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Good afternoon,

We ask that the following comments from the City of Carpinteria be distributed to the Board of Supervisors for tomorrow's item on the proposed amendments to the Cannabis Land Use Ordinances and be read into the record at the meeting during the public comment on the agenda item:

Chair Hart and Supervisors,

With respect to the contemplated cannabis land use ordinance amendments to the LUDC, the City of Carpinteria (City) has no objections. In fact, the City commends your Board for making an effort to correct some of the shortfalls of the current regulatory program and respond to the legitimate complaints, concerns and critiques of your varied constituents. We are disappointed, however, that your Board chose not to give the same level of consideration and deference to your residents in the Carpinteria Valley. Carpinteria residents suffer many of the same nuisance and land use compatibility impacts as our other County neighbors, including, but not limited to, chronic malodors from cannabis cultivation occurring in immediate proximity to residential neighborhoods, just like in inland EDRNs. Yet your Board has failed, again, to take commensurate action to address the persistent negative impacts of the poorly regulated cannabis industry and the County's inadequate and largely unenforced existing cannabis regulations, in the Carpinteria Valley. There is simply no compelling reason to treat inland areas more stringently than coastal areas like the Carpinteria Valley. We hope you will strongly consider meaningful amendments to the Coastal Zoning Ordinance.

We urge your Board to proceed with adopting the contemplated amendments to the LUDC. We also urge your Board to heed the requests for action from your numerous constituents in the Carpinteria Valley, and take decisive steps to strengthen the cannabis regulations in Article II and close the loopholes allowed by Article X as recommended in the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury's report on the County's cannabis regulatory programs, and in our letters previously submitted to your Board for consideration. We appreciate the Board's consideration of our comments and remain committed to working with the Board and staff on the refinement of the cannabis ordinances in the coastal zone.

Respectfully,
Steve Goggia, Community Development Director
City of Carpinteria