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To: Board of Supervisors

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I would like to make you aware of the lack of enforcement of odor issues of cannabis in the Carpinteria Valley regarding one of the fully permitted operations here.

1. The following addition was inserted in all OAPs by the Planning Commission as a result of the 2019 appeal of G&K, 3561 Foothill Rd. beginning with the sentence "Upon installation of the odor control system and quarterly thereafter for one year, Permit Compliance staff shall conduct an inspection of the odor control system to assess its compliance with the requirements of this condition and the approved Odor Abatement Plan. As part of each inspection, the County shall retain a professional engineer or certified industrial hygienist, at the applicant's expense to certify that the Odor Abatement system, specification, operation and procedures has been installed, operating, and maintained as specified in the approved Odor Abatement Plan."

The 1 of 2 completely permitted cannabis operations located at 3561 Foothill Rd. has had many odor complaints at this property. When I contacted the compliance staff person to check to see if these quarterly inspections have been done, I received the following note:

"The compliance staff have visited the site to verify that the equipment is operational. However, we held off on conducting the Professional Engineer/Industrial Hygienist review as the condition placed on the project refers to the ordinance where the standard that 'no odors be experienced in residential zones...'; which would require offsite monitoring for cannabis odor in residential zones. Since there are three other unpermitted cannabis operations adjacent to G&K, the Professional Engineer/Industrial Hygienist has no method to determine where any cannabis odors originated. Holding the only permitted cannabis operation accountable for any cannabis odors that are present in the vicinity would be not supportable since there are other adjacent grows and there is not a method to trace an odor to a precise source. The Department is currently exploring other methods to determine effectiveness of the odor control systems. Full implementation of the condition will be possible when all four projects are permitted."

2. In addition, I had always been told that ongoing odor issues would be addressed during the annual business license renewal process. As of last week though this operator applied for the renewal of his business license Nov. 2020, 7 months later it was still under review.

3. It smells driving my on Foothill Rd., there are a few residences across the street but there is the La Mirada EDRN quite close to this operation. Odors are definitely smelled in this EDRN. When the wind blows from the ocean across the plateau with the 3 other nonconforming cannabis operations currently growing with provisional licenses the malodors are blown up toward this mountain and then settles in the residences in this EDRN.

4. I want to make you aware that neither the Planning Compliance Staff nor the Business License Renewal Staff are able to enforce any odor issues till all in this area are permitted. Besides the 3 others already cultivating, there is an additional one that just received their CDP (appealed) and 2 others in the pipeline. The community was always told once the permit is issued, then the odor issues can be addressed, but this is NOT SO!

5. Please address this problem immediately!

Thank you for your consideration,
Anna Carrillo