannabis in EDRN Area

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Good Afternoon,

I'm hoping you'll read this email so I've kept it brief. Cannabis growers have no place in a residential area. You are not increasing fire nor law enforcement for our neighborhood although we pay some of the highest taxes in the area. There is 1 road in and 1 road out of Cebada Canyon. Up until recently you allowed cannabis growers to pretty much get what they wanted until the SB County Grand Jury realized that two of the supervisors were in bed with the cannabis lobbyists. How shameful!

History is very clear: you have not required, nor have they offered (why would they) to be environmentally conscious, good neighbors, or good stewards of the land. That won't change.

Please come spend a few days in Cebada Canyon and see the high speeds these cannabis growers drive at (posted 25 mph), the smell, the negative impact to our community, the increased traffic of huge trucks (no small box trucks thank you very much). You would no sooner allow cannabis grow near a school (we hope but now I wonder) but seem to have no problem putting it right in the middle of a residential area. There are so many abandoned buildings, property in Lompoc that are much better suited for their purposes. But, then you'd see what they were doing and they don't want that.

As a neighbor of one of the grows we've seen first hand their sly ways of skirting the County requirements and frankly they've gotten by with it until recently.

Do what's right and not allow cannabis grows in EDRN's. It's the way it's supposed to be. Put money aside and do what's right.

Gerald and Susan Williams 3300 Catalina Road Lompoc CA. 93436

From: Susan Williams <willigdennis@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:47 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** No cannabis in EDRN

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The message is simple from one of the homeowners in Cebada Canyon. Please consider us as your constituents! A cannabis grow has no place in a residential neighborhood. It is dangerous (1 road in/1 road out) and smells. The roads are not designed for the heavy duty semi trailers that the cannabis growers bring into our canyon regularly. It's only a matter of time before someone is hit and maybe even killed because the cannabis growers have no regard for the neighborhood. My family was almost hit head on 4 weeks ago on one of our roads by one of the non responsible cannabis growers. He was texting, driving on the road as though he was the only car and came within inches of causing a head on collision. To say he was going upwards of 45 mph in a 25 mph zone is not exaggerating. Is that what it will take for you to listen? Someone dying?

And don't get me started about the fact there was no mitigation of environmental impact by any of them. We had to in order to build in the area why do they get a pass on County requirements. Why did we pay our fees and follow the rules if they don't have to? Oh, yes the grand jury did find that 2 of the supervisors were aligned with cannabis lobbyists. Makes one wonder about under the table deals to the detriment of the rest of us. Shame on you!

We support the prohibition of cannabis in the EDRN's and any parcel that requires access. There are too many abandoned properties in Lompoc itself that would lend themselves to a cannabis grow and/or processing. Why is it that those are not options for the growers?

Gerald Williams 3300 Catalina Road Lompoc

From: Catalina McIsaac <catalina@catalinamcisaac.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:51 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** EDRN CUP and Cannabis

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July 12, 2020 Please enter this letter into the record.

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors;

I have sent seven letters to try and shock and awe our Board of Supervisors out of the Cannabis romance. Each letter finds a smaller and smaller area to protect from the massive grab of Cannabis interests over the wine industry and traditional agriculture, as well as communities like Carpinteria, which are not compatible with commercial cannabis growth and manufacture.

Now, I'm here to take a last stand and defend the Existing Developed Rural Neighborhoods (EDRN) from any further degradation. I encourage our Board of Supervisors to scribe in stone the previous 5-0 vote to prohibit commercial cannabis in EDRNs, and their associated narrow country roads, from the scourge of commercial cannabis.

I also request that the Board of Supervisors act responsibly and insist that Conditional Use Permits (CUP) be required of every business impacting the constituents of Santa Barbara County.

Surely, you each have done your due diligence and read the Grand Jury report on the mismanaged- boarder-line- corruptactions by members of the Board of Supervisors and you are wise enough to stop the bad press with right actions regarding the commercial cannabis industry and Santa Barbara County.

In short, it's time to do your job with integrity and listen to your constituents.

Respectfully,

Catalina McIsaac

From: Susan Williams <susanw2018@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:56 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** No cannabis in EDRN's

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Do you remember the Board of Supervisors telling Herbal Angels (Cebada Canyon) to maintain the avocado trees and even plant more? Well they thought they were better than the County requirements and actually brought in a helicopter to spray and kill off the avocado trees. We are direct neighbors of Herbal Angels and have dated pictures. Those poor trees are on their last leg. No new trees planted. That's what kind of people they are. They can't be believed, they don't follow rules and regulations, nor any request by the County. Why would you think they belong in an EDRN?

This has to be about more than just more money in the County treasury. The Board of Supervisors is supposed to represent **all** County residents; be environmental stewards (no portable bathrooms; no septic system on cannabis farms) and work toward the safety of its residents. Why do the cannabis growers get more concern than us? Is the SB Grand Jury report true that 2 of the supervisors were more concerned about the cannabis growers than the rest of us? It sure seems likely. Oh well, elections do come around and we will not forget.

Gerald and Susan Williams

**From:** fnemerson <fnemerson@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 6:58 AM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Hart, Gregg; sbcob

Subject:WE Watch letter, Cannabis RegulationAttachments:WEWBoard mtgagenda71120.docx

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Good morning,

WE Watch's letter regarding the Tuesday, July 14 cannabis regulation item on your agenda is attached.

**Nancy Emerson** 

# WE Watch Board Meeting

# Saturday, July 11, 2020, 1 p.m. Meeting via Zoom

- I. Call to order Nancy Emerson
- II. Consent Calendar
  - A.Minutes of June 15, 2020 Meeting Nicole Pena
  - B.Financial and Membership Report Susan Bott
- III. Old Business
  - A. Board of Supervisors meeting, Cannabis Regulations, July 14
  - B. Solvang proposed development plans, next steps
- IV. Adjourn

**From:** de la Guerra, Sheila

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 7:38 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** FW: Objection to Amendment to County Land Use Ordinance and Development Code

Sheila de la Guerra Deputy Clerk Clerk of the Board County of Santa Barbara (805) 568-2244



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From: Nick Croson <nickcroson@stickyickysfarms.com>

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:01 PM

To: de la Guerra, Sheila <sdelaguerra@countyofsb.org>

Subject: Objection to Amendment to County Land Use Ordinance and Development Code

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Sheila de la Guerra.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

As a member of the community and a supporter of regulated cannabis farming in Santa Barbara County, I urge you to reject changes to permitting and business policies that would further impede this burgeoning crop in our county.

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Many of our local cannabis farms are owned by small, independent farmers who have followed regulatory protocols in good faith though incurring substantial and hindering costs. Another change to this ordinance threatens their ability to pursue their own livelihood, and to continue to both provide year-round and good paying jobs within our communities while also supporting local auxiliary businesses in industries ranging from agricultural supplies to restaurants.

In rebudgeting amidst the wake of COVID-19, your fellow supervisors have acknowledged the importance of revenues stemming from cannabis farming. As you again consider staff reports surrounding commercial cannabis activity, I urge you not to amend cannabis farming regulations in such a manner that would disrupt or jeopardize local jobs and residual revenue which is essential to supporting county programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nick Croson nickcroson@stickyickysfarms.com 2500 wild oak rd Lompoc , California 93436

From:

County Executive Office

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 8:21 AM

To:

sbcob

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Subject:

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Steve Lavagnino,

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From: Jennifer Cota <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:19 PM

To: County Executive Office <caoemail@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>

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Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Cota jenniecota805@gmail.com 4705 8th St Apt A Carpinteria, California 93013

From:

Michael Prentice < michaelp807@gmail.com >

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 9:31 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Canabis in Cebada Camyon

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Dear Sirs,

I am in favor of banning all cannabis activity in the canyon altogether. For a fact the canyon has been a big draw for horse owners over the years and the fact of only having one entrance and exit creates a huge risk at the time of a fire. I support the ban all together. The roads and traffic flow can not handle all the extra commercial traffic.

Thank you

Michael Prentice

From: Tim Neuman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 9:36 AM

To: sbcob

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Jacquelyne Alexander,

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Tim Neuman tntenttntent@gmail.com 3956 Celestial way lompoc, Ca 93436 Lompoc, California

From:

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 9:42 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

cannabis ordinance

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Honorable Supervisors,

The single thing that can most readily resolve conflicts created by the existing cannabis ordinance is a requirement for all cultivation permits to have CUP's. Permits go with the land and should be able to be conditioned to fit specific areas.

thank you, sharyne merritt, farmer

From:

County Executive Office

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 9:47 AM

To:

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Attachments: Case No. 19ORD-00000-00009.pdf; ATT00001.txt

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Please distribute to supervisors and include into the record for agenda item 3. On 7/14/20.

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Paul Cavanagh
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From:

County Executive Office

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 10:42 AM

To:

sbcob

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Melekian, Barney

Subject:

FW: Objection to Amendment to County Land Use Ordinance and Development Code

From: Becka Neuman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:29 AM

To: County Executive Office <caoemail@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 10:43 AM

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From: Nick Croson < nickcroson@stickyickysfarms.com>

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:05 AM

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From: Amy Marie Orozco <amy@kopsun.com>

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Amy Marie Orozco

<u>amy@kopsun.com</u>

4806 Sawyer Avenue

Carpinteria, California 93013-1948

From: S G <sasha477m@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 10:55 AM

**To:** sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

**Cc:** Ramirez, Angelica; Patty

Subject: July 14, 2020 Meeting – Conditional Use Permit for Cannabis Cultivation – PLEASE READ

INTO THE RECORD

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

As taxpayers and residents of Carpinteria for 22 years, we urge you to amend the Cannabis Ordinance to require a Conditional Use Permit for all cannabis cultivation.

Like those of many residents in Carpinteria and the county, our lives have been unacceptably disrupted by the continued infiltration of cannabis odor into our home and neighborhood. We continue to have concerns about the long-term health and safety impacts to residents.

The Grand Jury investigation and 6/30/2020 report speaks for itself. Mr. Williams' references to "anti-marijuana folks" miss the point. Any proposed large-scale industrial operation needs to involve a fair, transparent and comprehensive process that gives proper consideration to all potential impacts before a project is approved. The same principle applies, whether we are talking cannabis, fracking, uranium mining or any other industrial production proposed in or adjacent to our community.

The county's own planning commission, by a 5-0 vote, recommended a CUP process that would provide appropriate flexibility and speed of approval. We must accept that a longer timeframe for approval of a proposed cannabis production facility close to schools and homes may be appropriate, as more work needs to be done to assess and mitigate impacts.

Lastly, the Board needs to address a blatant governance and ethics issue. Supervisors who accept campaign donations from the cannabis industry should recuse from voting on the CUP and any other cannabis measures.

Thank you,

Alexander and Patricia Globa 1483 Anita St. Carpinteria, CA 93013

Telephone: 818-419-2360

From: stewart.erickson@aggas.com

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:59 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: SERVICE PROVIDER PERSPECTIVE - NO MORE ARDUOUS REGS

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board,

My self and my family recently moved to this wonderful part of California with a new technology company AG Gas<sup>®</sup>. AG Gas installs organic CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment service for agricultural throughout California: Outdoor, Hoop-houses and ventilated Greenhouses including but not limited to Cannabis cultivation.

Our technology has a number of important economic and environmental benefits: sequesters more CO<sub>2</sub>, healthier more disease resistant plants and improves the crops' water-use-efficiency by 80-90%!

As an early stage company bringing technology into the market place requires political stability at the county level. The shifting regulatory sands, has made it especially difficult in Santa Barbara County to bring new technology into the market place.

I oppose more stringent and arduous regulations for Cannabis farmers. Technology like AG Gas will solve problems like odor mitigation, but you have to give farmers firm footing to invest and establish these technologies in the market here.

Sincerely,

Stewart Erickson Instagram: CO2. Stew

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From: Nanci Robertson <surflane1@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 11:26 AM **To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Lavagnino, Steve

**Subject:** Cannabis CUP's

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SB County Board of Supervisors,

Please, please vote for requiring CUP's for all Cannabis applications. This is a requirement for most new industries and especially, in this case, its the only fair thing to do for everyone.

Thank you!

Nanci Robertson

From: Renee ONeill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 12:01 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: Renee ONeill

Subject:Public Comment Presentation for LUDCAttachments:Tepusquet Cannabis Traffic, 7-14-20 PDF.pdf

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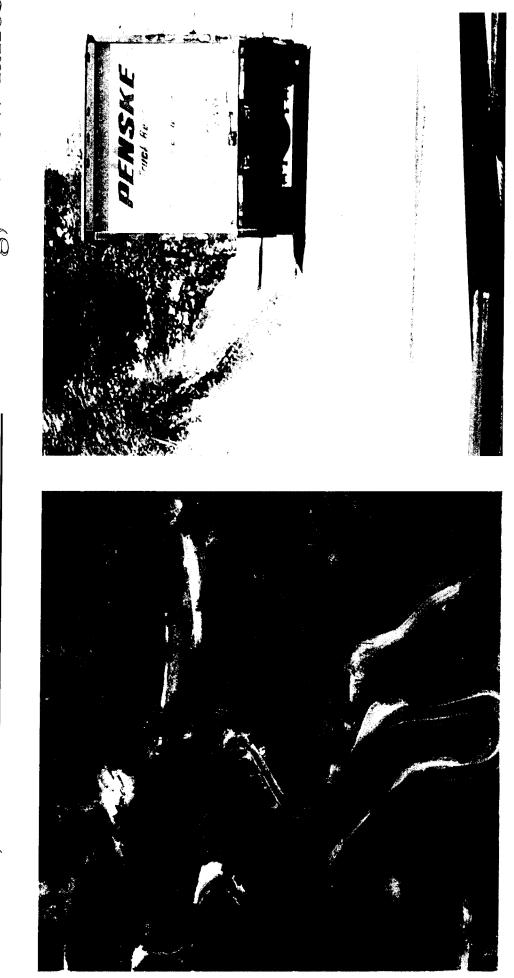
Attached, please find my Power Point presentation for my "Speech," at tomorrow's LUDC Hearing. It runs a little over 2 minutes.

Renée O'Neill

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Unless, protective clauses are added, ... adjacent to, or accessed through an EDRN!"

Known, Unsafe Road Conditions - winding, narrow lanes

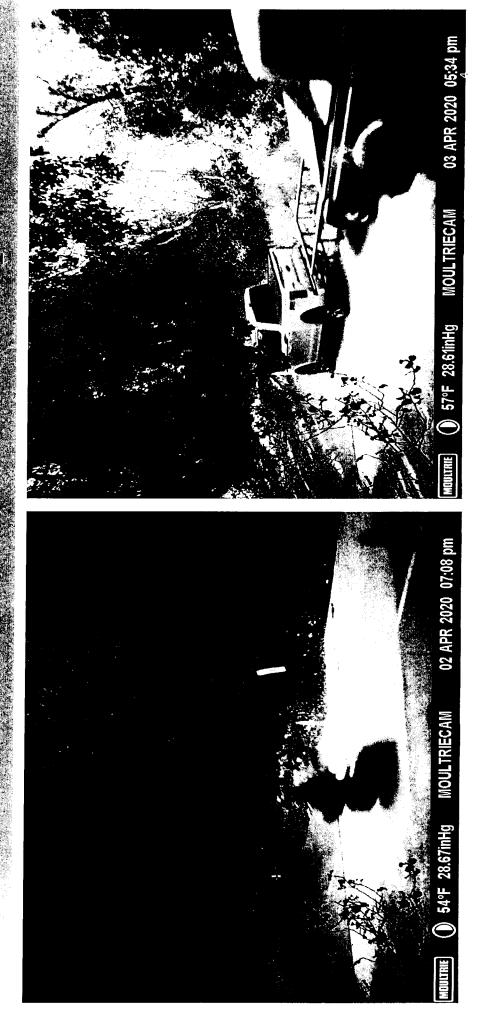


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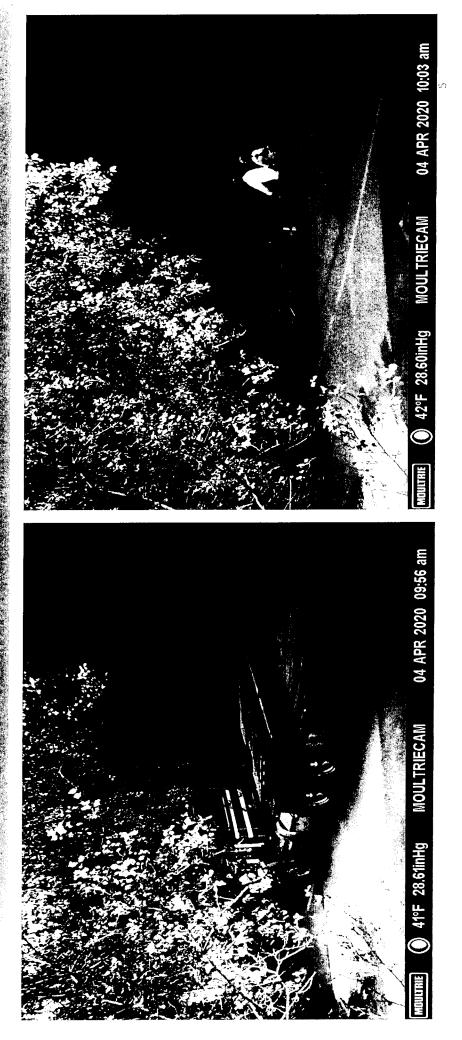




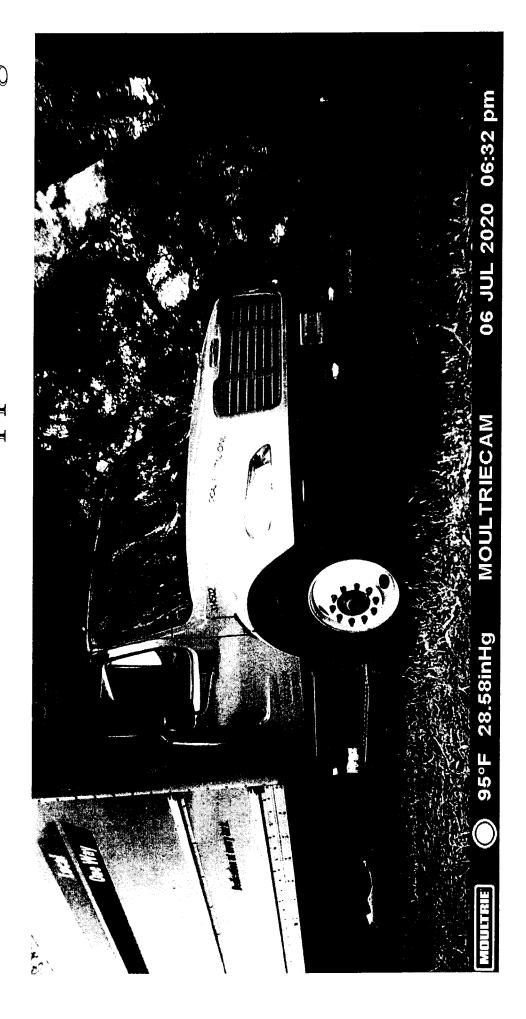
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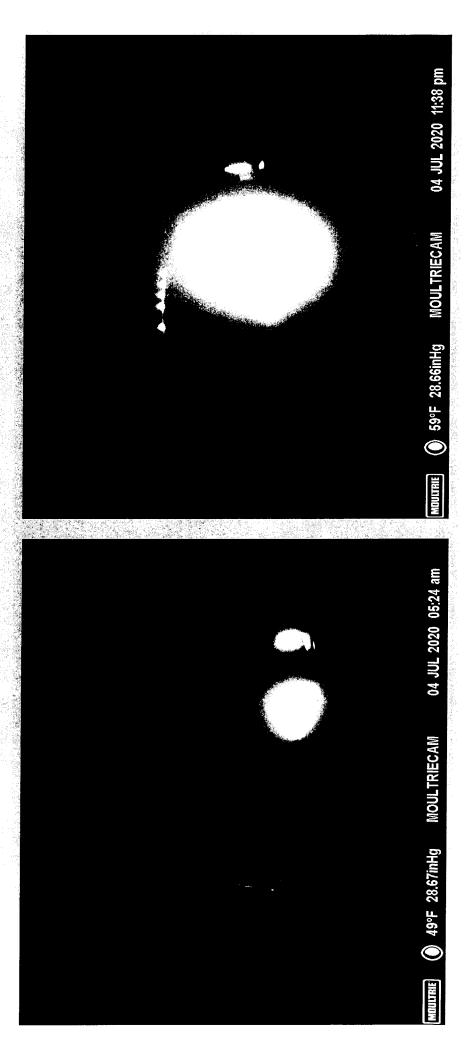


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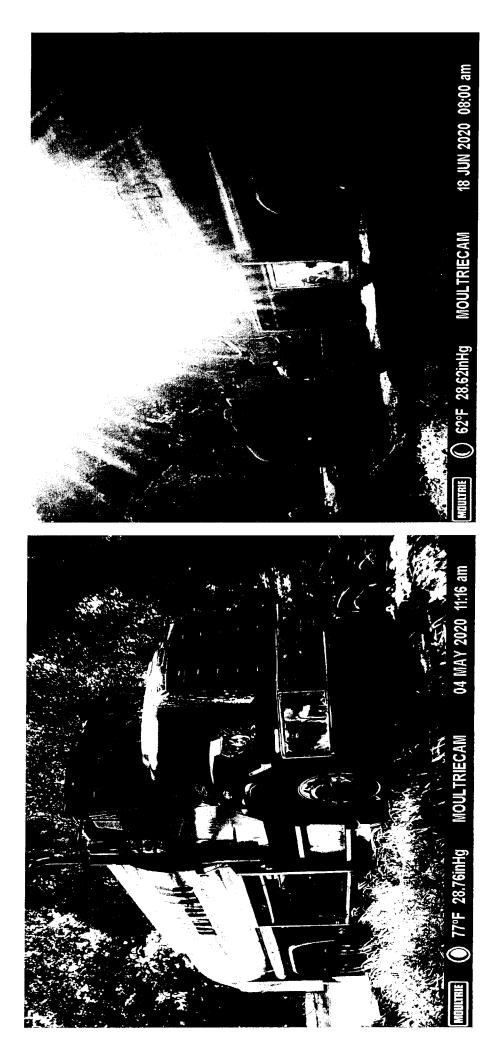




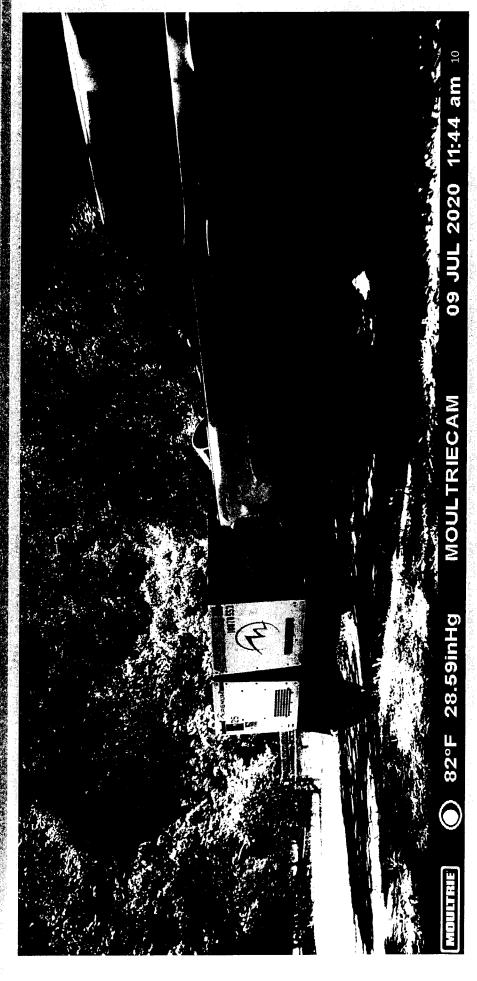
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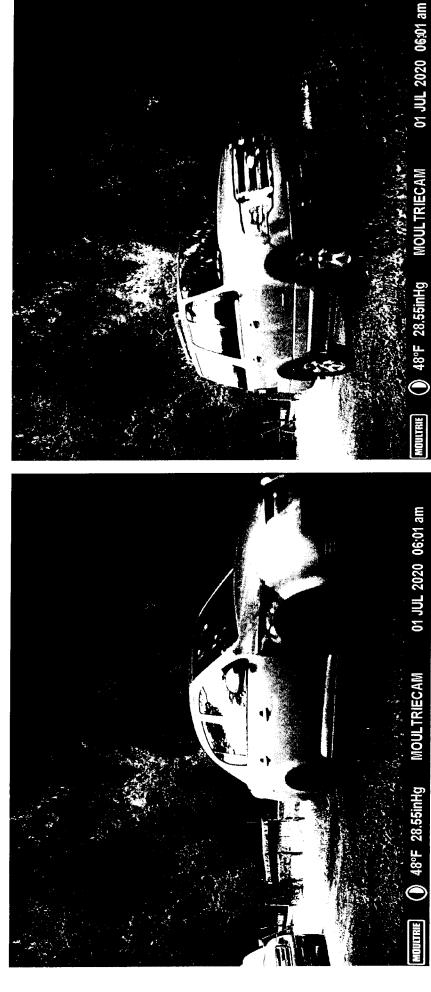
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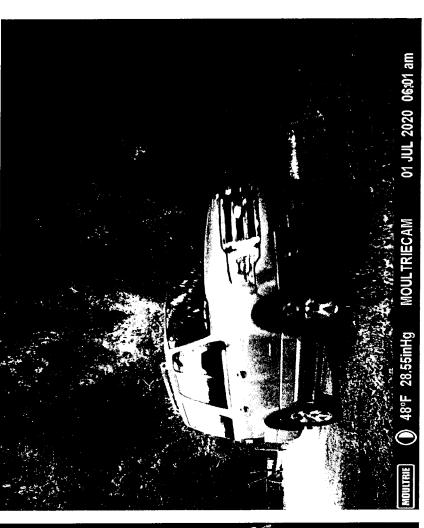


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use Tepusquet Rd. to access grow sites NOT within our EDRN! 13 vehicles made 249 trips in 10 days! All growers must





## Large, unwieldy loads are unsafe for our narrow, one-lane, winding canyon roadway.





84 Trips in Tepusquet, in Ten Days!



## Lack of Traffic Controls - Most Accidents Go Unreported! 8 wrecks in 2 years!





are at great risk! Fire evacuations are a nightmare! First Responders are 20-30 minutes away! Lives



Sept. 2019 - Water tanker wreck #4 that we're aware of.



from 2009-2018 reveals an average of 10 accidents a year on a road with Quick analysis of 100 reported traffic accidents on Tepusquet Canyon Tepusquet Canyon road — "REPORTED ACCIDENTS" FROM CHP: lower than average ADT. There were 5 deaths and 69 injuries. The accidents involved:

IMPROPER TURNS: 40 – There are multiple blind and extreme curves (aka, heedless of lane laws).

NO STREET LIGHTS: 34

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**From:** PAUL EKSTROM <paulekstrom@cox.net>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 11:52 AM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3. July 14, 2020

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I ask you to table this item until more consideration is given to the advantages of CUP's on all cannabis projects. I and many others are concerned the cannabis lobby has exercised too much influence on permits and licensing. Many of us have felt marginalized by our county's actions. Requiring CUP's will help restore the public's confidence in government. Respectfully, Paul Ekstrom.

From:

Steve Junak <ranchocebada@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 12:11 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Comments for Agenda Item #3 (Cannabis Ordinance amendments) 14 July 2020

**Attachments:** 

Cannabis Comments to SB BOS 14 July 2020.docx

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Hello Angelica,

Please add the attached letter to the public record for tomorrow's Board of Supervisors hearing and distribute to the Board members.

Thank you!

Steve Junak

RE: Agenda Item #3 (Cannabis Ordinance amendments) Board of Supervisors hearing on 14 July 2020

Chair Hart and Honorable Supervisors,

Thank you so much for supporting the prohibition of commercial Cannabis activities in the County's EDRNs at your June 11th meeting! I sincerely hope that you will continue to support that action at your hearing on July 14th.

Thank you for hearing our concerns and for taking this action to reduce the impacts that residents in the rural neighborhoods of Cebada and Tepusquet canyons have been experiencing. We are very grateful that you have responded to our comments!

At your upcoming hearing, I hope that you will also consider a prohibition of commercial Cannabis activities that require access through an EDRN. The need for this this additional protection is especially critical in Tepusquet Canyon, where Cannabis growers are currently travelling through that EDRN to reach remote sites in Los Padres National Forest and in other surrounding areas. This commercial traffic jeopardizes the safety of residents and other drivers using the narrow, winding rural roads in Tepusquet Canyon.

Thanks again for hearing our concerns and for trying to solve the ongoing problems and conflicts in Cebada and Tepusquet canyons!

Sincerely,

Steve Junak Cebada Canyon resident

**From:** merrily peebles <merpeebles@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 12:24 PM

To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

**Subject:** BOS July 16 meeting, CUP Permits for Cannabis

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am pleased you have another opportunity, on July 16th, to reconsider mandating CUPs for <u>all</u> cannabis farms in the County. As a resident of Carpinteria, I am impacted every day as I drive into or leave my residential neighborhood. I smell cannabis. I also smell it at my house, depending on wind direction. A CUP would enable the County to more closely monitor each project in the permit process and protect our environment. Isn't that what the County is about. Aren't you elected to represent us and not just the business interests of cannabis growers? Residents want fair and even protection for all, not one sided, all in in favor cannabis.

Something needs to be done sooner than later, why not start now. Our voices gained enormous support and validation recently. We can no longer be dismissed. The Grand Jury Report was very clear the current regulations are not working and that they came into being in a questionable manner. You must be tired of reading the same complaints over and over, just as I am tired of proliferating cannabis grows in my neighborhood not using best practice odor control---carbon filtration. I saw someone from 3516 Foothill, Autumn Brand I think?, on TV touting their new odor control machine a few weeks ago. Well the odor has not changed in front of their property. They have the same lobbyists telling them what to say and do and will so on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Listen to us and not them.

Please get this issue under control. CUPs are a step in the right direction. Thank you,

Merrily Peebles Carpinteria

From: Susan Mailheau <susan.mailheau@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 1:26 PM

To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

**Subject:** Conditional Use Permits and Cannabis reform

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Dear Supervisors,

In response to the findings of the Grand Jury on June 30th, I urge you to do the right thing in representing the interests of the people residing in Santa Barbara County. The best way to do that is to actually listen to people who speak out, and to provide sufficient transparency to allow people to know what issues have come before you. The Grand Jury spoke of an Ad Hoc committee that side-stepped requirements for transparency. Such veiled governance is not representative of the kind of County I thought I live in, and it leaves me wondering what else may be occurring behind the scenes.

My own personal complaints against the cannabis invasion goes far beyond the very offensive odor that cannot be escaped in my town. Cannabis is all encompassing. I observe the behavior of those around me. Many individuals are now disrespectful to others, rude, and coarse. This was a rather abrupt change that commenced at the same time cannabis took hold. The local newspaper now needs a full page to report local crime. Again, a coincidence? And everywhere you look, Carp Growers is in your face - spreading just enough money to exert their influence. These impacts are everywhere - a constant reminder that I now live in a company town.

But the greatest shock and dismay this Grand Jury report brings is alerting us to the lack of a code of ethics. Often over the last three years, upon hearing of some campaign donation or similar activity that seemed questionable, I was wondering how such actions survived scrutiny. After all, even I was required to complete an Ethics Training Module for a Board I serve on, and many of your actions are in direct violation of the lessons taught.

Cannabis has transformed my home making it a foul-smelling pit of contention and a laughing stock of the state. The choice before me is to either relocate, or to try to join the voices demanding change. I ask that you comply with the Grand Jury demands; first and foremost, develop and adhere to a code of ethics. Next, deny permits to growers who are making unsubstantiated claims, and require conditional use permits for all cannabis cultivation in inland and coastal sites.

It is time you become a balanced governance again and regain the public's trust.

Susan Mailheau, DVM

From: Anna Carrillo <annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:47 PM

To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Williams, Das; Lavagnino, Steve

**Subject:** Comments re: Cannabis Ordinance Amendments

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To: Board of Supervisors From: Anna Carrillo July 12, 2020

- 1. Please support the prohibition of commercial cannabis production in EDRNs in both the inland areas and the Coastal Zone areas.
- 2. Require processing activities to be located within an enclosed building that utilizes best available technology to control cannabis odors in both the inland areas and the Coastal Zone areas.
- 3. Re: the requirement for lots zoned Ag-!!, requiring a CUP for projects that include a proposed cultivation area that exceeds 51% of the subject lot area, this would be a good proposal for the Coastal Zone also. We only have

Ag-1 parcels but just like the inland area, Carpinteria Valley is having difficulties because of the overconcentration and locations next to schools, residents, legacy agriculture. This would concur with Das Williams' statement a year ago at a Board meeting on July 16,2019, that he would be in favor of "targeted CUPs". Requiring those parcels wanting to cultivate more than 51% of their property would be a "criteria-based" targeted use of a CUP.

- 4. A minimum of 50 foot setback is not sufficient for either inland or in the Coastal Zone with some greenhouses in Carpinteria 50' from residences.
- 5. In providing direction to Staff regarding any other amendments, please don't use the length of time for any changes in the Cannabis Ordinance in the Coastal Zone as an excuse. The <u>Coastal Development Permits</u> will be <u>permanent</u> so we need to get this right now just as the Grand Jury recommended.
- 6. Please support both the Planning Commission's and the Grand Jury's recommendation that CUPs should be required for all commercial cannabis activities. This would allow neighborhood's compatibility and concerns to be publicly heard and the process is transparent.
- 7. Not requiring CUPs limits what the Planning Commission and the Board can do in recommending modifications to a land-use application. This was confirmed by County Counsel in a few of the appeal cases.
- 8. Properties adjacent to EDRNs in both the inland area and the Coastal Zone need to have CUPs.
- 9. If sensitive receptors included more than schools, day care and youth facilities, but also residents and legacy agriculture and the measurement was from property line to property line, many issues would be solved.

- 10. Marc Chytillo has presented many suggestions that would rectify many of our problems for both inland and the Coastal Zone.
- 11. Since the Board will be on recess for the next 3 weeks, please inform the public who is responsible for responding to the Grand Jury Report of June 30, 2020?
- 12. Please listen to and respect all of your constituents, not just the cannabis industry. We just want regulations that preserve our quality of life and are fair to everyone who has made Santa Barbara County their home.

From: Sayda Jocelyn Espinoza-Delgadillo <espinoza16sj@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 1:52 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Cebada Canyon

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jocelyn, my father is a contractor with Fedex and owns the routes in Lompoc that includes Cebada Canyon. I am the FedEx driver that covers this area, and have been for the last 7 1/2 years. It was my first area I learned and have become very familiar with, along with my customers. Always a quiet tranquil area up until a few years ago that I started experiencing a large amount of reckless driving by people I have never seen before.

I have trained 3 other drivers on this route and have noticed that they too complain of coming close to being hit by reckless, distracted drivers. This group of people have made it unsafe for myself and my team to safely deliver these much needed packages to our customers in the canyon.

With the pandemic going on, our deliveries to cebada have increased tremendously, especially with essential items.

I have been in several near miss collisions with people driving too fast, tailgating, drivers on their phone, and aggressive drivers. Driving in the middle of the road, leaving no space for me to drive and giving me no other option than to drive onto the side off the road.

One event that occurred less than a year ago, it was my first and last time delivering there.

I pulled up to the gate of a property and the "security" guy came up to me, hand on his handgun holster asking me many questions as to who I was, who was I with, what was in my vehicle, wanted to check inside my vehicle (which is not allowed per Fedex) when CLEARLY I am in a marked vehicle with my badge on me. I deliver to numerous properties with certified and uniformed security guards, and never had an encounter like this. I refused to deliver there again.

I ask on behalf of my customers, mine and my teams safety, and our continued service to the people of Cebada Canyon that you ban commercial Cannabis in EDRNs and adjoining properties. These commercial growers are not our customers and do not belong in this residential area.

Thank you for your consideration

Jocelyn Delgadillo FedEx Ground

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Evan Turpin <epturpin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:54 PM

To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

**Subject:** CUP permits for Cannabis

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Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

At your July 16th meeting, please take into consideration and act upon the recommendations of the Grand Jury's findings that a CUP permit would allow better monitoring of each cannabis project and protect the environment of those of us that live here.

I am a resident on Foothill Road in Carpinteria, and I have experienced first hand the changes in my neighborhood, from traffic increase, parking issues and of course, the smell of cannabis. I smell it on Foothill Road and I smell it as I enter and exit the freeway at Santa Claus Lane.

I am tired of smelling it andI am tired of the Board not listening to those of us in Carpinteria that are affected by the cannabis industry that has overtaken our town. Please consider the residents that you are supposed to be representing.

Thank you, Evan Turpin 4038 Foothill Road Carpinteria

From: Wendy Davis <wendy.davis@pilatesanytime.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 1:44 PM

To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

**Subject:** Amending the Cannabis Ordinance to require a CUP for all cannabis

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Wendy Davis 2522 Whitney Ave. PO Box 122 Summerland, CA 93067

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Elizabeth Long
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7261 Domingos Road
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From:

Joe Armendariz <joe@nhcdispensaries.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 2:39 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

BOS Dept. Item #3

Importance:

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Dear members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a young man that grew up in Santa Maria next to the strawberry fields, I spent much of my youth side by side with family members as a field laborer. Though many people view field workers as lower class citizens and jobs meant only for immigrant workers. My family embraced their position and knew that working in the fields was only a placeholder and a stepping stone for what could be achieved working towards the american dream. I have watched every one of my brothers and sisters elevate themselves from field workers to prominent members of the communities they belong to. My sister graduated law school and became a lawyer, My brother graduated USC and became a project manager for Boeing, and My little brother Graduated at Cal Poly and became a financial consultant.

I personally was never able to shake my passion for agriculture as it carried deep in my blood throughout my life. In high school I was an active participant in many different organizations including Avid program, Upward Bound program, Future Leaders of America, and Future Farmers of America. Through my many years of community service and deep community involvement I was introduced to the cannabis industry nearly 12 years ago. I had to make a decision as to if this was the right business for myself to be in. My wife had just started working as a nurse for Santa Maria Hospital and Mission Hope Cancer Center. My wife and I were seeing and hearing first hand the benefits that cannabis was having on her patients. We mutually agreed that working in the medical field of producing cannabis was not only a great opportunity but a noble profession. For the last 12 years I have completely devoted my life to producing the highest quality cannabis in the place that I have considered my backyard my entire life. Tepusquet mountain is a unique, wild, unchanged, and a pristine growing environment that provides the best locations for producing optimal quality cannabis. We have natural barriers of mountain ranges in between us and any other neighbors. These natural barriers provide the isolation needed so as not to have negative effects on anyone who can hear it, see it, or smell it. Not only do these properties provide natural barriers to sensitive receptors they also provide the ultimate security, and in our opinion there is not a safer place to produce cannabis than in these conditions.

Over the last decade this business has afforded my family the opportunity to move from my first home in santa maria, to a great family oriented neighborhood in orcutt. My kids go to orcutt elementary and I have been absolutely blessed to have given them a better opportunity than I had as a child. The opportunity that Tepusquet mountains have provided have allowed me to pursue both my passion and hobby. Today I employ nearly 16 full time workers who I am proud to provide not just a job, but a career.

We have branded our products from tepusquet and with our network of retail avenues we have made the transition of a medical market to a recreational one. Please dont strip the american dream away from local people like me who believe in and are passionate in what they do. People who have invested, followed the rules, and transitioned on every task that the county has requested. Please give us a chance and opportunity to prove to you we are as decent and hardworking people and beneficial members to this community. Thank you for hearing us out and not making rash decisions that apply to a few but not all.

Sincerely, Luis A. Gonzalez Orcutt, CA 93458

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We hold many licenses and always move in a forward direction with the people that we work with and the people that are around us. We are always looking forward to solving problems and always learning and always growing. We take seriously our responsibility to be good shepherds of the land. The most important thing to understand is that we grow in a suitable place that allows us to work our fields from a distance that allows us to not bother anybody. And this is why we have not had one single complaint inside the main gate off Tepusquet Road up to the summit of the mountain.

We've created a distance between ourselves and anyone else out there. This is a perfect place to grow our cannabis so it can be distributed in our stores and legally sold to people who need it for a variety of important medicinal uses. We are proud of what we harvest in Tepusquet. This is my livelihood.

Our ranches are all self-sufficient with more than enough water as that's something we're not short of in this area. I have seven springs on my property that generate a hundred gallons a minute that makes our remote property an ideal place to farm ethically because all of our ranches inside the main gate are out of sight and out of mind and out of smell "naturally" due to our proximity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

KELSEY O'REILLY Santa Barbara ranchhandcoop@gmail.com 805-452-9135

From: Tim Neuman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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Tim Neuman tntenttntent@gmail.com 3956 Celestial way lompoc, Ca 93436 Lompoc, California

From: Good Farmers Great Neighbors <noreply@123formbuilder.io>

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**Subject:** Supporting County Cannabis Farmers

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Subject County Cannabis Farmers Standing With Our Community

Message To: Honorable Supervisors of Santa Barbara County

Supervisor Greg Hart, Chair

Supervisor Das Williams, District 1 Supervisor Joan Hartmann, District 3 Supervisor Peter Adams, District 4 Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, District 5

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**From:** de la Guerra, Sheila

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To: sbcob

**Subject:** FW: Supporting County Cannabis Farmers

Sheila de la Guerra Deputy Clerk Clerk of the Board County of Santa Barbara (805) 568-2244



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Dan Fox dan@privatereserve.org 415 W. Sola St. Santa Barbara, California 93101

From: County Executive Office

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**Cc:** Melekian, Barney

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From: Elizabeth Long <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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From: County Executive Office

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 2:52 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: Melekian, Barney

**Subject:** FW: Cannabis regulations revisited.

From: Paul Foley <paulfoley5@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:49 PM

To: County Executive Office <caoemail@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>; Mo Foley <maureenkathrynfoley@gmail.com>;

concernedcarpinterians@gmail.com **Subject:** Cannabis regulations revisited.

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Life does not always give people a second chance. But you, the SB Board of Supervisors, have been presented with a gilded opportunity to slightly rectify the current cannabis zoning regulations. Our County Planning Commission has proposed a number of changes to existing rules which hopefully you will consider at your meeting tomorrow July 14th.

Since the enactment of the current cannabis regulations dozens, even hundreds, of citizens here in Carpinteria and county wide have complained about them. Much about these regulations-how they came to be, how they were so pro-cannabis slanted, how they ignored or dismissed honest objections, how they impacted some communities, i.e., here in Carpinteria, more than others is just so wrong as to be a travesty. But little was done, a drug bust here or there, though none since the pandemic that I know of. Then last week the county Grand Jury issued a blistering report on the genesis of these regulations which only confirmed what many of us long suspected. The overall county scheme for commercial cannabis regulation was woefully pro dope industry, secretly enacted and laughably enforced.

But tomorrow you have another time to try and get it right. The Planning Commission has proposed at least four sensible amendments to the current rules. I would hope to see all of them enacted, even though the suggested exemptions are wide enough to drive a truck through. If you only do one thing, however, I would hope it is the CUP requirement. For me this is the strongest requirement, with the most community notice and with the best chance of county enforcement.

Thanks for the opportunity to voice our concerns...Paul and Mary Foley, Carpinteria

From:

Bubba Armenta < barmenta 10406@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 2:53 PM

To:

Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob;

County Executive Office; de Bruin, Adriana; mghizzoni@countysb.org

Subject:

Case no. 19ORD-00000-0000-9

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To Whom It May Concern:

I request this letter to be read into the record for the BOS meeting on Tuesday, July, 14th 2020 where commercial cannabis production inside of EDRNs is discussed.

I have a small indoor operation in Cebada Canyon. I have spent \$100,000 plus on reports, legal fees, Santa Barbara County Fees, & State of California fees to create a business to support my family. It seems unfair to a business owner who is already this far into the process for Santa Barbara County to now remove this area from growing cannabis. Who is going to reimburse the cost I have incurred?

The voters voted to allow cannabis cultivation in the state of California. Let us grow. Let us create additional tax dollars for our state. The county of Santa Barbara has much greater requirements then other counties in California as it is. One has to spend a lot of money to jump through all the hoops to get approved.

Thank you,

Raul Armenta SRH Canna, LLC (805)325-1414

From: Hoffman, Valerie < VHoffman@seyfarth.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 3:10 PM

To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

**Subject:** Please amend Cannabis Ordinance to require CUP

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Valerie Hoffman & Ron Noe, 3288 Beach Club Rd, Carpinteria, CA

Re: Reconsider Cannabis CUP

We live in Carpinteria on Beach Club Road. The odor of the cannabis growing nearby affects our neighborhood and our daily lives in a very negative way. The historic agricultural uses in and around Carpinteria have never had the kind of impact that we are suffering from now. Cannabis is not just another kind of agriculture. These cannabis operations are not compatible with residential areas nearby, like ours, because of the odors and health and safety issues. This must be considered for adequate land use regulation. To not consider this impact is to ignore the spirit of land use regulation.

The process used to issue Land Use Permits do not follow basic critical principles of transparency in government and are issued behind closed doors by the Planning Director with limited public access to documents, no public review process and no public hearing. This is not appropriate for a land use that is so negatively impactful on so many people. The proposed CUP process will allow transparency that the community expects and deserves from its government.

The CUP will allow the government to customize cannabis project requirements and deal with different cannabis projects appropriately. This will protect people as well as the environment.

As residents deeply affected by this issue, please do not place the people's health and well-being below the narrow business interests of a small group of cannabis growers. There is always a cost of doing business, especially a business that is so lucrative. This business should be subject to very stringent controls. Please reconsider the CUP and provide a transparent process that can be appropriately fine-tuned.

Thank you, Valerie Hoffman and Ron Noe

From: Gary Hauenstein < garyhauenstein@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 3:19 PM

To: sbcob

**Cc:** Gwen Hauenstein; Karin Hauenstein; Joe Prencipe **Subject:** CONSTITUENT INPUT for JULY 14TH B.O.S. meeting

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Dear County Representatives,

I REQUEST THIS LETTER BE READ INTO THE RECORD FOR THE BOS MEETING on TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020 where prohibition of Commercial Cannabis Production inside of EDRNs is concerned, ITEM #20-00560:

"It has just been brought to our attention that Supervisor Joan Hartmann, who personally proposed this change to an already established law without proper, transparent and focused public review, herself owns property and lives inside an EDRN near Buellton, CA. This is a serious conflict of interest. Joan Hartmann should be recused from a vote on this issue and also never should have proposed this specific change of law at this late stage in the process. We have not been given adequate time nor noticing for a restriction of this magnitude which will effectively cause millions of dollars of loss to cannabis businesses already established in EDRNs.

Our family has been resident in Northern Santa Barbara County for 5 generations and we own over 400 acres in Cebada Canyon. We have lived there for over 40 years.

We have had a clean, legal medical cannabis production operation on our AG properties since 2016 in secluded canyons far from any homes, including ours. Wind studies will show the odor from our properties flows though ours toward Hwy 135. Specifically, our cannabis terps are only enjoyed by cows and oil wells.

There is NO HOA in Cebada Cyn. We would like to point out we are on Agriculturally Zoned property, AGI and AGII. We are Not zoned Residential. Our roads are safe and not any more busy than they are with all the other businesses that operate in our Canyon. Nobody has done a traffic study.

Restricting any landowner's access to this LEGAL agricultural crop permitting process would effectively give the few, loud busybodies in our Canyon the right to tell us what we can farm. We don't believe that respects anybody's personal property rights! We are in support of allowing commercial cannabis production with Conditional Use Permits inside Cebada Canyon, which provides plenty of restriction and oversight.

Thank you for your time and thank you to every single County employee who serves our communities daily, especially fire personnel and law enforcement."

Sincerely,

Gary and Gwen Hauenstein 3333 Avena Road Lompoc, CA 93436

From:

Jim Mannoia < jim.mannoia@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 3:21 PM

To: Subject:

sbcob; Lavagnino, Steve; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan

July 14 Meeting

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# Dear Supervisors,

Just one more sincere request that at tomorrow's meeting (July 14, 2020) on amendments to the cannabis ordinance, you please take seriously the flawed process that was taken to adopt these ordinances originally (as pointed out by the Grand Jury) and pay special attention to tightening the odor control portions so as to insist on closed system filtration for all grows. I believe that 90% of the complaints you get would go away if this were done.

I also am not convinced that you are legally UNABLE to enforce odor and other forms of control on the many many currently unpermitted ("Legal non-conforming") grows (Supposedly in operation pre-January 2016). They are out of hand. Yes, some (8?) have been shut down. Many more need to follow!

Sincerely, Jim Mannoia 3375 Foothill Road Carpinteria, CA

From: Jennifer Ogren <jennifereffland@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 3:27 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Tepusquet Resident Letter for the July 14th the Board of Supervisors meeting

**Attachments:** TepusquetResidentLetterSBCOB7\_13\_20.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Attached please find my letter for the Board of Supervisors meeting to review proposed language for amendments to the Cannabis ordinance

I live in Tepusquet Canyon and I support the ban on cannabis in EDRNs. Please add the following language to ensure that all cultivation sites that use Tepusquet Road are closed down: "This ban applies to parcels within EDRNs and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN as the sole means of access."

I am outlining in my letter my major concerns about the cannabis growers in my community.

I am definitely impacted by the traffic they generate. Cars and trucks drive at unsafe speeds with little or no regard for others. Our roads are windy and narrow with no shoulder. When I'm driving I am worried about my own safety because I have had people who I don't recognize as neighbors tailgate and pass me on the windy parts of the road. In addition, I have observed that the amount of traffic is greater at certain periods, which I can only attribute to the phases of when they harvest the cannabis. Last Saturday, there was an unprecedented amount of traffic beginning in the morning and not stopping until 1am. With the road closed at the top of the road due to construction, this would dissuade the average weekend driver from taking a drive up Tepusquet Road. This leads me to believe that the traffic was from the growers. This impacts the quality of life that I expected to have living in a rural community. I also want to be able to walk on the road knowing that it is safe. Having cannabis operations in our community brings people out here who have little concern for the safety and well-being of our community.

As a resident of Tepusquet I can see these grow sites from our property. They are a blight and a stark contrast to our beautiful, oak-strewn hills. There are also ongoing noise issues from machinery. For this past week, a wood chipper has been running non-stop (starting at 8am). If this was a neighbor, I would call them to discuss this issue, but it's not. It's a business with no regard for the community.

Areas within EDRNs exhibit steep slopes, are sensitive biological resources, with an existing inadequate access. They also have a negative impact on our limited water supplies, posing a potential threat that is essential to our way of life and the wildlife that depends on it.

According to the Board Agenda letter from Planning and Development, the amount of land that will be taken out of cannabis use is 25,000 acres, but that is only one one-thousandth of the overall county.

The prohibition on commercial cannabis activities within EDRNs would eliminate the potential for new commercial cannabis projects that could result in adverse effects associated with these environmental issues and resources."

I thank you in advance for your consideration and addressing these concerns in my letter.

Tepusquet Resident

From: Kelly Rangel <cebadakelly@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 3:29 PM

To: sbcob

**Subject:** Cannabis Ordinance

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To: Honorable chair Hart, and board members

Regarding: Amending Ordinance with Critical Additional Requirement Language Hearing of SBCBOS July 14, 2020 Agenda Item #3

This letter is to express my concern regarding the amendments as proposed. They are a start in the right direction but as it stands, don't go far enough. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Supervisors, Hart, Hartmann and Adams on the 3-2 vote to ban Cannibis in the EDRN s. It's a great beginning to write the wrongs of the current ordinance, which only protects the Cannibis growers, "to facilitate the development of a robust Cannibis Business".

Hopefully, the pendulum is now swinging to put the health and welfare of the tax paying citizens first and canni-business after!

The much sought after amendments are as follows:

- 1) Ban all Commercial Cannibis Projects ADJACENT to an EDRN.
- 2)Ban Commercial Cannibis Projects if such project must access the site by traversing through the EDRN.

The need for these two most critical amendments are obvious to all who are subjected to the proximity of commercial Cannibis. They generate alot of traffic, both cars and very large trucks, 24/7. This traffic speeds by our homes, which are ADJACENT to the larger properties growing pot. These growers have many shifts, often creating nighttime trips to and from the grow site. It is disturbing and creates suspicion and a state of heightened awareness of possible danger, well founded in fact by the Herbal Angels Raid and Bust on a Sunday morning past!

Also, large parcels surrounding and distal to the EDRN, using the 51% of parcel rule, would not even be subject to a more through PEIR review afforded by the more analytical CUP. (I wonder what lobbyist dreamed that one up)? No public hearings or oversight, limit your grow to 50.999% of your 80-160 parcel. Only a LUP would be required, for 40, even 80 acres of pot, on contiguous parcels would be hundreds of acres of pot and all the traffic that would surely happen daily and during harvest, all with very little scrutiny or oversight.

Another way to approach amending the Cannibis Ordinance, would be to model other county jurisdictions who have been responsibly proactive to PROTECT both neighborhoods and their wine country agriculture, with sensible setbacks of MILES not feet, and limited acreage and percentage, and concentration allowed. We don't have to reinvent the wheel here, let's not let the Cannibis lobby make the rules here in SB county!

Respectfully Submitted, K. Rangel, Beautiful Cebada Canyon

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From:

Sincerely,

Tracey Rangel Cruz

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Honorable Members of the Boa	ard,
I write in support of the ban on neighborhoods.	commercial cannabis operations in the Cebada Canyon and Tepusquet Canyon
grow of large scale commercial	te Cebada Canyon Community for decades. It has been deeply concerning to watch the cannabis operations in the Canyon, the presence of which are fundamentally altering the this precious area. Below are the specific reasons that the cannabis industry is
Reasons Commercial Cannabis	Operations Are Detrimental to Should Be Banned
tranquil and the existing reside cannabis operations, multiple h and constant night time securit	peration is utterly incompatible with the quiet canyon area. The canyon is peaceful and onts have enjoyment of the scenic beauty of the canyon. The presence of the large scale aloop houses, parking lots, razor fencing, large numbers of employees, commercial trucks, y lights destroy the visual beauty and peace of the canyon to residents and wildlifeed to the canyon years ago we did not dream that the canyon would one day be sommercial cannabis operations.
2. Smell – the stink of cannabis	is pervasive and constant and ruins the quality of life for canyon residents.
canyon road. Recently, my child	een employees and large commercial trucks speeding around the very narrow and curved dren and I were almost run off the road by a cannabis trucker. In addition, I have seem of road than I've ever seen. Just in the past weeks I've seen three deer and a fox dead on
	rules have not been followed and cannabis owners have been found to have withheld / n undermines confidence in the process and should not be rewarded. The recent grand cern.

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Please institute a complete ban on cannabis operations in the canyons! The detriment, safety risks, and blight outweigh

any benefit of allowing these operations, particularly when they come at such expense to long term residents.

From:

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Sent:

Monday, July 13, 2020 3:41 PM

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Subject:

7/14/20 Meeting Item #3 Cannabis Permitting Ordinance Amendments

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Consider and Vote YES to CUPs for both inland and coastal zone cannabis cultivation sites. Requiring CUPs would go a long way in addressing the list of "issues" you've heard so many of us bring forth in both public and private meetings over the last few years. It would be a step in the right direction.

The Grand Jury certainly posed many of our questions and their observations and suggestions are so worth your serious consideration. There is work to be done.

**Compatibility** cannabis concentration consideration credibility control Commissioners complicated calculus conforming coastal County community coalition consequences cultivation criminal civil cases characters contraband cultivation **Upholding** unsuitability understanding use

**Protection** Practice Perjury Posterity Persuasive Participate Public Process Pervasive PEIR Planning Pepé le Pew` **Sense** Supervisors Scents Stink Stench Skunk Sensitivity Shady Safe Safety State-of-the-Art Schools Scale Size Suppress

Sincerely Sally Eagle La Mirada EDRN Sensitive Receptor

Sent from my iPad