

# CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



June 24, 2019

Honorable Paula Perotte and Councilmembers  
City of Goleta  
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B  
Goleta, CA 93117

## Members of the City Council

Wade T. Nomura - *Mayor*  
Al Clark - *Vice Mayor*  
Fred Shaw  
Gregg A. Carty  
Roy Lee

Re: Santa Barbara County Cannabis Regulations and Enforcement -  
Resolution of the City Council

Honorable Paula Perotte and Councilmembers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Carpinteria City Council to ask you to consider joining the City of Carpinteria in adopting a resolution to request that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors take immediate action to address unintended public health, safety and welfare impacts resulting from the implementation of the County's Cannabis Land Use Ordinance.

Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes out of your busy schedule to read through the attached City of Carpinteria resolution and letter to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. We believe the untenable situation here in the Carpinteria Valley is likely shared by other places in the County where cannabis cultivation activities are being allowed by the County in close proximity to cities or other urbanized areas. Also, because the County has initiated a process to make certain changes to its cannabis rules, we believe there exists a window of opportunity to advocate for the changes we have identified as being necessary. We believe that your city may also find that these changes are needed. By raising our voices together, we hope to bring greater attention to this important county-wide issue and to hasten much needed change.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact our City Manager, Dave Durflinger at (805) 755-4400.

Sincerely,

Wade Nomura, Mayor  
City of Carpinteria

Enc. City of Carpinteria Resolution No. 5901 and letter, dated June 24, 2019

Cc: ✓ Michelle Greene, City Manager  
City Councilmembers  
Dave Durflinger, City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 5901**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARPINTERIA  
REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ACTION TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF  
CANNABIS ACTIVITIES IN THE CARPINTERIA VALLEY ON THE PUBLIC  
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF CARPINTERIA RESIDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Carpinteria (City) falls entirely within the Coastal Zone and is uniquely situated between the Pacific Ocean and the open-field agricultural "greenbelt" of the Carpinteria Valley (Valley) within the unincorporated Santa Barbara County (County). In addition to the City's small, beach town character, this open-field agricultural "greenbelt" is one of the most important attributes of the area that helps define the character of both the City and the southern portion of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has an extensive history with the County, working in close collaboration regarding land use issues that affect the City and the greater Carpinteria Valley, including the creation of the Carpinteria Agricultural Overlay District; and

**WHEREAS**, during the County's consideration of commercial cannabis regulations, the City has repeatedly expressed its concern regarding the impacts and unintended consequences of permitting commercial cannabis activities within the Valley, particularly those in close proximity to the City's jurisdictional boundaries, including odor, traffic, noise, lighting, public safety, over-concentration of cannabis activities, and the potential for serious public health, safety and welfare issues; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the County's extensive public hearing process, the City made numerous requests, attended public meetings, submitted written comments, and/or met with County or California Coastal Commission staff on August 10, 2017, November 14, 2017, December 12, 2017, January 19, 2018, January 29, 2018, February 6, 2018, February 23, 2018, March 19, 2018, April 5, 2018, July 23, 2018, August 22, 2018, September 17, 2018, October 5, 2018, October 8, 2018, October 10, 2018 and April 16, 2019, expressing concerns and offering to assist the County in developing cannabis regulations given the City's local knowledge and unique position to experience direct impacts from cannabis operations in the Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Carpinteria has expended significant staff resources and consultant services in reviewing and commenting upon the County's cannabis regulations in an attempt to ensure Carpinteria's concerns were adequately met, and since effectuation of the regulations, the City has continued to devote

significant staff time to researching, monitoring, and acting upon community concerns with respect to cannabis activities in the Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's overly permissive commercial cannabis regulatory program has allowed for a proliferation and overconcentration of commercial cannabis cultivation operations in Carpinteria Valley, as evidenced by 187 of the State's 1,562 current provisional licenses, equivalent to approximately 12% of all provisional licenses statewide, having been issued to Carpinteria Valley cannabis cultivation operations despite the Carpinteria Valley comprising only 0.007% of the State's land area; and 34 of the 115 countywide currently pending or approved cannabis permit applications, equivalent to 30% of the permit applications, being concentrated in the Carpinteria Valley despite the Carpinteria Valley comprising only 0.3% of the County's land area; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors has largely ignored the City's requests and downplayed the health, safety and welfare impacts of such intense commercial cannabis grow operations adjacent to City and Valley residents, even though residents have reported numerous odor complaints and associated health concerns since early in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the complaints have not diminished, and on the contrary, have grown substantially amid a firestorm of public protest appearances at City and County public meetings, reams of protest letters, social media, and news articles criticizing the County's cannabis regulations and attitude towards addressing the public health, safety and welfare issues; and

**WHEREAS**, many Carpinteria residents report ill effects, such as headaches, nausea and severe allergy or asthma-like symptoms, related to pungent cannabis odors and must take extreme measures to prevent the odor from constantly permeating their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, City and Valley residents located adjacent to cannabis cultivation facilities suffer ongoing nuisances resulting from operational noise and lighting associated with cultivation operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received testimony that the above-described nuisance impacts associated with cannabis cultivation in the Valley are having a detrimental impact on visitor-serving commercial activity, discouraging tourism to Carpinteria and economic activity for some area businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received testimony suggesting that commercial cannabis cultivation operations in the Valley threaten the long-term viability of other established open field agricultural crops, including avocados, due to potential concerns over cross-contamination between adjacent uses; and

**WHEREAS**, incidents of crime related to cannabis operations in the Valley have been on the rise affecting not only the cannabis growers but neighbors and innocent bystanders having nothing to do with the cannabis industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the mostly unchecked proliferation of cannabis cultivation activities in the Valley is incrementally degrading the rural character of the Valley as a result of new or augmented security fencing, employee parking demands, unpermitted construction and improvements, new and more intensive lighting, and an increased security presence on area roadways, including but not limited to Casitas Pass Road, Foothill Road, Cravens Lane and Via Real; and

**WHEREAS**, all of these negative impacts, and more, can have an adverse impact on Carpinteria property values.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The recitals above are true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** The City of Carpinteria finds that the current County regulatory and enforcement actions are inadequate and that cannabis activities are having a negative effect on, or are threatening, public health, safety and welfare, elements of the local economy, property values, and the established rural, small beach town character in the City of Carpinteria and the greater Carpinteria Valley.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council requests that the County take action immediately to address the above-described issues related to cannabis activity in the Carpinteria Valley.

**SECTION 4.** The City Council commits to working with the County Board of Supervisors to help craft amendments to the County's cannabis regulations to address the aforementioned unintended consequences.

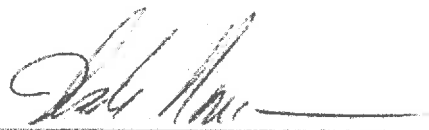
**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): CARTY, LEE, SHAW, CLARK, NOMURA

NOES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): NONE

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER(S): NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER(S): NONE

  
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Mayor, City of Carpinteria


ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, City of Carpinteria

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carpinteria held on June 17, 2019.

  
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City Clerk, City of Carpinteria

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Jena Acos, on behalf of Brownstein  
Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP acting as  
City Attorney of the City of Carpinteria

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Stuart Kasdin  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2019 3:53 PM  
**To:** Peter Imhof; Michelle Greene; Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cannabis locations

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ron Garber <[garberark@gmail.com](mailto:garberark@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** June 27, 2019 at 3:19:30 PM PDT  
**To:** <[jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org)>, Paula Perotte <[pperotte@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:pperotte@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[krichards@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:krichards@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[raceves@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:raceves@cityofgoleta.org)>, <[skasdin@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:skasdin@cityofgoleta.org)>  
**Cc:** Ron Garber <[Garberark@gmail.com](mailto:Garberark@gmail.com)>, "Dean Janoff, Ph.D." <[dsjanoff2@gmail.com](mailto:dsjanoff2@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Cannabis locations

Dear Distinguished Members of the City Council,

I am one of the property owners at 5977 Encina Rd.. I believe you have made a mistake excluding this building as a potential location for a Cannabis Dispensary for the following reasons. I presume that you created the 100 foot residential lot line to lot line buffer because families were concerned about the influence this type of business would have on their children and I think this is quite logical. After all, your job is to protect the public and represent their concerns and interests. However there is no Residential zoning, as defined in the City of Goleta zoning districts, within 100 feet of the lot line of 5977 Encina Rd. There is no R1/E-1 single family Residential district, R-2 Two-Family Residential nor any Family Apartment district anywhere near this location. There is a Planned Community (RP) called *Encina Royal* across the street with a Golf Course, a Club house, lots of open spaces and residential units that by their Charter do not allow anyone to live in the complex that is under the age of 55. Even children must be over 55 years of age to stay there.

There is a roughly a 5 foot fence with a dense hedge above it blocking any view toward 5977 Encina. In addition there is no access, neither via driveway, walkway nor any other way get from Encina Royal to the location in question, without walking or driving about 300 feet lot line to lot line. The actual building in question is over 400 feet by the closest route. The building at 5977 Encina is surrounded on the other 270+ degrees of view by commercial properties for very long distances.

Currently there is a Bar in this location. I suggest you poll the older adult residents that make up Encina Royal, and that you represent, as to whether they would rather have a bar, which is open 11AM to 2AM, or a dispensary without any drug use on the premise at this location. If you like I can organize this for you.

Lastly, as you know, there was public concern about the City putting all of the dispensaries on the Hollister side of the freeway and this inland location would further diversify the neighborhoods where they are located.

I am fairly certain the applicant next inline with the City of Goleta to open a dispensary favors this location and would most likely choose this for the last open spot in Goleta.

I believe it should be allowed within the letter and intent of the new Cannabis Ordinance. You could also issue a Conditional Use Permit based on the circumstances at this location. Lastly you could clarify the Ordinance, while it is in the 30 day waiting period, by specifically naming each zoning code that is restricted.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely  
Ron Garber  
160 N Fairview & 5977 Encina Rd  
805 451-2170 cell  
[Garberark@gmail.com](mailto:Garberark@gmail.com)

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Elizabeth Spann <elizabethspann726@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2019 9:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Cc:** John Spann  
**Subject:** July 2nd Special City Council Meeting

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I are in full support of the adoption of Resolution 19 and the authorization of the Mayor to sign the comment letter to the County of Santa Barbara Concerning the Santa Barbara County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance.

We live in the Winchester Canyon area which currently has two pending cannabis cultivation projects (770 Winchester (Jack Motter/ White Light Farms) and 397 Winchester (Canyon Organics)). We are concerned that these projects will negatively impact our and our neighborhood's health and welfare.

We don't want to have my county, Santa Barbara County, to be known as the Pot Capital of the Country. We are worried about negative impacts of cannabis cultivation on our and the community's physical health, increase in crime, and decrease in property values.

We need:

1. Tighter restrictions on the cannabis cultivation licensing process. This would require putting a pause on the number of provisional licenses in order to consider the negative impacts of cannabis cultivation in our county. This includes increased Odor, increased Crime, and increased negative impacts on the health and wellbeing of nearby residential neighborhoods and businesses. I would rather our County be known for vineyards, vistas, and nice vacations than cannabis cultivation.
2. We would like a cap on the number of permits and the number of acres that can be grown on each parcel. Most other counties in the state have enacted these types of restrictions, this request would bring us more in line with other areas.
3. We would like there to be a 2-mile buffer between the Urban Rural boundary and where cannabis can be farmed, and to require a CUP for all AG2 parcels within 2 miles of a residential area. Many of the concerns being raised including odor, potential for crime, and overall neighborhood compatibility would be considered during the CUP process, moving the burden away from the neighborhoods, and putting it back on the applicants, where it belongs.

Again, please adopt Resolution 19 and the authorization of the Mayor to sign the comment letter to the County of Santa Barbara.



Sincerely,  
Elizabeth and John Spann  
230 Winchester Drive  
Goleta, CA 93117

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Frank Hudson <goletahudson@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 29, 2019 7:45 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Subject:** Special City Council Meeting - Tuesday, July 2, 2019

We strongly urge the approval of agenda items:

A. Entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Requesting the County of Santa Barbara Take Immediate Action to Address and Mitigate the Impacts of Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation in AG1 and AG II Zoning Districts Abutting or in Close Proximity to the Urban-Rural Interface in County Unincorporated Lands,

And

B. Authorize the Mayor to sign comment letter to the County of Santa Barbara.

Linda and Frank Hudson  
7871 Rio Vista Drive  
Goleta, CA 93117

Sent from my iPad

**Deborah Lopez**

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**From:** Daniel M. Jaffe <danya40@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 29, 2019 5:20 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Subject:** Re: No Cannabis Permits in the Goleta Foothills

Dear Members of the Goleta City Council:

I am writing to express my distress over the possibility that cannabis farms will be permitted in the Goleta Foothills above our home.

For over 18 years, my husband and I have lived off San Marcos Road where breezes and winds from the foothills routinely blow directly through our street and open windows.

To enjoy the tranquility **and fragrances** of our garden is a major source of daily joy: our sweet roses, our delicate citrus blossoms, our candy-scented naked ladies, our perfumeey star jasmine, our honey-suckle pittosporum. Should the County put our little Eden at risk by allowing foul-smelling cannabis farms to install themselves directly upwind? The stench would become a **public nuisance** ruining the joys of everyday life. **Carpinteria's experience proves that alleged stench mitigation measures are unrealistic and ineffective.**

Moreover: my husband and I have invested all spare cash into our home—maintenance, repair, renovation, insurance, and reduction of mortgage. If our neighborhood were to become undesirable because of cannabis farms, how could we possibly sell and recoup our investment?

**Surely, you don't believe that cannabis profiteers are entitled to ruin our daily life by creating a public nuisance.**

**Surely, you don't believe that we should sacrifice the economic value of our home so that cannabis farmers may profit.**

**Surely, you won't argue that potential cannabis taxes are of greater value than the daily enjoyment and economic value of County residents' homes.**

**Surely, our rights as homeowners and 18-year County taxpayers take precedence over would-be cannabis profiteers who have neither lived here nor contributed to the County tax base all these years.**

Please please please do not allow any cannabis farms in the Goleta Foothills.

Sincerely,  
Daniel M. Jaffe  
1041 Via Regina  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Ellen <eborden3@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2019 11:19 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Subject:** Cannabis growing near residential areas

Dear Goleta Council Members,

I'm a resident and homeowner living in Winchester Commons which is near Winchester Canyon. I've lived in Goleta now for 29 years, and have seen it change over the years especially after we became our own city. Now I am very worried about the direction we are headed in if farms so close to residential areas are allowed to grow Cannabis. I've driven through the parts of Carpinteria where farms have switched over to growing Cannabis and the smell is overwhelming and sickening. I've also seen stats on how the property prices have decreased in those areas when the rest of the market has trended upward. I've also read about how marijuana growing has attracted and spawned criminal elements into once safe communities.

As a citizen of Goleta and a parent, I'm pleading with you to make the necessary changes and put the proper ordinances in place to make Goleta a community where citizens can feel safe and be proud to live. Specifically, I'd like to see the following:

- a pause on any new permits being issued, in order for the Supervisors to consider both the unforeseen effects of the current ordinances and to consider the new issues that have come up recently regarding existing farms.
- a cap on the number of permits and the number of acres that can be grown on each parcel. Most other counties in the state have enacted these types of restrictions, this request would bring us more in line with other areas.
- at least a 2 mile buffer between the Urban Rural boundary and where cannabis can be farmed, and to require a CUP for all AG2 parcels with 2 miles of a residential area. Many of the concerns being raised during the appeals process, including odor, potential for crime, and overall neighborhood compatibility would be considered during the CUP process, moving the burden away from the neighborhoods, and putting it back on the applicants, where it belongs

It is my hope that as our elected officials you will listen to what the community is saying and take the necessary steps to curb what is currently happening before it is too late. I want Goleta to continue to be a "good land" for my family and friends.

Regards,  
Ellen Borden  
96 Sommer Lane  
Goleta, CA 93117

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Jennifer Fullerton <goletaspring@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2019 11:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Subject:** Resolution and Comment letter concerning the Santa Barbara County cannabis Land Use Ordinance

Dear Mayor Perotte and City Council Members,

I am writing to voice my support for 19-355, the resolution and comment letter concerning the Santa Barbara County cannabis ordinance. I am a resident of the neighborhood next to Winchester Canyon, where there are 2 applications pending, and where we have already had to deal with multiple types of noxious odors affecting our fresh air and lowering our quality of life.

I agree 100% with the points noted in the resolution and staff report, cannabis cultivation is not compatible with our neighborhoods, and the negative impacts should not be allowed to affect our community.

It is unfortunate that the County has not been responsive to the concerns raised previously, but I am hoping that this resolution, in addition to the resolution from the City of Carpinteria and the recommendations from the Goleta Chamber of Commerce will help persuade them to take action.

I appreciate you taking this step to help protect the residents and character of our beautiful City, thank you very much for all that you are doing.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Fullerton

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Foothill Cannabis Group <foothillcannabis@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2019 4:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Subject:** Cannabis Land Use Ordinance 17ORD-00000-00004

**To:** Members of the Goleta City Council (Kyle Richards, Roger Aceves, Stuart Kasdin, James Kyriaco, Michelle Greene, Peter Imhof, Paula Perotte)  
**Fr:** Foothill Cannabis Group  
**Re:** Cannabis Land Use Ordinance 17ORD-00000-00004

We are writing to express our strong and united support for this ordinance (17ORD-00000-00004). We believe you have accurately captured the main issues (CUP requirements on abutting parcels, set distances instead of width, odor abatement plan, incompatible accessory uses, and economic issues) in your ordinance.

We represent 150 home owners along Old North San Marcos Road, Via Regina, Via Parva, Via Campobello, and are very concerned about how the SB County Board of Supervisors has handled the cannabis issue and the severe consequences that are now being felt from Carpinteria to Santa Ynez.

Please pass your ordinance as it is imperative that we all use whatever measures necessary to protect our community and the livability of our neighborhoods along the foothills.

Thank you so much for the leadership you are providing in this area and for listening to the concerns of your residents.

Warmly,

Foothill Cannabis Group

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Organizers:

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Lauren Gleason (laurengleason3@gmail.com)  
Chris Sneathen (sneathen@yahoo.com)  
Anna & Jan Roestel (acparmely@yahoo.com)

Karen & Nathan Field (Kneese@gmail.com)

**FOOTHILL CANNABIS GROUP**

*Representing many neighborhoods along the foothills in SB County*

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Drew Kelts <drew.kelts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2019 9:15 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Subject:** Cannabis In Goleta

My wife and I are in full support of the adoption of Resolution 19 and the authorization of the Mayor to sign the comment letter to the County of Santa Barbara Concerning the Santa Barbara County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance.

We live in the Winchester Canyon area which currently has two pending cannabis cultivation projects (770 Winchester (Jack Motter/ White Light Farms) and 397 Winchester (Canyon Organics)). We are concerned that these projects will negatively impact our and our neighborhood's health and welfare.

Santa Barbara County, is on its way to becoming known as the Pot Capital of the Country. We are worried about negative impacts of cannabis cultivation on our and the community's physical health, increase in crime, and decrease in property values. The impact on Carpinteria has been significant.

We need:

1. Tighter restrictions on the cannabis cultivation licensing process. This would require putting a pause on the number of provisional licenses in order to consider the negative impacts of cannabis cultivation in our county. This includes: increased Odor, the potential for increased Crime, (cash based operation and a valuable crop) and increased negative impacts on the health and wellbeing of nearby residential neighborhoods and businesses..
2. We would like a cap on the number of permits and the number of acres that can be grown on each parcel. Most other counties in the state have enacted these types of restrictions, this request would bring us more in line with other areas.
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Again, please adopt Resolution 19 and the authorization of the Mayor to sign the comment letter to the County of Santa Barbara.

Sincerely,

Drew Kelts MD



## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Dan Hislop <hislopdan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2019 9:25 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Subject:** Cannabis growth in goleta

To: Goleta City Counsel members:

Please do everything you can to keep cannabis farms away from our city. The smell when driving through Carpinteria is noxious and would affect our quality of life in Goleta. Consider setting up as wide a perimeter as possible from residential areas, banning large scale growth, or making the permitting process as difficult as possible.

I appreciate this written statement <https://goletachamber.com/growing-cannabis-in-santa-barbara-county/> that shows it is being thought about already.

Thank you,

Dan Hislop



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# Growing Cannabis in Santa Barbara County

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Cannabis in Santa Barbara County has become a major concern in our community, and therefore of the Goleta Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber's Public Policy Committee met recently to discuss the issue, particularly the concerns over permit requests to grow cannabis on parcels in western Goleta — close to our residential neighborhoods and just downwind of The Ritz-Carlton Bacara.

Goleta and cannabis also have been in the news as a result of our historic South Patterson Avenue agricultural block and newly converted cannabis operations sprouting alongside our community's longtime, prized nurseries.

Our committee has observed Carpinteria struggle with the consequences of cannabis-related public policy decisions that are causing distress for many residents and businesses in that community. We want to learn from Carpinteria and help create a better future for Goleta as we face changes traced to California's legalization of marijuana.

Committee members studied data and documents, and heard from experts. Right now, it looks as if the effects of cannabis growing are detrimental to our quality of life, there do not seem to be enough safeguards to protect our neighborhoods from the inevitable odors of cannabis growing, and there are reputational risks of being known as a cannabis capital.

"The City of Goleta has been working hard, and we believe successfully to continually balance the health and safety needs of our residents with the rights and opportunities the State of California has granted to the cannabis industry," said Goleta Mayor, Paula Perotte. "As Goleta's Mayor, I urge Santa Barbara County to take a regional approach to cannabis to better assure the safety and economic well-being of all its residents and businesses, whether they are located in the county or within our cities."

The Chamber's concerns are for Goleta's neighborhoods, our tourism economy, and the negative economic impacts of this new agricultural industry on our quality of life and economy.

### **Neighborhoods**

The problem with outdoor cannabis growing is the smell. Scientific research is emerging on the noxious nature of the odor and its irritant effect on eyes, nose and skin. It also is a recognizable odor associated with marijuana smoking and the perception is extremely negative.

Goleta's neighborhoods are carefully designed to be outdoor-friendly, nature-centric places with an emphasis on the landscape. "The Goodland" is known for its environmental sensitivity.

What safeguards are in place to make sure that permits issued in the foothills and canyons outside Goleta city limits will prevent drifting odors into Goleta? How large should a buffer be to ensure the smell does not drift to our coast? What technology exists to eliminate the harmful odors from this newly legalized crop?

Currently, the City of Goleta and residents already are dealing with noxious odors from a western Goleta agricultural water well that periodically releases a gas-like smell.

### **Tourism**

Goleta is heavily invested in our local tourism economy. Nearly 1,200 jobs are connected with the hospitality industry in Goleta, and the city relies on transient-occupancy taxes, or bed taxes, as its largest revenue source, before sales taxes and property taxes.

The Ritz-Carlton Bacara generates a large amount of bed, sales and property taxes, and employs more than 500 people. What mitigation should be required of a new industrial crop that inevitably will have a negative impact on the Goleta tourism industry?

In previous sphere of influence discussions, the neighboring Santa Barbara Airport and UC Santa Barbara have followed detailed plans to ensure their operations do not negatively affect the local Goleta economy. What is being studied at that county level to ensure Goleta is protected?

### **Economic Development**

The committee is unclear if Santa Barbara County is pursuing, or allowing, permits for large amounts of cannabis grows as an economic development plan to fund the county's deficit.

Previous economic development plans related to the county have been rebuffed — development, events, oil and gas, and even entrepreneurial partnerships have not been

embraced by the county as solutions to its revenue challenges. If cannabis is the county's solution to creating more revenue, it must not be at Goleta's expense.

A loss in revenue for Goleta, due to a decline in tourism and lower property values in residential neighborhoods, should be factored and incorporated into the county's revenue neutrality agreement with the City of Goleta.

## **Benchmarks**

The committee cites two regions for examples — one to emulate and one to avoid.

Carpinteria is suffering from the effects of cannabis grows. Overall, that community's situation is different from Goleta's, but we are concerned that some of the circumstances and challenges are a harbinger for what Goleta can expect.

San Diego, however, seems to have a model program for enacting policies that address new state laws regarding cannabis while protecting neighborhoods and existing agriculture businesses.

What other jurisdictions have Santa Barbara County officials studied and benchmarked to define some best practices in this emerging industry?

Goleta has a long-held policy for protecting urban agriculture and preserving the rural nature outside its urban limit line. Consideration must be granted to existing avocado and lemon orchards, and the community's coffee farm, when approving new cannabis grows in the region. Are there Third District agriculture policies that need to be amended to keep a fair playing field for our existing agriculture businesses?

Are there community workshops and economic development meetings that can be convened to help shape a better future for Goleta residents' quality of life and the health of our business community? It may be that the policies the county has adopted so far are adequate

for individual land use and permitting, but a larger scope of benefits and safeguards for our community is warranted.

The scale of the cannabis issue is huge — big land, big money and big consequences. We are asking for much larger discussions and greater collaboration.

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Kyle Richards  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2019 4:20 PM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** Fwd: July 2nd Agenda Item A.1

FYI

Kyle Richards  
Mayor Pro Tempore, Goleta City Council  
krichards@cityofgoleta.org

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From: "**masseybarb@aol.com**" <[masseybarb@aol.com](mailto:masseybarb@aol.com)>

Date: Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 3:54 PM -0700

Subject: July 2nd Agenda Item A.1

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Cc: "masseybarb@aol.com" <[masseybarb@aol.com](mailto:masseybarb@aol.com)>

Mayor and Council,

I am writing regarding Agenda Item A.1. Since I can't be at the July 2nd meeting, I want you to know that I strongly support the Resolution and Comment Letter Concerning the Santa Barbara County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance. The County's ordinance is poorly written and needs to be revised. We need to be able to review and comment on these projects to protect our residential areas.

Please approve Agenda Item A.1 supporting the Resolution and Comment Letter Concerning the Santa Barbara County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance.

Thank you, Barbara

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Paula Perotte  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2019 10:30 AM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** FW: I OPPOSE MARIJUANA GROWING IN GOLETA

FYI  
Paula ~

**Paula Perotte**  
Mayor  
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**From:** BILLICK [mailto:billick@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** Paula Perotte <pperotte@cityofgoleta.org>  
**Subject:** I OPPOSE MARIJUANA GROWING IN GOLETA

As an owner of a condo at The Hideaways, I oppose growing marijuana in Goleta.

I cannot attend the meeting, but want to voice my strong opinion regarding this issue. I have read articles re Santa Barbara residents complaining about the terrible odors being emitted from these farms; I do not want to expose myself or my family to these odors. Marijuana is a gateway drug leading to addiction to more potent drugs.

I urge you and the Goleta City Council members to fight for taxpayers and owners like myself who are totally against these marijuana farms.

Margaret M. Billick, Trustee  
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7970 Whimbrel Lane  
Goleta, Ca 93117  
216-536-6154



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**From:** Elaine Eilman <elaineeilman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2019 9:54 AM  
**To:** Paula Perotte; Roger Aceves; James Kyriaco; Stuart Kasdin; Kyle Richards; Deborah Lopez; Michelle Greene  
**Cc:** Elaine Eilman  
**Subject:** Oppose Cannabis cultivation near Goleta

Please note:

I support your resolution opposing cannabis cultivation on agricultural land only a few blocks from the Hideaway. There is serious concern that such nearby cannabis cultivation will expose our neighborhood to noxious odors.

Thank you for all you do.

Elaine Eilman  
187 Sanderling Lane  
Goleta, CA 93117

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**From:** Samuel Lee <sam.hd.lee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2019 9:48 AM  
**To:** Paula Perotte; Roger Aceves; James Kyriaco; Stuart Kasdin; Kyle Richards; Deborah Lopez; Michelle Greene  
**Subject:** Resolution and Comment Letter Concerning the Santa Barbara County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance

I am a concerned citizen living with my family in the Hideaway community. I have two young children (6yo & 3yo) and do NOT want to expose them to the odor nor do I want this type of business to operate near this neighborhood.