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January 5, 2015

Agenda: January 13, 2015

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

DEFER ENFORCEMENT PLAN FOR CANNABIS ORDINANCES

Dear Members of the Board:

On November 18, 2014 your Board considered a number of items and reports associated with the implementation of the Cannabis Business Tax and the County's medical cannabis ordinances and requested staff to return with a recommended plan of action for enforcement, in conjunction with proposed amendments to the cultivation ordinance. County Counsel expects to return on your January 27, 2015 agenda with the amendments to the cultivation ordinance requested by your Board, and with any further recommendations as a result of additional analysis. Given that a successful plan will need to be well-matched to the ordinance it will enforce, staff would like to defer the recommended enforcement plan to January 27, 2015.

Your Board also requested a status report on the implementation of the cannabis business tax and an estimate of the timing and extent of those revenues. After conducting a review of sales tax transactions over the most recent four quarters as documented by the State Board of Equalization, staff confirms the earlier estimate of \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 on an annual basis. Staff will return with a program to ensure financial accountability with our recommended enforcement plan on January 27th.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that your Board direct the County Administrative Officer to return on January 27, 2015 with an implementation plan in conjunction with County Counsel's proposed amendments to the Medical Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance.

Very truly yours,

Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

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Alicia Murillo

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Meeting Date : 1/13/2015

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Comments :

January 5, 2015

Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

I am 64 years old, reside in Boulder Creek, and I am a Vietnam Vet. I have been struggling with the aftereffects of Agent Orange for many years. I have spinal inflammation as a result of spinal surgery. I am in remission from prosta te cancer. I have peripheral neuropathy as a result of diabetes. I was on traditional pharmaceutical medication (Vicoden, morphine, Percoset), with terrible side effects. I am a constituent in Supervisor McPherson's district, and for the past year, I have had donated to me medical cannabis, grown organically by a local cannabis cultivator. This generous person cares deeply for the environment and is conscientious in cultivating so that no harm is done to the soil or our riparian corridor. It is my ingesting of the cannabis that has allowed me to wean myself off all prescription pain killers; the salve made with cannabis has eliminated the neuropathic pain.

I have just been informed of the proposed ordinance that will be voted upon on January 13, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors. I am greatly distressed at the prospect of losing my medicine. The local cultivator who so kindly provides me with my medicine has a small garden operation and there is in no way she will be able to afford to purchase, rent, or lease land in AG zones, if your ordinance passes. Which means that if she continues to cultivate her cannabis, she will be in violation of the law.

Even if medicine would be kindly donated to me by someone who is growing in AG zones, I would not accept it, because I need to ensure that my medicine is organically grown in an area where toxic pesticides are not used in the nearby soil.

I entreat you to give your constituents, and constituents from other districts, time to meet with you to effect solutions. I am well aware of the damage wreaked by some growers in our County and understand the concerns of some of your constituents who live close to cultivation sites. The destructive growers can be dealt with on an individual basis. The conscientious growers far outweigh the growers who are destructive to our community, and to enact punitive ordinance based on those few is counter-productive, and will be personally devastating to me.

Please, allow an additional 90 days so that we may all work together for the good of our entire community.

Thank you.

Paul Novie
Boulder Creek, CA

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Comments :

January 12, 2015

Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

I and my husband Tom Bird built our home in 1997, are all-solar, keep an organic vegetable garden, and have grown cannabis for the past 4 years. I developed a peripheral neuropathy and worked with a neurologist for some time, experimenting with prescription medicines, trying to find relief from the pain that neuropathy causes; all of the medications had side effects that pretty much rendered me non-functional. I began doing research on cannabis, and over the past 4 years developed a salve composed of organic coconut oil and cannabis flowers ('bud'). I perfected the recipe, and since that time I have had no pain whatsoever. The salve is topical only, so there is no psychoactivity whatsoever.

In conversations with various people, I told them about the salve, and today I am providing salve to many friends and acquaintances who have found it very helpful. One man, an 84 year old, tells me the salve eliminates his pain and allows him to sleep through the night. He mailed a letter to you a few days ago. Another man, a Vietnam vet who suffers from the consequences of Agent Orange, uses the salve for the neuropathy in his hands and feet. He also mailed a letter to you. These are just two examples to show you how vital the salve has become for the comfort and pain relief of so many people.

I prepare 78 oz of organic coconut oil (liquid) with cannabis each month. The cannabis ratio is 2:1 - I need one pound (by weight) of cannabis each month. I cannot grow anywhere close to that amount in a 10 X 10 area. If

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my ability to provide for so many people is suddenly made illegal, there are so many older people who will suffer.

In addition to the salve, we grow cannabis that is testing exceptionally high in CBDs: 15.95%. This cannabis we provide to older people who have found relief from pain by either using a vaporizer or consuming edibles; we also provide cannabis to cancer patients dealing with pain and nausea from chemotherapy. We provide large amounts of cannabis bud and 'trim' to a business which produces tinctures and oils; medical researchers are finding that consuming oil is quite efficacious. It takes an exceedingly large amount of dried cannabis to process into oil: one very ill patient can consume one pound of cannabis processed into oil each week.

If by actions of the Board of Supervisors we are denied the right to cultivate medicinal cannabis, there are many many people who will suffer.

Please, do not pass the amendment to an ordinance that is already working.

Thank you for your attention.

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County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Participation in County Medical Cannabis Ordinance Changes

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing as Chairman of the Silicon Valley Cannabis Coalition and as Director of Americans for Policy Reform, a California 501(c)4, in support of the Cannabis Advocates Alliance (CAA).

Working closely with similar issues in Santa Clara County, I share the Board of Supervisors' concerns regarding environmental violations and nuisance complaints that affect quality of life in Santa Cruz County. My goal is to advise you to seek more effective, more sensible, and more just solutions than those I believe are currently being considered by the Board.

Among other things, I am requesting: 1) that local patients be given a greater voice in re-drafting the County cannabis ordinances; 2) that the County draft clearer and more environmentally-friendly paths to compliance for patient-cultivators, and 3) that in re-drafting the existing ordinances the County preserve the minimal diversity of choice required for patients to have proper access to quality cannabis medicine.

To further these goals, and prevent unfair penalization of patients, I am asking the County to postpone modifying the current cannabis ordinances by at least 90 days or more, to make the process more transparent and participatory, and for the County to more fairly represent patients and their needs.

A Significantly Improved Third Party Compliance Program:

I encourage a far more developed, uniform and rigorous 3rd-party compliance program aimed not only at the quality of the cannabis itself, but also at making patient growers comply with environmental law. Among other things, the County should maintain an index of all legitimate patient growers and subject them to similar standards as those of licensing requirements that exist for every other agricultural product produced in this County. The intended effect would be to better empower the County to keep track of growers rather than force them underground, which is less environmentally conscious.

My experience in Best Practices as a Certified Quality Consultant combined with my participation on the Santa Clara County Task Force to determine regulations for cannabis processing support this concept.

Cannabis Patients Require A Minimum Degree of Access to Needed Diversity of Medicine

Allowing only three grow sites per dispensary, abolishing collective gardening rights, and making other forms of distribution illegal, such as mobile delivery, destroys the current diversity that County patients currently enjoy. Restricting the spectrum of choices of medicine available decreases the likelihood that these patients will have the type and quality of medicine needed to address their particular ailments.

Limiting Grows to Ag and Commercial Ag Areas Penalizes Compliant Patient Providers

Requiring all non-personal grows to be in Commercial Agriculture and Agriculture zones will unfairly abolish the protections of limited immunity for most Santa Cruz cannabis patients, patient-providers, and collective patient growers. This will leave most of the patients and patient-providers to bear the brunt of the County's enforcement divisions, while giving only a handful of growers the protections of State law. Rather than arbitrarily revoking limited immunity for local patient growers, the County must protect patients and patient-providers who cultivate in a safe and sustainable manner.

Medical Cannabis Patients Rely on a Variety of Medical Cannabis Distribution Models

The County must permit indoor cultivation in C-4 and Light Industrial zoning to all medical cannabis collectives, regardless of whether they maintain a brick and mortar location. Brick and mortar dispensaries are only one model of medical cannabis distribution and this model should not be favored over others. This is the only approach that ensures all patients have access to safe, quality and effective medicine.

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While the foregoing is an overview of the CAA proposals, there is far more detail that the County must consider. It is imperative that local cannabis patients participate in the development of these regulations.

I thus ask that the County:

- 1) continue the hearings for modifying the current Santa Cruz Medical Cannabis Ordinances for at least another 90 days
- 2) agree to hold regular, announced meetings sufficient to include and consider more evidence, solutions, and dialogue; and
- 3) seriously revisit the County's current approach and consider significantly more proactive and progressive solutions

Thank you,

John Lee
Chairman - Silicon Valley Cannabis Coalition
Director - Americans for Policy Reform
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January 11, 2015

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I'm a county resident and a journalist who has been covering cannabis for more than a decade, and I'm extremely concerned that these rules will be counterproductive if implemented, leading to increased unregulated black market growing, while depriving those who have been following the law of their livelihoods. I would like to address the board during this meeting.

Alicia Murillo

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Comments :

January 7, 2015

Clerk of the Board,
701 Ocean St., Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

I have been a resident in Boulder Creek since 1982. I am 84 years old, and as a result of certain medical conditions, I have peripheral neuropathy in my feet and hands. A very kind neighbor has been giving me at no charge a salve she makes from organic coconut oil and 'buds' or 'flowers' from the cannabis plants that she grows organically on her property. The topical analgesic salve has been a blessing to me - it has eliminated my pain and allows me to sleep through the night.

She recently informed me that an ordinance that has been proposed by Supervisor Coonerty (hopefully I have the facts correct), ".adding a new chapter 7.126 relating to the cultivation of medical marijuana" will be discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 13, 2015. Though I do not understand the legalese, from what I do understand is that if the ordinance passes, my kind neighbor will be in violation of the law if she continues to provide me with the salve made from the cannabis that she grows on her property. She also told me that in order for her to grow her cannabis, she would have to do so in areas that are zoned Agricultural. She certainly cannot afford to purchase, lease, or rent land in the 'AG' zones, which means that if she continues to grow cannabis and make my salve, she will be breaking the law.

I would be devastated if this should happen. My kind neighbor explained to me that she grows a specific variety of cannabis - I believe it's called 'High CBD' - that we have found is the perfect solution for me. When I asked her why the Supervisors are thinking about enacting such an

ordinance after one is already in place that allows small cultivation, she told me that there are a number of cultivators who have treated our beautiful forest poorly - erosion has taken place, trees have been cut down willy-nilly, and our streams and creeks have had water pulled from them illegally. It seems to me that if you know which cultivators have been doing this, you would be able to use the regulating county agencies that are already in place to deal with these growers - ensure that their activities are stopped, and have them work to repair the damage they have done. I know the County government does not have a great deal of money, but with the 7% tax that I understand will be paid by Dispensary owners, you can certainly hire more people to staff your regulatory and law enforcement agencies.

Please do not enact this ordinance!

George Manolis
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

January 2, 2015

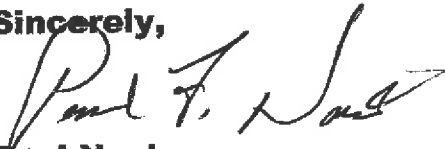
**Clerk of the Board,
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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Enclosed is a letter that I would like you to have prior to the January 13, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting so that it can be included in the minutes of the meeting. I am also sending the letter to Dana McRae, County Counsel, and to Supervisor McPherson.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Paul Novie

Boulder Creek, CA 95006

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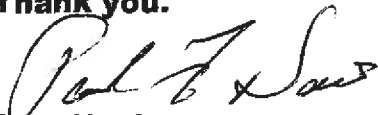
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From: Kenneth Minick [kjmbizz@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2014 9:49 PM
To: Zach Friend
Subject: Ordinances

Dear Supervisor Friend,

In search for a middle ground between the board of Supervisors and the Cannabis community on the topic of the proposed ordinances dealing with the zoning in which to cultivate in; I believe I have found a fair solution to the differences that both groups have addressing there concerns for both the patients and the public. I believe that the most fair way to deal with these concerns are to put the responsibility of regulation pertaining to cultivation in the third party certifier's hands. The third party shall be able to assess if cannabis cultivation on any site could cause public concern or nuisance.

If there would be public nuisances at outdoor cannabis cultivation sites they would have the power backed by the County of Santa Cruz, the County Building Department, Fish and Game, and the Sheriff's Department to deny the cultivation on any site if situations that would cause public nuisances were to exist even though the third party is not apart of the county government. The third party would also be there to support the cannabis community if the cultivation on any site were approved. Upon the approval the third party would guide the cultivators to proper, healthy, safe and lawful cultivation. This would relieve the struggle and enable balance by placing reason and fairness in the neutral party's hands.

I am a HVAC contractor licensed insured and bonded supporting safe, lawful, clean, permitted building and cultivation.

Just a Suggestion,

Have a full wonderful day,
Ken Minick

kjmbizz@gmail.com<mailto:kjmbizz@gmail.com>

Copy To Eden supervisor

Supervisor Bruce McPherson
County of Santa Cruz, CA
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Copy Supervisor Friend

Dear Supervisor McPherson:

December 19, 2014

My name is Tom Bird. My wife and I are residents of the beautiful Bear Creek Canyon and Deer Creek area within your district. I am the President of the Bear Creek Canyon Road Association (BCCRA) and on the Board of Directors of Deer Creek Landowners, Inc. (DCLI).

I am writing to you and to the Board of Supervisors to ensure you are aware of the unintended consequences of Supervisor Coonerty's proposed changes to the current cannabis cultivation ordinance. Here are my concerns:

Restricting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis to limited County areas zoned Commercial AG will impact the following:

Currently many small independent cultivators, primarily located in rural areas, are the primary suppliers of organically outdoor grown cannabis. Restricting outdoor cultivation to limited Commercial Ag zones will severely reduce the amount and variety of medicinal cannabis strains available to patients.

It will dramatically increase the cost to cultivate medicinal cannabis should cultivators be required to purchase or rent/lease limited Commercial AG property. This will increase the cost of medicine to patients, many of whom can't afford additional costs. Supplies of medicine to patients currently receiving donated medicine from rural cultivators will be severely limited.

The downward economic impact for businesses in the current rural cultivation areas will be severe. Businesses such as agricultural supplies, hardware stores, grocery stores, restaurants and bars, coffee shops, gas stations, fast food restaurants, banks and pharmacies will all feel the effects of reduced revenues because the current rural cultivators will no longer purchase goods and services within their communities.

Should only indoor green house cultivation be allowed, the carbon footprint emitted by this method is staggering. Growing cannabis for just one cigarette indoors emits two pounds of CO2. Statistics indicate it takes more than 200 pounds of coal to produce the electricity needed to grow one pound of cannabis indoors. Approximately 8% of CA's total power supply is used to produce lamp grown cannabis. Most of that electricity is produced from unsustainable and toxic sources, either fossil fueled or nuclear powered.

If the proposed ordinance is adopted, it is guaranteed to lead to the proliferation of non-compliant, unregulated 'black market' cultivation.

A controversial issue with the potential for a significant social and economic impact on our communities requires thoughtful and open discussion and debate. To make an informed decision on this issue the Board of Supervisors needs to allow more than 45 days of discussion. Open community discussion should take place for at least 90 days so your constituents on both sides of this issue can voice opinions and more importantly develop sustainable solutions.

Sincerely,
Tom Bird 
Thomas.bird8@gmail.com

CC: Supervisors Leopold, Friend, Coonerty, Caput.

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Dec 27, 2014

Dear Supervisor *Zach Friend*

I'm writing to all of you because I am in contact with patients and care-partners from all parts of this county – and all are concerned about the regulations you will be setting up regarding the availability of medical marijuana (cannabis).

I am a care partner – my husband has had Parkinson's disease for over 20 years and I have been researching the illness for most of that time. This is a progressive neurological disease that has no cure so physicians deal only with symptoms, with very imperfect tools. Cannabis has been helpful for my husband – and many, many others in this county. And more are discovering the benefits of cannabis every day as patients learn from each other.

Although my focus is on Parkinson's, I am also a member of the Society of Cannabis Clinicians that brings together physicians and other health professionals (on a national level) as well as some people involved in the cannabis industry to search for the best ways to use cannabis for a wide variety of illnesses.

Cannabis can help many of the symptoms of Parkinson's, although it is a complex plant and we are still doing a lot of research to determine the best blends and dosages of cannabis for particular symptoms. Some of us are very serious about the need for more research on the various components of cannabis and the best ways to use it. Luckily there are growers, labs, and dispensaries – including in Santa Cruz -- that are also very interested in this and I have been fortunate to receive help from many of them.

We need access to good quality cannabis of various strains, with differing proportions of the primary components of THC and CBD (cannabidiol) but also the lesser cannabinoids and terpenes and flavonoids – all of which are important. One size does not fit all. We also need cannabis formulated in various strengths and prepared for various methods of ingestion (tinctures, oils, edibles as well as smoking). And we need to keep prices affordable. Many patients are older and many are on limited incomes (and medical insurance does not cover cannabis). Most of these patients will not come to your meetings – but they care.

I am enclosing articles on the research work I am doing here in Santa Cruz. This is important research for not only people here but I am in touch with others around the country and internationally.

Having good quality, reliable, reasonably priced cannabis is very important for all those in Santa Cruz County dealing with a huge variety of illnesses.

Please help us.

I would be glad to talk with you more about this at any time.

Helen

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PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND CANNABIS: AN OVERVIEW

by Helen Garvy

Spoiler alert: cannabis will not cure Parkinson's, at least not with what we know now. But there are a number of ways it can be helpful – both now and in the future as we learn more. I am writing this to bring two audiences – the Parkinson's and cannabis communities, each of whom may know little about the other – closer together.

In order to understand how cannabis may help, we need to look more closely at Parkinson's.

Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease in which the neurons in a specific area of the brain (*substantia nigra*) are destroyed and no longer produce enough dopamine to allow certain neurotransmitters to send the necessary and appropriate signals through nerves to muscles in the body so that they can perform their functions correctly. Other chemicals in addition to dopamine, such as serotonin and norepinephrine (also known as noradrenaline), are also affected.

Why this happens is still unknown. For at least some people, there may be a genetic pre-disposition and several genes have already been identified. There is very probably also a trigger, perhaps environmental, that sets off the death of the dopamine-producing neurons. Some potential triggers, including primarily pesticides, have been identified. This process may even be an ongoing natural occurrence where whatever causes the death of the dopamine-producing cells occurs naturally in most of us but the damage is then repaired or prevented by something else in our body (until old age catches up or genes or environmental toxins interfere). This may occur much as cancer cells are often created in our bodies but then are destroyed by our immune system before we are aware of them.

Scientists are working hard to understand how all this works and although there are theories, there is still no definitive answer that would point to a 'cure'. Some are looking to find what may be a 'magic bullet' that would destroy whatever is destroying the dopamine-producing cells and stop the degenerative process while others are looking to see if there is something that may better protect the dopamine-producing cells in the brain from being destroyed in the first place. Many scientists are now focusing on a protein called alpha-synuclein that seems to form clumps or 'tangles' known as Lewy bodies in people with PD.

Ultimately we hope scientists will find the cause and cure for the disease – but since they do not currently know how to stop the disease, physicians focus on alleviating symptoms.

Parkinson's disease Symptoms

The primary motor symptoms (involving movement) of Parkinson's are tremor, slowness of movement (bradykinesia), rigidity or stiffness, gait problems, and postural instability. There seem to be two main types of Parkinson's, with some people exhibiting primarily tremor and others having primarily gait problems, postural instability, and rigidity. All people with PD tend to have some slowness of movement, which involves not only movement of limbs but other muscles that also slow down, including those in the lungs, stomach, and colon (although physicians often classify those as 'non-motor' symptoms). The functioning of the brain can also slow down.

Parkinson's can also cause very bothersome non-motor symptoms, including depression, apathy or lack of motivation, anxiety, cognitive changes including slow thinking and memory problems, pain, insomnia, weight loss, fatigue, excessive daytime sleepiness, REM sleep behavior disorder (acting out dreams), restless leg syndrome, soft voice, lack of facial expression, small (sometimes illegible) handwriting, nausea, and hallucinations. Many of these are due to the effects of the loss of dopamine but a few can also be due to various Parkinson's medications and some, such as depression, anxiety, or various pains may have existed independently of the Parkinson's disease although PD may increase them.

Traditional PD Treatment

Since Parkinson's is basically a disease of insufficient dopamine in the brain, the obvious fix is to supplement the dopamine. This is a little tricky since the dopamine molecule itself can't cross the blood-brain barrier -- but its precursor, levodopa, can. Since the 1970s, the primary medication for motor symptoms of Parkinson's has been a combination of levodopa and carbidopa (carbidopa/levodopa; brand name is *Sinemet*). The carbidopa blocks the effect of levodopa on other parts of the body before it reaches the brain (thus making more available to the brain and also countering the vomiting that levodopa can cause). In the brain, levodopa is converted to dopamine. Most people with PD (except in very early stages) take carbidopa/levodopa and it is usually quite effective in controlling many PD symptoms, especially in early and mid years.

As time goes on, it may be more difficult to control the PD symptoms without also causing a side-effect called dyskinesias, or involuntary movements, usually of the limbs or upper body. These may be caused by over-medication with levodopa at any given time, long-term use of levodopa, fluctuating levels of levodopa in the body as it is taken in pills at specific times, or simply progression of the disease (physicians still debate this). Sometimes PD patients also experience strong muscle cramps called dystonias.

There are other medications that are sometimes or often used in the early stages of PD or to supplement carbidopa/levodopa later. These generally focus on extending, preserving, or mimicking the existing dopamine but they are less effective than levodopa and can have more side-effects. These medications include 1) dopamine agonists (ropinerole/*Requip*, pramipexole/*Mirapex*, rotigotine/*Neupro*) which are not dopamine but mimic it and bind to dopamine receptors, 2) MAO-B inhibitors (Selegiline/*Eldepryl*, Rasagiline/*Azilect*) which block an enzyme that breaks down dopamine, 3) anti-cholinergics (trihexyphenidyl/*Artane* and benzotropine/*Cogentin*) which block brain receptors for acetylcholine that balances out with dopamine, and 4) amantadine /*Symmetrel*.

Many of the 'non-motor' symptoms are helped by levodopa, but for others traditional physicians generally recommend a variety of other standard medications that may help those symptoms regardless of their cause.

Cannabis

Cannabis sativa, the Latin name for marijuana, has been used for centuries around the world as a medicinal herb for a variety of ailments. Cannabis fibers, known as hemp, were also used for rope, clothing, and paper. It is only since a huge anti-marijuana campaign in the United States in the early 20th century that the herb has become taboo and banished from use.

With all this history, it is only in the last few decades that scientists have discovered the endocannabinoid system in our bodies – with cannabinoid receptors, many clustered in the brain but also others in nerves and the immune system throughout the body. Our bodies produce natural cannabinoids, such as anandamide and 2-arachidonoyl glycerol (2AG). Cannabinoids in marijuana also bind to these receptors. Knowledge of this system, how it works, and what it does is still a fairly new but growing field of scientific investigation.

Scientific progress also now allows us a much more sophisticated look at cannabis itself. Cannabis is actually composed of hundreds of chemicals – cannabinoids, which are unique to cannabis, and also terpenoids and flavonoids. When marijuana was most commonly sought for recreational use, cannabis was bred to promote the cannabinoid THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol), a molecule that is responsible for marijuana's psychoactive 'high'. In recent years, much attention has focused on the useful properties of another cannabinoid, CBD or cannabidiol. Other important cannabinoids in the plant include tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCV), cannabinoil (CBN) and the acid forms (THCA, CBDA) found in raw cannabis.

Knowledge about and interest in CBD and other cannabinoids and terpenoids is relatively new but important for us as scientists learn more about them. CBD is the most readily available, non-psychoactive component that has anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant, and neuroprotective properties. While potent marijuana today might contain a 50:1 or even as high as 250:1 ratio of THC to CBD, clinicians are now suggesting that plants bred to be "CBD rich", with ratios of 1:1 or 2:1 CBD to THC ratio – or even higher, such as 15:1 – might be

useful for Parkinson's while also being less psychoactive. GW Pharmaceuticals in Great Britain has a 1:1 blend called *Sativex* (legal in Europe, Canada, and perhaps soon in the US) that is being used now for multiple sclerosis spasticity and is likely to be approved for some pain management. Their *Epidolex* blend, almost pure CBD, is being used for several forms of childhood epilepsy. And their research is continuing.

Besides using different strains of cannabis, different methods of using cannabis other than simply smoking, such as tinctures, oils, or edibles (such as cookies or candy) that are longer-lasting are becoming more common for medicinal uses. While smoking may take effect almost immediately and last 1-2 hours, a cannabis oral spray tincture or concentrated oil (both used under the tongue) may take effect in 15 minutes and last 7-8 hours, and ingested cannabis may take about an hour to take effect but also last 7-8 hours. How often cannabis is used may also be important – whether used as needed, one daily dose, or smaller doses several times a day to maintain a more even level in the body.

Marijuana varies greatly in terms of its potency and its composition. For research purposes, the best and most useful information will come from lab-tested cannabis whose potency and composition is known. Cannabis growers can get their cannabis composition analyzed by a reputable laboratory for about \$100. Some labs test for other components besides THC and CBD, such as THCV and terpenoids, which will become more important as research continues. Some also test for pesticides and other contaminants.

Cannabis and Parkinson's

So how does cannabis relate to Parkinson's?

The US Department of Health and Human Services, in 2003, got a 'patent' for "Cannabinoids as antioxidants and neuroprotectants," and lists Parkinson's as one of the diseases for which they expect it to be useful.

"It is the object of this *invention* [italics are mine] to provide a new class of antioxidant drugs, that have particular application as neuroprotectants, although they are generally useful in the treatment of many oxidation associated diseases. Yet another object of the invention is to provide a subset of such drugs that can be substantially non-toxic even at very high doses, and have good tissue penetration, for example crossing the blood brain barrier. It has surprisingly been found that cannabidiol and other cannabinoids can function as neuroprotectants." [US patent 6630507]

Although cannabis has not been shown to replace the lost dopamine, it has been used by some people to alleviate some symptoms or perhaps boost the existing medication to make it more effective. As scientists learn more about the components of cannabis and how they work in the brain and interact with the neurotransmitters involved in Parkinson's, this may allow much better use of cannabis for specific symptoms.

Cannabis, especially the cannabidiol (CBD) component, also appears to have neuroprotective properties which might slow the progression of PD. There is evidence of this in the laboratory but there are few studies and so far no long-term double-blind studies in humans. If cannabis is neuroprotective, how does that work? This is a key area for future research but that is not much help to guide patients now.

Many of the non-motor effects of Parkinson's – anxiety, insomnia, depression, pain, weight loss, and nausea – are not unique to that disease. There is already much experience with cannabis use for those symptoms (ah, the munchies...) and Parkinson's patients have benefitted from that experience for years and continue to experiment with what works for them. As we learn more about high-CBD strains, this may help even more. Cannabis may also work to relieve symptoms for which there is little that is effective at present, such as apathy or lack of motivation, and improve activity levels and quality of life. Improving non-motor symptoms such as sleep, anxiety, and pain is important because that can in turn improve motor symptoms.

Although at this time high-CBD blends seem to be the most likely basis for PD treatment, probably also in conjunction with THC, physicians currently do not appear to agree on composition (CBD, THC ratios) or dosages for PD patients. More feedback from patients, as well as more research, is needed.

• Studies and anecdotes

There is a dearth of relevant human studies on cannabis and PD and many are limited, incomplete, and have flaws and contradictions. Some researchers avoid PD because it is not a simple disease. Many existing studies focus on symptoms rather than the much needed longer, more difficult neuroprotection studies. But they do also give tantalizing bits of information that can help guide future research. There is a recent Israeli study with 22 people smoking that appeared to show that cannabis reduced tremor, rigidity, bradykinesia (slowness), and pain, and improved sleep. An older Czech study of 85 people eating an unknown type of cannabis (both green and dried) with meals found an improvement in bradykinesia, tremor and dyskinesias in people who used it for 2-3 months. A 2009 Brazilian study shows CBD to be effective for psychosis in PD and a small 2014 Brazilian study shows CBD can reduce or eliminate REM sleep disorder.

There are studies at the cellular level and in mice and rats that point to various cannabis components as having good potential for not only helping symptoms but also for slowing down or perhaps stopping the progression of PD. There is interesting research in Spain, Israel, U. K., and Brazil among other places.

Anecdotes are just anecdotes, but they abound. Some anecdotes (many about high THC cannabis that was all that was available until recently, some about high CBD strains): 1-2 puffs would pretty reliably 'kick in' the levodopa when it didn't seem to come on as it should and would make the tremor disappear; a cannabis brownie decreased or eliminated bad anxiety at night that greatly disrupted sleep for both the patient and her husband; "more energy, more motivation, fewer naps;" "more mental clarity;" "increased energy, enhanced mood, less bradykinesia, less stiffness, less gait disturbance, less apathy;" "decrease in REM sleep disorder;" "more [afternoon] wakefulness;" "helps dystonia cramping;" "less off-on variation, more even levodopa levels." All this is welcome in a progressive disease that can greatly impact the quality of life.

Parkinson's-Cannabis Project Survey

Until now patients have experimented on their own, generally without any guidance from their traditional physicians or scientific studies. Cannabis-recommending physicians and dispensaries often have limited experience with the complexity of PD. We hope to help change that – and learn from all those experiments PD patients are and have been doing. The Parkinson's-Cannabis Project is conducting a **survey** of people with Parkinson's who are using, or have used, cannabis to help with their PD. We hope to compile a large data base to discover for what symptoms cannabis may be useful (or not), in what types of people, with what quantities and proportion of THC and CBD (and other components as more are identified and tested in labs), how administered, at what dosages, and with what side-effects.

As knowledge about the various components of cannabis increases – and spreads both within the cannabis world and also to the general population – we hope to also discover what types of cannabis may be most effective for any given symptom. We have some guidelines from benefits that non-PD people have already found for these symptoms but the response in people with Parkinson's may be different.

This is a self-reporting survey. It is therefore subjective but patients know how different medications affect their bodies and their lives better than a doctor will ever know. We have a questionnaire for people with Parkinson's that asks many details about the person's Parkinson's history, symptoms, and what traditional medications they are using as well as their cannabis use. In the interest of getting the most accurate and useful information we are encouraging respondents to find out more about the cannabis they are using (by using lab-tested cannabis) and give us that information but we welcome responses from anyone regardless of how much information they have. Ideally we would like to know percentages of THC, CBD, and other components the labs might test for, as well as specific amounts. We will be surveying people with PD who we find through Parkinson's support groups, physicians recommending cannabis, and word of mouth. We hope we will also get some referrals from physicians less familiar with cannabis who want to help their patients using all available tools. We began in California but hope to reach people across the country. We need as many participants as possible!

This is not a double-blind comparative study comparing cannabis to other medications although we may get some information on that as patients make their individual comparisons and vote with their feet on what works best for them, with the least side-effects. This is also not meant to study neuroprotection since a good study would require a long-term double-blind study. But it may inspire others to do that study – and to do it in a more informed way. We hope that this project may also serve as a model for other disease studies. We expect to complete the survey in 2015 and will share them so all can benefit from what we learn.

While scientists seek to find more precisely how cannabis works and how it interacts with the dopamine receptors involved in PD, we hope that by looking at the experiences of a large number of Parkinson's patients we may learn about how cannabis actually affects people with PD. We also hope that we may learn some hints about how cannabis works and how it interacts with dopamine that may be of use to researchers.

Theory and Practice: Questions and Cautions

The complexity of Parkinson's, experience, and studies on the effect of cannabis for other diseases raises some specific questions for PD.

We begin with the assumption that cannabis may affect different people with PD in different ways. Will cannabis work the same for those in the early stages of the disease when the body can still produce a certain amount of dopamine as in later ones when the body's own ability to produce dopamine is minimal? Will people in very early stages of the disease be able to put off levodopa and use cannabis alone, with fewer side-effects than traditional options such as dopamine agonists or anti-cholinergics?

Will cannabis work differently in people with different types of PD, people whose primary symptom is tremor or those whose primary symptoms are gait problems and rigidity? Parkinson's has some symptoms that seem almost opposite. Will cannabis help reduce tremor or the involuntary dyskinesias that often appear in later stages and also rigidity? If so, this would support the idea that cannabis has a modulating or regulatory effect but does that match peoples' experiences? GW Pharmaceuticals' *Sativex* blend (1:1CBD/THC) seems to show benefits for spasticity in multiple sclerosis. Their *Epidolex* blend (almost pure CBD) works well for some limited forms of epilepsy. How would those blends work for Parkinson's tremor, dystonia, or dyskinesias? What would they do for people who experience gait problems or rigidity instead of tremor? There are probably other blends (components, proportions) that might meet PD needs better but what are they? Will cannabis work differently for those who appear to have an identified genetic link and will it vary with specific genes? How about for people exposed to various pesticide or solvents?

Does cannabis produce side-effects similar to those we see with traditional medications or does it avoid them by working in different ways? Dopamine agonists, for example, can cause hallucinations, sleep attacks, and various compulsions, such as gambling, shopping, eating, or hyper-sexuality. Some PD medications can cause constipation, urinary retention, dry mouth, or hallucinations. Anti-cholinergics such as trihexyphenidyl (*Artane*) can cause confusion and memory loss. High CBD blends may avoid potential cognitive problems that high THC can sometimes cause for some people. There is evidence for CBD as an anti-psychotic. Many anti-psychotics work by reducing excess dopamine. Does that mean it will also decrease scarce dopamine in PD, which is not at all what people with Parkinson's need – or does it not work that way in PD? The limited evidence available indicates that CBD can help reduce psychosis in PD and does not increase motor symptoms.

Cannabis seems to be useful for decreasing motility (food moving through intestines) in Crohn's disease. Does that mean it will lead to more constipation for PD patients who already have that problem? Or if cannabis relaxes the muscles, would that help constipation?

There is also evidence that CBD can help lower or eliminate REM sleep behavior disorder or RBD (a potentially dangerous symptom where people act out their dreams and can harm themselves or their bed-partners). Will this hold up in larger studies? Or, perhaps more important, will it work for any given person? And at what doses?

Can cannabis reduce the amount of carbidopa/levodopa or other adjunct medications required and, if so, with fewer side-effects? Might cannabis help those medications to be more effective? In later stages of the disease, PD patients may have a hard time navigating between too little medication which allows more symptoms or too much dopamine from medications which can cause dyskinesias. Will cannabis work in ways that may avoid that dilemma of how to avoid getting either too little or too much dopamine? Can cannabis smooth out the 'off-on' effect? How will cannabis affect some symptoms that appear to (at least sometimes) be levodopa dose-related, such as dyskinesias or REM sleep disorder? Will cannabis intensify the effect of dopamine or will it modulate it or neither?

Since THC and CBD (not to mention the more minor components) seem to have different mechanisms of action, how important is the composition of the cannabis being used? Do different components of cannabis have different effects, perhaps even countering each other at times? What works best for what symptom? And what are the important components for PD? Does cannabis have different effects on various PD symptoms, such as motor symptoms or mood, at different doses? Some compounds of cannabis have different – even opposite – effects at different dosages. What components and doses are optimal for different PD symptoms – and for neuroprotection? Some companies can produce pure THC or CBD chemically in labs. How does their effectiveness compare with cannabis extracted from a real plant, with all the minor cannabinoids and other components the plants possess? How important is the "entourage effect" where the synergy of various components, including terpenoids and flavonoids, enhances the total effect?

What is the best method of ingestion for people with PD (smoking, sub-lingual spray tincture or concentrated oil, or edibles)? This is especially relevant since digestion is often slowed with PD and regular PD meds compete with food protein for absorption in the small intestine. Will this matter? Does timing of cannabis in relation to other PD meds matter? Might different mixtures be better for day or night use?

As physicians make recommendations to PD patients, they will hopefully be aware of the whole range of PD problems, even if one symptom is the primary focus at any given time. It will also be important to watch for potential conflicting effects of different components of cannabis (THC, CBD) and to be alert for any potential side effects that might be specific to PD.

It is likely that as we get more answers, we may be able to tailor cannabis recommendations to better fit individual needs. How narrowly focused these recommendations will need to be is still unknown.

To Be Of Use

So much of this is theoretical because the brain is such a complex organ and we still don't understand all of how it works. And Parkinson's is a complicated and varied disease that is not fully understood. And how cannabis (with its many components) works is also still not fully understood. So that brings us back to the Parkinson's-Cannabis Project survey in the hope that it can add to our understanding.

As part of this project, we hope to educate people with Parkinson's (and physicians) more about cannabis and its components in order both to get better data and also to improve the effectiveness of cannabis for them. We hope that more cannabis will be lab-tested by more reputable labs nationwide. We hope cannabis researchers and traditional PD researchers will interact more and learn from each other. And let's all hope cannabis will soon be removed from the Schedule I drug list which will make all research easier and better.

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REM sleep behavior disorder (RBD) and Parkinson's

by Helen Garvy

Many people with Parkinson's have an under-recognized symptom called REM Sleep Behavior disorder (RBD).

During sleep, we usually pass through five phases of sleep: stages 1, 2, 3, 4, and REM (rapid eye movement) sleep. These stages progress in a cycle from stage 1 to REM sleep, where most dreaming occurs; then the cycle starts over again with stage 1. When we switch into REM sleep, our breathing becomes more rapid, irregular, and shallow, our eyes jerk rapidly in various directions (thus the term rapid eye movement sleep), and our limb muscles become temporarily paralyzed. If something interferes with this paralysis, people will begin to physically act out their dreams – a dangerous problem called REM sleep behavior disorder.

REM sleep behavior disorder (RBD) is most often characterized by violent movements that occur during REM sleep. People who suffer from RBD do not experience the normal muscle paralysis that prevents most people from acting out their dreams and they often hurt themselves or their bed-partners with their rapid, forceful movements. They may also yell, swear, cry or even laugh. Often people with RBD dream that they are being attacked, by animals or people, and they see their actions (in their dreams) as an attempt to protect themselves or their bed-partner. A person may attempt to strangle, hit, punch, kick, or even bite their bed-partner thinking they were protecting the bed-partner from a bear, or lion, or human attacker – or an alligator. One person dreamed he was being held from behind and as he attempted to escape, he smashed into a wall and woke up. A person dreaming about a ball game may run headlong into furniture or blindly strike someone sleeping nearby while trying to catch a ball in the dream. RBD can result in bruises, skin abrasions, bone fractures, and even blood clots in or near the brain.

Although RBD is now beginning to get attention, James Parkinson, in his pioneering 1817 *“Essay on the shaking palsy”* noticed it and said, “sleep becomes much disturbed. The tremulous motion of the limbs occur during sleep, and augment until they awaken the patient, and frequently with much agitation and alarm.”

This symptom is inadequately studied but may be present in about a third of people with PD [JE Lee et al, in *Parkinsonism Related Disorders*, Feb 2010; JF Gagnon et al, in *Neurology* 2002]. Although common in PD, RBD is rare in the general population and when it does occur, it seems to usually be a precursor to the motor symptoms of PD and most people who have RBD without PD go on to develop PD or a related disorder.

People with RBD are usually completely unaware of the disorder and their acting out movements even though they might remember the dreams or wake up because of the violent movements or injuries. RBD movements can be dangerous to both the person with RBD and also their bed-partner, if they have one. Sometimes bed-partners choose to sleep in separate rooms for their own protection. In some cases, patients need to be tied to their bed to prevent serious injury to themselves or their bed-partners. Other remedies may include removing any nearby sharp objects (such as night-tables), adding foam mats or pillows, or placing the mattress on the floor.

Currently, if RBD is recognized, it is sometimes treated with clonazepam (Klonopin), a benzodiazepine that has known adverse effects, or sometimes melatonin. There is evidence that cannabidiol (CBD), the main non-psychoactive component of cannabis, can be very useful, with fewer potential side-effects.

The Parkinson's-Cannabis project is doing research on RBD.

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Dear Honorable Chair Friend, Honorable Board Members and Sheriff Hart,

I am grateful that we have arrived at near resolution to the county medical cannabis regulation and also that you feel that I have contributed in some small way. Regulations that have demanded considerable research, endeavor to develop, struggle to interpret new ground, attention to every constituent's demands and commitment to resolve... I can sympathize with your efforts to create a meaningful and comprehensive regulatory system. While I cannot say that I would agree with every aspect of your developed proposal, you have my deepest gratitude and my respect for your concerted efforts at creating consequential regulations with significant potential impact.

That potential impact is exactly why I write to you, because if I truly am to provide counsel, then it has yet to be included in the text. While WAMM has sought to provide a humanitarian service that focuses on patient service and the development of superior organic, non-GMO products, others have sought a very different path. This is the way of the times in which we live. Still, this attitude fuels a competitive market. Which in turn if perceptively developed may find its way to benefit those we serve in a superior fashion. It is important to note that many entrepreneurs began their financial enterprise by working outside of the law, have endeavored to meet their obligations and have profited heartily. What I find disturbing is that their profit may be used to protect their interest and to insulate themselves against competition.

Allow me to speak in historical terms. More than 40 years ago we began growing *sin semilla* (the female plant sans male influence); carefully breeding selected strains and preserving the purity of others with relevance to their effective properties. Having grown up in Latin families we were well versed in the necessity of protecting and developing our *landrasse* strains. *Landrasse* is specific to countries, regions and genetically uniform due to isolation from other populations of the species. They are locally adapted, traditional and domesticated species that through adaptation to their natural and cultural environment of

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agriculture and pastoralism have maintained their purity. The need to protect these strains cannot be overemphasized. With the quickening of GMO cannabis every aspect of nature is threatened. For surely the legislation that governs cannabis will apply to all of nature. There is no way of telling what kind of impact this may have. However, through simple directive we may be able to provide a mechanism for significant protection. I am not motivated by alarmism and were we to have the time to address this issue in depth I would do so. (If you have an interest I can provide significant insight into the already established international protocols to genetically modify cannabis for the purpose of ownership and increased corporate revenue.)

While large corporate interest has no care for human suffering as it has no heart and no brain with which to feel compassion, that cannot be said of individuals and of our collective effort to witness and to relieve such affliction; this alone breeds empathy. While we are competitive and self-gratification takes up most of our waking day. Science supports the fact that nearly an equal part of the brain engages in acts of empathy. This is the grist for building socially responsible service organizations and the regulations to create the infrastructure that inspires a responsive society. It is no wonder that such efforts are being considered here in our beautiful Santa Cruz.

Genetic diversity in the plant kingdom is as important as it is the animal kingdom. It will take no more on your part than the recognition and the protection of the small farmer. It makes perfect sense to do this. It will encourage acts of generosity. Trust that I have witnessed this time again from individuals and small farmers who donate in small ways to WAMM for the benefit of the dying. I cannot say this of the large successful dispensaries. They have not been encouraged to lend support to the financially compromised, the seriously ill and dying members of our community, although they should be. Instead they send those people to WAMM. We are honored to serve. Consider it job security. Some time ago in a private conversation with one Supervisor I was told "we cannot legislate compassion," I believe this is ill advised as Berkeley did so. But this is a conversation for another time. I just broach the subject so you will consider this and so that we can address this subject at a later date.

I urge you to think in terms of the visionary, to illuminate the path of compassion and to protect nature through genetic diversity. I was also a panelist at the Rural Ben Lomond Association meeting. While the vocal attendees displayed their dismay, nearly 20 of the 70 attendees came to me after that encounter to thank me for my participation and support. I asked them why they hadn't spoken up and I was repeatedly told, "Because I am afraid to." Let their voices be heard now. Do not bend to only the dissatisfied, although they too must be heard. Only you can empower our community. There are laws in place that govern abuses of the land and negligent behavior. Your choices will impact the future of compassionate access. For it has not been resolved, but the need grows each day as the very people that this movement was built upon become more and more disenfranchised.

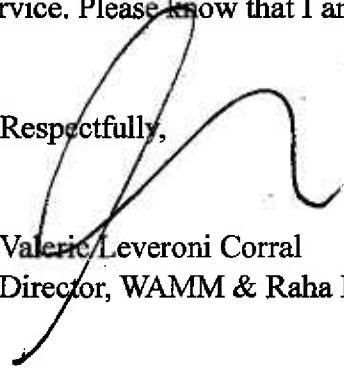
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I thank and applaud you and County Counsel Dana McCrae. What a delight to witness such an innovative and articulate approach to this quagmire. Please know that I am at your service. Please know that I am grateful for your consideration and for your efforts.

Respectfully,



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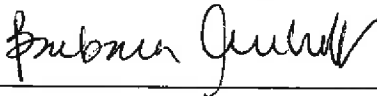
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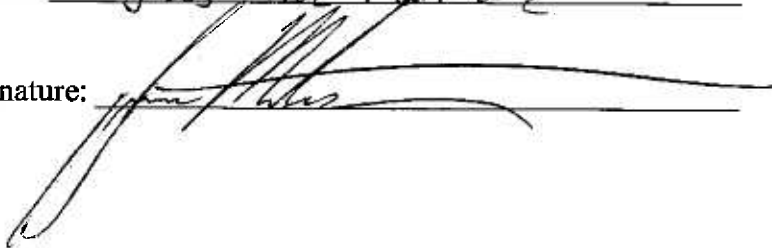
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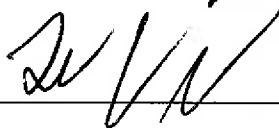
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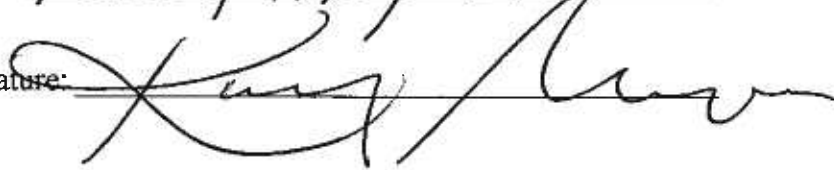
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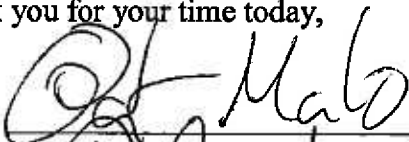
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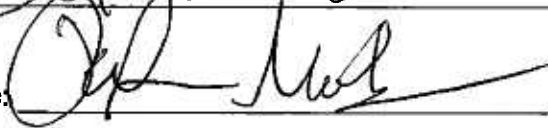
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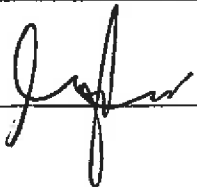
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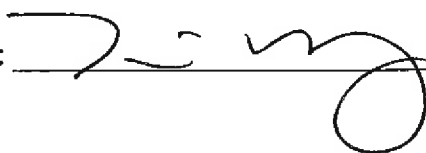
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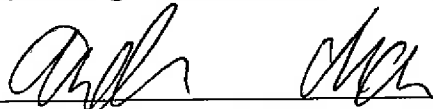
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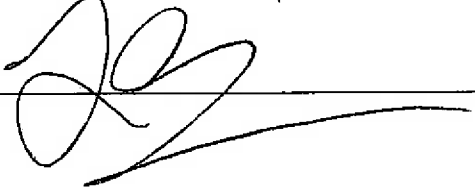
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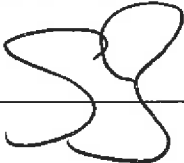
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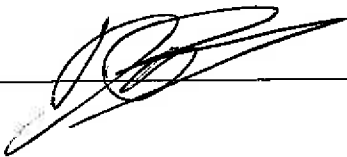
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To: Board of Supervisors Santa Cruz County, California
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Subject: Cannabis Ordinance 1/15

The county residents listed at the conclusion of this document are homeowners from throughout Bonny Doon who have come together to inform the Board of Supervisors and citizens at large about the wide-ranging potential impact of the cannabis cultivation ordinance for medical marijuana being considered by the Board.

Historically, marijuana has been grown in isolated areas, often forests, to avoid detection. With the legalization of marijuana for medical use, and perhaps for general use in the future, it is time to think in new ways about growing marijuana. As our research has made clear, growing marijuana in the mountains has a profound negative ecological impact. More appropriate locations for marijuana cultivation should be found for commercial grows.

We have researched many aspects of commercial cannabis cultivation, gathered information from Bonny Doon and other rural county residents, firefighters across the state, conservation societies, government, volunteer workers who have cleaned up illegal cannabis grows, and professionals with extensive knowledge about District 3's forests, in order to compile factual data and create recommendations that represent this rural community's concerns.

We hope our findings will receive careful consideration by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors as they work to create a sound cannabis cultivation ordinance for medical marijuana that is legal, and not disruptive or degrading to the environment or quality of life of people living in Bonny Doon in particular, and Santa Cruz County in general.

Below is a "SUMMARY OF FINDINGS" followed by "RECOMMENDATIONS" and "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION". Representatives of our group are available to meet with the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors and any other governmental body involved in this process. We feel that the cultivation of cannabis ordinance is extremely important to our community and, if done properly, will meet the medical needs of Santa Cruz County, but not detract from the social fabric and natural environment we enjoy. If done incorrectly we see a high probability of undesirable scenarios that will degrade our lives, the environment around us, and our property values.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. The ordinance “relating to cultivation of medical cannabis” in its present version (February 2014) does not adequately address the concerns of rural home owners, assure the protection of the watersheds that supply the City of Santa Cruz, Davenport and the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, and does not address a long list of environmental and social concerns that have been raised about large cannabis grows in or near residential neighborhoods, throughout California.
2. In studying the impact of cannabis farming already underway in Santa Cruz County and throughout California a host of environmental concerns present themselves with commercial grows. In Bonny Doon, concerns that need to be addressed are:
 - a) Identification of rural Residential-Agricultural zoned (RA) neighborhoods, and exemption from limited immunity for commercial medical grows.
 - b) Degradation of the forest environment, due to illegal grading to clear forest lands for grows, and the destructive influences of the heavy use of pesticides, poisons, chemical fertilizers, etc.
 - c) Threat to the Santa Cruz City water supply. These streams originate in Bonny Doon. (See Additional Information)
 - d) Increased threat to conservation efforts to restore breeding grounds for salmon and steelhead in local streams.
 - e) Poisoning of wildlife & pets due to growers’ frequent use of poisons, and pesticides.
3. Inside grows increase the risk of forest fires from faulty wiring, wiring installed without proper permitting or inspection, unattended or faulty generators, and the use of dangerous chemicals and flammable liquids used in the onsite manufacturing of marijuana derivative drugs and drugs that will remain illegal, regardless of the eventual legal status of cannabis.
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7. Widespread outdoor commercial cannabis grows without sufficient setbacks from adjoining property boundaries, and roads (both private and public) throughout Bonny Doon will result in security issues and disputes between neighbors, that will negatively alter the cooperative social fabric that has characterized most of Bonny Doon for decades.
8. Illegal cannabis grows in Bonny Doon that have been disruptive to our neighborhoods, have too often been undertaken by people who don't own the land and are transitory figures, with no stake in the community, other than making a profit at the expense of the social and physical environment of Bonny Doon. (Patrick Road was the site of the most recent incident illustrating this.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

From these findings we recommend the following:

1. **Rethink where to grow cannabis commercially.** Marijuana has been grown in forest areas because it could be most easily concealed from authorities. However, wooded areas are usually not optimal for growing this plant or for conforming to the regulations imposed on other forms of legal commercial agriculture. For forested areas to work as grow sites they must be modified in ways that damage wildlife habitat. These harmful modifications include wholesale removal of trees and chaparral, excessive use of groundwater and surface water, stealing water from streams, application of fertilizers, use of poisons and traps, illegal grading without regard to sedimentation of streams, lack of erosion control best management practices, etc. (See Additional Information.)
2. **Exclude parcels of 5 or less acres, and RA and/or RR parcels from commercial grows.** Create commercial no-grow zones around all RR and

RA zoned rural neighborhoods, to prevent noxious skunk-like odors from permeating neighborhoods and from exposing the children to marijuana cultivation, the impacts of grow operations, and non-resident visitors. (We can supply a list of District 3 neighborhoods.)

3. **Designate commercial grows to areas zoned CA, C or A, which are generally open land in the south county and coastal areas or commercial structures in a commercial zone.** They offer transparency that is difficult to achieve where there is steep terrain and dense vegetation i.e., accurate monitoring of water use, regulation of the use of rodenticides, regulation of the use of fertilizers and pesticides, regulation of the size of a grow, and visualization of its impact. The well known social conflicts surrounding cannabis can be better handled between neighborhoods and commercial grows because they will be far enough apart to avoid friction caused by noxious odors, fear of fire, crime, and intimidation. CA and A zoning is established where the environment (forest setting) is not plundered by illegal grading, threats to primary sources of drinking water for urbanized areas, damaging fish runs, and indiscriminate poisoning of wildlife.
4. **Require that commercial grows in enclosed agricultural structures conform to code requirements.** That includes the following: cannabis commercial grower certification, and County approved and inspected electrical permits (faulty electrical systems are reported as the source of many fires in pot operations by fire districts throughout Santa Cruz County and elsewhere), fire road access, approved sanitation for workers, declaration of storage of flammable products and dangerous chemicals.
5. **Establish a dispensary/grower connection.** Dispensaries must identify the growers supplying the cannabis they sell, or the dispensary grows its own cannabis and is responsible for cultivation and marketing within the County rules.
6. **Don't become a mecca for growers from other parts of the U.S.** Currently growers who are not supplying a dispensary have no legal status. Until the State of California legalizes recreational use of cannabis through the legislative process or a referendum, growers who are not supplying a dispensary are operating illegally. It is very important that the County state this, so the Santa Cruz County ordinance does not become a cover and contribute to the proliferation of growing that is not connected

to medical dispensaries. Recent Google Earth imagery (February 2014) shows over 130 easily discernable grows in Santa Cruz County.

7. **Reduce the risk of forest fires.** With global warming underway and two significant forest fires in Bonny Doon since 2008 (Martin and Lockheed) suspected to be of human origin, we urge the Board of Supervisors to make reducing the risks of forest fire an over-arching priority in rural land use issues. We contacted members of CAL-FIRE, the Zayante Fire Department, Bonny Doon Fire and Rescue, Inc., Boulder Creek Fire Department, and volunteers who have cleaned up large “grows” around the state. Cannabis growers have substantially increased the risk of a major forest fire in Santa Cruz County and elsewhere. Though the data is not centralized and easily retrievable, a county-wide snapshot includes a list of horror stories: five house/structure fires within a five mile radius within District 2, rented houses trashed by inside grows in which the electrical systems are altered and made unsafe, unpermitted and uninspected electrical systems (often using light-gauge automotive wire to run high amperage devices, for example \$10,000 air filters which attempt to neutralize “skunk air” before it is released into a neighborhood), clearing and burning slash during the fire season, impeding access by fire fighting vehicles, impeding progress on community fire breaks, chemical fires and explosions from processing cannabis to a more concentrated form, fires caused from campfires and camping stoves of people camped out while guarding grows, etc. CAL-FIRE, which has the best view of the statewide picture, reports that “drying house” pose the greatest fire risk. This is almost exclusively due to bad wiring. In greenhouses, where there is such intensive use of electric heating, fires are at least as often caused by faulty, unattended generators. On February 23, 2014, when the latest Google Earth imagery was acquired, there were more than 130 clearings with pot farms in timberlands in Santa Cruz County. All of these sites should be inspected for fire safety. Fire safety must be a societal priority, regardless of the activity in question.
8. **Protect water sources.** Often overlooked in discussions about creating a medical cannabis cultivation ordinance is the fact that Bonny Doon’s surface water provides the city of Santa Cruz and surrounding areas with drinking water. It is very important to protect these water supply watersheds from human activities that can harm water quality. Logging, home construction, and road construction are all regulated in the Santa

Cruz Mountains. What has not been regulated effectively is the removal of trees, illegal grading, importing soil and fertilizer, and taking surface water from streams. Cal-Fire reports that 50% of cannabis grows put chemicals into watercourses. (See Additional Information.)

- 9. Stop poisoning wildlife.** There is ample documentation by conservation groups that point to the devastating impacts to wildlife due to the use of poisons employed by cannabis farms to kill the ubiquitous Dusky footed-wood rat (*Neotoma fuscipes*, and some local sub-species of which are federally listed as endangered) and other animals that eat marijuana. Common predators such as raccoons, ringtails, badgers, bobcats, coyotes, weasels, domestic cats, common predatory birds and even pet dogs are also victimized.

Indiscriminant poisoning is yet another reason to require commercial Cannabis growing operations to locate in CA, C or A zoning, on flat to gently sloping open areas, where plants will flourish and activities with pesticides and other poisons can be precisely monitored, as occurs with other types of commercial agriculture. Before the County of Santa Cruz allows large commercial operation throughout the County, a thorough study involving the appropriate County officials and academic professionals should take place to assess the risk to wildlife in areas where commercial marijuana is being grown. (See Additional Information.)

- 10. Define personal grow by number of plants.** Abandon the definition of "personal grows" as a 10'x 10' area and instead adopt a specific number of plants per person. The State of California law for Medical Marijuana card holders defines six immature and six adult plants as sufficient for a patient's needs. A 10'x10' space can easily contain 100 plants or more.

- 11. Respect the existing reality of Residential Agriculture (RA) zoning.** Many people living in RA zoning are in neighborhood clusters that have a home on 5, or fewer, acres. The "agricultural" designation usually means maintaining the natural environment and may include livestock and/or family gardens. We've observed that pushback is from "commercial growers" who ignore, or are unaware of the predominantly residential application of RA in Bonny Doon. We wish to remind the Board of Supervisors that Bonny Doon residents have consistently resisted commercial development. This has included anything that might disrupt the quiet natural environment; even the convenience of a grocery/general

store has been rejected in the past. The majority of homeowners want to preserve our rural setting. Commercial cannabis cultivation is *clearly* not conducive to the community that homeowners desire. Given a choice, we believe that most prospective homeowners do not wish to buy homes and property adjacent to commercial cannabis farms. The cannabis farms now are arriving long after the homeowners have created residential neighborhoods, which were based on the land use regulations in effect at the time they bought land and legally built homes. Allowing commercial cannabis cultivation in RA zoning reduces existing property values.

12. **Address safety issues.** When we talked with longtime North Coast residents Lud McCrary and his daughter Janet McCrary, owners of Big Creek Lumber and conservationists, they explained two recurring problems they run into with illegal cannabis growers in the forests: safety concerns for foresters and other workers who stumble onto illegal grows guarded by armed people, and siphoning of water from streams which could impact fisheries.

13. **Enforce the ordinance.** For a new ordinance to work, and illegal operations halted, law enforcement will be necessary. The “cultivation ordinance” will fail if it isn’t vigorously enforced.

Lack of funds has often been cited as the reason law enforcement has not moved on marijuana grows in the past. Proposition K (to tax the medical cannabis dispensaries) was passed overwhelmingly by voters. While this revenue was not earmarked specifically for enforcement, it was designated to the general fund, we feel strongly that specific and significant funding for inspection and enforcement is vital.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Water supply. It is important to a large population (City of Santa Cruz) that the Board of Supervisors protect Bonny Doon (Ben Lomond Mountain) streams and watersheds from illegal grading, increased siltation, increased turbidity from sediment, and pollution from fertilizer and pesticide run off.

The watersheds that supply water to the City of Santa Cruz and the town of Davenport originate in Bonny Doon. The City of Santa Cruz obtains its drinking water from Reggiardo Creek, Majors Creek, Laguna Creek, and Liddell Spring. The community of Davenport obtains its drinking water from San Vicente Creek,

into which Mill Creek flows. The San Lorenzo Valley Water District obtains some of its water from Bull Creek, Bennet Springs/Creek, Fall Creek, Peavine Creek, Sweetwater Creek, Clear Creek, Foreman Creek and Silver Creek.

All of these public water supply streams start and flow from Bonny Doon (Ben Lomond Mountain) watersheds. The streams used by the San Lorenzo Valley Water District all ultimately drain into the San Lorenzo River, which is also used by the City of Santa Cruz as its main water supply.

Poisons. The disappearance of the Fisher (*Mustela Canadensis*), the second largest weasel in North America, from its southern Oregon and northern California range has been attributed to eating poisoned rats. The Spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis*) has also been impacted in northern California because it preys on the same rat and other rodents who ingest poisons. Besides these rare species (studied because their endangered/vulnerable status receives funding) CAL-FIRE officials report widespread use of poisons in outdoor cannabis grow sites. Volunteers who cleaned up grow sites in Los Padres National Forests also found poisons were prevalent at these sites.

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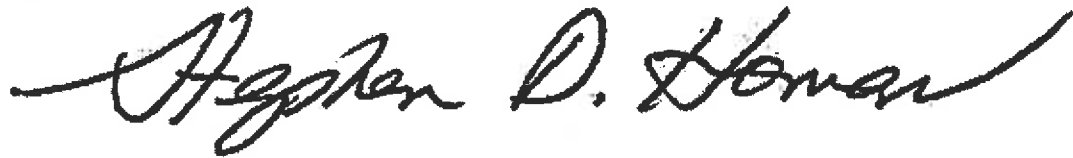
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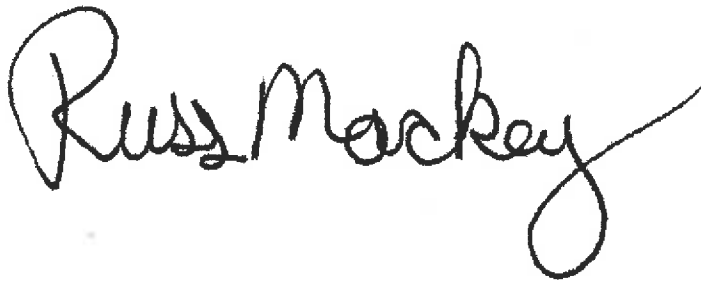
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Joe Christy, Former Board Member, 2008 through 2013, and Chair, 2009 through 2012, Rural Bonny Doon Association

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Daniel Harder, Ph.D.
Chief Financial Officer
Panacea Farm

6 January 2015

Board of Supervisors, Santa Cruz County

RE: Proposed changes to the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance

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Three years ago, following the guidance of Proposition 215 and local Santa Cruz County ordinances, my partners and I formed a medical *Cannabis* collective in the county. Our collective started slowly and small initially supporting the needs of just a few patient-members (mostly family and friends) with doctor's recommendations. In 2014, based on the growth of our collective we named and incorporated, Panacea Farm, allowing us to operate as a registered business in California. Panacea Farm continues to grow and now supplies over 130 patient-members from within and outside Santa Cruz County. We attribute our growth and success to Panacea Farm's commitment to produce the highest quality *Cannabis* medicines and work closely with our patient-members to develop strain-specific varieties and formulations of *Cannabis* with the optimal composition of cannabinoids and terpenes to address their specific ailments and conditions. Panacea Farm supplies greenhouse and outdoor cultivated, organically grown *Cannabis* and *Cannabis*-based products to our patient-members suffering from a variety of cancers, PTSD, anxiety, migraines, sleep problems and a wide range of medical conditions where *Cannabis* provides known relief and potential cures. Our patient-members are professionals in our communities (attorneys, physicians, medical specialists, business, artists, business and property owners, etc..) who appreciate and trust the close relationship they have with Panacea Farm to consistently supply exact formulations of *Cannabis*-based medicines. For a variety of reasons, many of our patient-members have expressed their concern about any modification to the existing Cannabis cultivation ordinance that may affect their supply of medicines from Panacea Farm. They are not comfortable with becoming patient-members of the existing local "brick and mortar" dispensaries because they have grown to trust and exclusively depend upon Panacea Farm to sustainably and reliably supply their *Cannabis* medicines for their health.

Over the past two years, to address our growing collective, patient-members of Panacea Farm have invested considerable capital in physical infrastructure (greenhouses, grow spaces, processing

equipment, materials and supplies, etc.) and are purchasing land in the county to insure we can continue to provide our growing numbers of patient-members with the *Cannabis* medicines they need and that their doctors have recommended for them.

All of the patient-members of Panacea Farm are concerned that the proposed changes to the existing ordinance will impact our successful and hard-earned efforts of the past three years. We are also very concerned that the effective and quality medicines produced and processed by Panacea Farm will no longer be available. For me personally, the proposed changes will also negatively impact the primary source of income for my family and me. Panacea Farm has worked hard accumulating, maintaining, and improving the varieties and processing of *Cannabis* we grow to provide the specific medicines our patient-members need for their health. Limiting the number of cultivation sites to those only associated or contracted by the few existing "brick and mortar" dispensaries will not provide the variety of medicines needed by patients in the county. We also believe that this decision will lower the overall quality of *Cannabis* medicine available to Santa Cruz county patients. This decision will also limit the diversity of medicinal *Cannabis* and products available and required by patients in the county.

Santa Cruz County supports a wide range of *Cannabis* collective types; all legal under the present county ordinance. Small family collectives, larger community collectives, dispensaries, and delivery services operate to supply the needs of Santa Cruz and California patient-members. As I am sure the Board of Supervisors can appreciate, *Cannabis*-related businesses generate significant revenue within the county for local businesses and economy. I am concerned that any attempt to control the industry in Santa Cruz County by modifying the existing ordinance, outside of existing planning rules and enforcement, will criminalize activities that have provided important, long-term, and sustainable support for many in our community, including Panacea Farm. I feel strongly that the proposed changes to the ordinance will not address the issues attempting to be addressed by the Board of Supervisors and result in more problems and difficulties for the county as these existing community activities become illegal, as they will continue to operate underground.

Over the past decade and especially within the past five years, there have been significant advances in our knowledge of the natural endocannabinoid system found in humans and the close co-evolved interaction of this system with the cannabinoids found in *Cannabis*. The effectiveness of *Cannabis*-based therapies in providing relief and treating seizures, autism, cancers, anxiety, depression, and an ever increasing range of ailments, is easy to verify with a simple Internet search. As recently as last month an 8 month-old baby was treated with *Cannabis* oil, high in the cannabinoid, cannabidiol (CBD), shrinking the baby's inoperable brain tumor, saving its life. *Cannabis* contains more than 60 known cannabinoids, some psychoactive like THC and healing such as CBD, but most have unknown and unstudied effects in humans. Research is increasing and accelerating into the discovery and understanding of the mode of action and application of cannabinoids to human health. It is important to the *Cannabis* industry locally and nationally that the most effective and novel are made available to patients and our health system. Panacea Farm is at the forefront of this research and has worked hard to accumulate, study, archive and mobilize the genetic diversity within *Cannabis* strains and makes these available to researchers and collective businesses in the *Cannabis* industry.

I appreciate the challenges you face and respect the work you are doing to address and regulate the local medical *Cannabis* industry where the focus must always remain on the access for patients

Thank you.



Daniel Harder, Ph.D
Panacea Farm

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Cannabis Advocates Alliance
www.cannabisadvocatesalliance.org
December 10, 2014

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Participation in County Medical Cannabis Ordinance Changes

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Name: _____

Signature: _____

 Kyle Slavich

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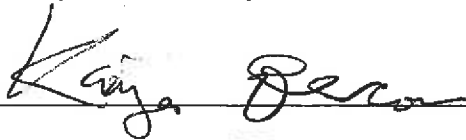
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Name: _____



Signature: _____



January 2, 2015

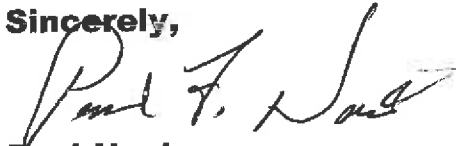
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Sincerely,



Paul Novie

Boulder Creek, CA 95006

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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

I am 64 years old, reside in Boulder Creek, and I am a Vietnam Vet. I have been struggling with the aftereffects of Agent Orange for many years. I have spinal inflammation as a result of spinal surgery. I am in remission from prostate cancer. I have peripheral neuropathy as a result of diabetes. I was on traditional pharmaceutical medication (Vicoden, morphine, Percoset), with terrible side effects. I am a constituent in Supervisor McPherson's district, and for the past year, I have had donated to me medical cannabis, grown organically by a local cannabis cultivator. This generous person cares deeply for the environment and is conscientious in cultivating so that no harm is done to the soil or our riparian corridor. It is my ingesting of the cannabis that has allowed me to wean myself off all prescription pain killers; the salve made with cannabis has eliminated the neuropathic pain.

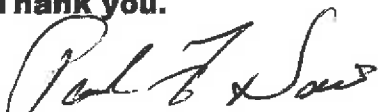
I have just been informed of the proposed ordinance that will be voted upon on January 13, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors. I am *greatly* distressed at the prospect of losing my medicine. The local cultivator who so kindly provides me with my medicine has a small garden operation and there is in no way she will be able to afford to purchase, rent, or lease land in AG zones, if your ordinance passes. Which means that if he continues to cultivate ~~his~~ cannabis, she will be in violation of the law. ^{he'}

Even if medicine would be kindly donated to me by someone who is growing in AG zones, I would not accept it, because I need to ensure that my medicine is organically grown in an area where toxic pesticides are not used in the nearby soil.

I entreat you to give your constituents, and constituents from other districts, time to meet with you to effect solutions. I am well aware of the damage wreaked by some growers in our County and understand the concerns of some of your constituents who live close to cultivation sites. The destructive growers can be dealt with on an individual basis. The conscientious growers far outweigh the growers who are destructive to our community, and to enact punitive ordinance based on those few is counter-productive, and will be personally devastating to me.

Please, allow an additional 90 days so that we may all work together for the good of our entire community.

Thank you.


Paul Novie

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Alicia Murillo

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To: CBD BOSMAIL
Subject: Agenda Comments

Meeting Date : 1/13/2015

Meeting Type : County Board of Supervisors

Item Number : 21.00

Name : Stacey Stoler

Email : Not Supplied

Address : Palos Verdes Estates

Phone : Not Supplied

Comments :

I am writing to ask that you reconsider this ordinance. Soothing Sues is a company I have been using for some time now and is a company I trust to provide me with medication that helps with my severe muscle spasms, without having to use prescription drugs, that may be put out of business if this ordinance passes. This would be a huge financial and personal burden on me as I do not live in Santa Cruz nor have I ever found a similar product that alleviates my pain.

Not only would this be a hardship for me personally, but I can only imagine this would be financially detrimental to the county to force so many tax paying non-profits to shut down.

Alicia Murillo

From: cbdbosmail@co.santa-cruz.ca.us
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Meeting Date : 1/13/2015

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Item Number : 21.00

Name : Nicholas Schutz

Email : Not Supplied

Address : Not Supplied

Phone : Not Supplied

Comments :

Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

I am a medical cannabis patient living in Southern California. I have regular physical pain due to old sports injuries. While obviously nothing as serious as cancer, Parkinson's Disease, multiple sclerosis, post-traumatic stress disorder, or any number of other drastic illnesses whose easement of suffering is greatly assisted by cannabis, my pain does have noticeable effects on my ability to live a happy and fulfilled life. To treat this pain, I use a Santa Cruz-based product, Soothing Sue's "Rub Me Right," that is essentially coconut oil infused with cannabis extract, applied topically only (therefore no psychoactive effects). I have tried other treatments, even to some level of success, but Soothing Sue's is clearly the most efficient at alleviating my discomfort. My attempts at finding a similar product down here have been futile.

I know the Board's intent is not to deny patients of their medicine but this amendment will do just that. I very much wish for the Board to legislate with care for all patients, not just those fortunate enough to live in such an abundant area as Santa Cruz. Following through with this proposal will have an extremely negative effect on myself and many other patients who look to Santa Cruz as a beacon of progress and compassion.

Thank you,
Nicholas Schutz

Alicia Murillo

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Item Number : 21.00

Name : Amanda Reiman

Email : areiman@drugpolicy.org

Address : Not Supplied

Phone : Not Supplied

Comments :

January 5, 2015

To the Members of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Drug Policy Alliance, a national advocate to end the war on drugs and to build a policy response to drugs that is grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights, I am writing to you today on the subject of medical cannabis access and cultivation. Since California became the first state to allow cannabis for medical purposes in 1996, conversations about how to regulate cultivation have been frequent. Santa Cruz has previously been supportive of access to medical cannabis, and I am hopeful that they will continue that trend by adopting logical cultivation regulations that both protect the public health, safety and environment in the community, and access to a variety of high quality medical cannabis.

Therefore, the Drug Policy Alliance supports the following: 1) that the County preserve the minimal diversity of choice required for patients; 2) that the County draft clearer and more environmentally-friendly paths to compliance for patient-cultivators; 3) that local patients be given a greater voice in re-drafting the County cannabis ordinances; 4) and that the County continue the hearings for modifying the current Santa Cruz Medical Cannabis Ordinances for another 90 days.

Below are key issues to be considered:

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Medical Cannabis Patients Rely on a Variety of Medical Cannabis Distribution Models: Brick and mortar dispensaries are only one model of medical cannabis distribution, and this model should not be favored over others. This is the only approach that ensures all patients have access to safe, quality and effective medicine.

Sincerely,

Amanda Reiman, PhD MSW
Manager, Marijuana Law and Policy
Drug Policy Alliance

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Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz

January 13, 2015

Re: January 13, 2015, Board Agenda Item, Medical Marijuana

Dear Board:

I have lived in Santa Cruz since 1955 and am a preservationist with an agricultural background using organic and environmentally sound farming practices. For many years I was an Assistant Plant Breeder for a research facility in the Central Valley. I have a small garden and produce medical cannabis for myself, my wife, my 97 year old mother, and my brother-in-law. I suffer from severe arthritis, my wife has severe chronic pain from disc degeneration, my mother suffers from dementia and has no appetite, and my brother-in-law has cancer. Your decisions can prohibit or assist me and my immediate family and will either prevent or provide relief of suffering for many patients county-wide.

I am one of the breeders that provides my genetics to WAMM. The research I do is imperative to finding and attaining medical relief. Should you go forward with limiting the grow site to 10'x10', myself and my immediate family would be without their much needed medicine. It is simply not big enough to produce the needed varieties of medicine required for each of their particular symptoms and to find relief or at least significantly reduce their pain and suffering. I specifically work to find the right combination of plant strains for specific illnesses. It would not be possible for me to provide WAMM with the genetics for specialized medicine for specific patient needs. As with other research, it requires many plants to find the perfect male, then a number of plants to find the perfect female, then to pollinate them. I breed for positive attributes of these Landrace strains to make the best medicine. There is no way to find out until you grown many of them and then select the best ones to breed. I then grow a test and if there is a good clone result, attempt to reproduce it. As you can see 3 or 4 plants is not going to work to help find the best medicine for the worst symptoms.

I mainly work with Landrace varieties, saving these oldest varieties before they are extinct. These are the oldest purest strains used by medicine men throughout the world. Medicine grown outdoor naturally, organically is the best medicine. The quality of indoor plants does not compare and requires more electricity, more water, more nutrients, and possibly many more additives to help grown indoors what is meant to be grown out of doors.

Please remember as you make your decision that it could be your family member who needs medical cannabis to ease their suffering.

Michael Fratis


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Upland, Ca. 91786

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Comments :

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Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Santa Cruz, California

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Name : Heather Burman

Email : Scheatherb@yahoo.com

Address : 239 suburbia ave

Phone : Not Supplied

Comments :

I oppose your proposed medical cannabis cultivation legislation. Please consider the numerous lives of sick patients who rely on this amazing plant for their healing and well being.

Alicia Murillo

From: cbdbosmail@co.santa-cruz.ca.us
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Name : Susan Bertaccini

Email : yellowstar23@gmail.com

Address : 105 Santina Ct

Phone : (831) 239-1717

Comments :

I am writing this to voice my opposition to the proposed changes. I am genuinely concerned for my fellow community members who rely on a variety of medical cannabis strains to alleviate their conditions. I am proud to live in a place like Santa Cruz but believe that the proposed changes are only likely to favor a small group of citizens. This is not the Santa Cruz we know and love. I also am concerned that our local economy will suffer in ways that are not being considered or addressed. Please think about the fact that concentrating the profits made in the mmj industry will have a devastating effect on our local businesses that make Santa Cruz a wonderful place to live and work.

January 7, 2015

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I have been a resident in Boulder Creek since 1982. I am 84 years old, and as a result of certain medical conditions, I have peripheral neuropathy in my feet and hands. A very kind neighbor has been giving me at no charge a salve she makes from organic coconut oil and 'buds' or 'flowers' from the cannabis plants that she grows organically on her property. The topical analgesic salve has been a blessing to me - it has eliminated my pain and allows me to sleep through the night.

She recently informed me that an ordinance that has been proposed by Supervisor Coonerty (hopefully I have the facts correct), "...adding a new chapter 7.126 relating to the cultivation of medical marijuana" will be discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 13, 2015. Though I do not understand the legalese, from what I do understand is that if the ordinance passes, my kind neighbor will be in violation of the law if she continues to provide me with the salve made from the cannabis that she grows on her property. She also told me that in order for her to grow her cannabis, she would have to do so in areas that are zoned Agricultural. She certainly cannot afford to purchase, lease, or rent land in the 'AG' zones, which means that if she continues to grow cannabis and make my salve, she will be breaking the law.

I would be devastated if this should happen. My kind neighbor explained to me that she grows a specific variety of cannabis - I believe it's called 'High CBD' - that we have found is the perfect solution for me. When I asked her why the Supervisors are thinking about enacting such an ordinance after one is already in place that allows small cultivation, she told me that there are a number of cultivators who have treated our beautiful forest poorly - erosion has taken place, trees have been cut down willy-nilly, and our streams and creeks have had water pulled from them illegally. It seems to me that if you know which cultivators have been doing this, you would be able to use the regulating county agencies that are already in place to deal with these growers - ensure that their activities are stopped, and have them work to repair the damage they have done. I know the County government does not have a great deal of money, but with the 7% tax that I understand will be paid by Dispensary owners, you can certainly hire more people to staff your regulatory and law enforcement agencies.

Please do not enact this ordinance!

George Manolis
Boulder Creek, CA 95006



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

I am a Santa Cruz County Resident, and my name is Ruthane Frase.
As a resident of Santa Cruz County, I am voicing concern about recent proposals made by the Board of Supervisors regarding the local Medical Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. If adopted, these changes will negatively affect the medical Cannabis patients of Santa Cruz County, for many reasons, including:

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Name Ruthane Frase Signature Ruthane Frase



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Rodney Gonzalez Signature Rodney Gonzalez



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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Peter Halper Signature Peter Halper



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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Peter Mayberry

Signature

Peter Mayberry 1/7/14



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Peggy Humphries

Signature

[Handwritten Signature] 1/6/14



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Matthew Rosado

Signature

Matthew Rosado /H/H



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Jose Diaz Signature Jose Diaz



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name John Platner Signature John Platner



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Deborah A. Wittich Signature Debbie A. Wittich



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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name WILLIAM F. WITTICH Signature William F. Wittich



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name CHARLES KNAUFT Signature CHARLES KNAUFT



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name HEATHER BLACK

Signature

Heather Black



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Caitlin Reynolds Signature Caitlin Reynolds



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Caitlin Marie Camello Signature Caitlin Camello



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name AUCIA BAILEY

Signature

Alicia Bailey



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Allegra Reisman

Signature Allegra Reisman



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Ivan Mulky

Signature

Ivan Mulky 1/7/14



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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Dale Espensheid Signature Dale Espensheid 1/7/14



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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Robin Stone Signature 1/7/14 Robin Stone



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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Joshua Lounsberry Signature 1/6/14 Joshua Lounsberry

Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz



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Name

Christian Walsh

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Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz



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Name James Walsh

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Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Lisa Walsh Signature Lisa Walsh



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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Sierra Greer

Signature Sierra Greer

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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz



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Name Taralyn McKay Signature Taralyn McKay



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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name

Jessica Gamber

Signature

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Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz



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Mickey McCormick

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Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
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Rob McCaiston

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Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

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Name Andrew Carson Signature 1/7/14

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January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz



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Name Carmella West

Signature



Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name

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Cannabis Advocates Alliance
January, 2015
County of Santa Cruz

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Name Emily S. Woodward Signature Emily S. Woodward



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January, 2015
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Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

I am a Santa Cruz County Resident, and my name is Karen McCormick.
As a resident of Santa Cruz County, I am voicing concern about recent proposals made by the Board of Supervisors regarding the local Medical Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. If adopted, these changes will negatively affect the medical Cannabis patients of Santa Cruz County, for many reasons, including:

- Maintaining a minimum degree of access to and diversity of cannabis medicine must be a priority for the County. Restricting the spectrum of choices of medicine available decreases the likelihood that medical cannabis patients will have the type and quality of medicine needed to address their medical needs.
- Limiting all non-personal outdoor grows to Commercial Agriculture and Agriculture zones will unfairly abolish the legal protections for most Santa Cruz medical cannabis cultivators. Rather than arbitrarily revoking the legal rights of medical cannabis patient-providers in rural areas, the County must protect patients and patient-providers who cultivate in a safe and sustainable manner.
- The County must permit indoor cultivation in C-4 and Light Industrial zoning to all medical cannabis collectives, regardless of whether they maintain a brick and mortar location. Brick and mortar dispensaries are only one model of medical cannabis distribution. To preserve access to and diversity of cannabis medicine choices, the dispensary model should not be favored over others.
- The best way to control medical cannabis production in the County is to create a system whereby most current producers may become compliant via registration and rigorous 3rd-party inspections that also require environmental and neighborhood compliance. This will allow the County to address problematic growers, while giving legitimate growers a chance to identify themselves and comply.

Among other things, we are requesting: 1) that the County preserve the minimal diversity of choice required for patients; 2) that the County draft clearer and more environmentally-friendly paths to compliance for patient-cultivators; 3) that local patients be given a greater voice in re-drafting the County cannabis ordinances; 4) and that the County continue the hearings for modifying the current Santa Cruz Medical Cannabis Ordinances for another 90 days.

Please continue to work with Cannabis Advocates Alliance toward creating sensible medical cannabis regulations in Santa Cruz County.

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