

Cannabis Visioning Session - Safety Concerns - August 10, 2021 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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1	rachel Zierdt	If tax revenue for cannabis is high, there should be increased enforcement whether by the county or by the sheriff or both. There needs to be more staff in either case.						
2	Henry Edison-Burbank	there is SO much enforcement already. they come unannounced at 8am. but you wouldnt know that because it seems all you want to do is punish and intimidate.	We only want security and the peaceful enjoyment of our properties	The site I am familiar with where my relatives live next to one (Medford OR) they had dogs, mean ones at that, and my relatives could not go near their own fence without being harassed.				
3	Vi Strain	Address climate change and ways in which it will increase the risk and frequency of wildfire as well as the severity of wildfire events in the EIR						
4	Henry Edison-Burbank	dead trees need to be removed for fire safety so please allow for cannabis operators to make their properties safe.	Must have a licensed arborist determine whether tee is dead or a safety hazard					
5	Kimberly Susukida	Please define EIR	Hi Kimberly! Thanks for joining us. "EIR" stands for Environmental Impact Report. You can learn more about what we're doing here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/					
6	Vi Strain	Consider exclusion zones to reduce development and not introduce industrial processes in remote rural areas, which in turn exacerbate wildfire risk	There are exclusion zones in place.					
7	Vi Strain	Evaluate the safety of rural residential communities with substandard roads that would be shared with cannabis operators. Wildfire and evacuation congestion on substandard roads do not meet fire safe road standards which require vehicle and emergency equipment to pass concurrently. Only permit cannabis operations on roads that meet state fire safe regulations.						
8	Mary Plimpton	County should impose a MORATORIUM on all cannabis permitting pending completion of thorough EIR that should include items pertaining to community safety security.	thats totally unreasonable. you dont get to make the law how you want it.	I agree with mary. it is important to get controls in place during this state mandated drought	Why are we calling on this for Cannabis when other agriculture has a much larger footprint of impact in our county and WAY LESS oversight and transparency. Would you say that you do not have biases toward Cannabis?			
9	C. Stephenson	Prepare an environmental report that fully addresses existing conditions related to public safety. Define the capacity of fire and police service to address additional commercial development in high fire severity zones and in remote areas accessed by legal fire safe roads.						

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10	Lori Pascarella	Licensed cannabis cultivators are subject to inspections, violations and oversight from the following agencies: Department of Cannabis Control (New merged regulatory department combining CDFA, BCC and CDPH to single agency for cannabis licensing and enforcement.) California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Sonoma County Ag Department; Sonoma County PRMD Code enforcement and California State Waterboards. The regulations, inspections and enforcement by all of these agencies if more than adequate to ensure that cannabis remains one of the safest industries in California. Virtually no other industry has this much oversight.	I agree	I agree	this is correct	That is exactly right, thank you for highlighting this. Why are other agricultural activities not subjected to this? Why is there this level of controversy with Cannabis as the MOST responsible and transparent practice to date?? It seems to me that if folks are willing to chastise Cannabis and no other crop, there are some blatantly evident underlying biases there...		
11	Henry Edison-Burbank	we need to make things safe for the cannabis operators who are being harrassed and bullied by neighbor groups. i have a neighbor who is so angry that she makes up stories. and she walks around the neighborhood with an aggressive angry face glaring at my wife and two small children (2 and newborn). think about safety for the poor cannabis operators who have been intimidated and harrassed by these hypocritical neighbor groups.						
12	Bob Langley	can we allow our choice of armed vs unarmed security professionals that are state licensed vendors (BSIS). the city allows it and the rest of the state allows it within cannabis licensing guidelines, however the unincorporated does not at this time.						
13	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis is an excellent crop for fire break. Outdoor cannabis cultivators want to steward the land and contribute to the success of the farming sector. In very high fire risk zones, the county should prioritize outdoor cultivation. Best practices for land management, fire mitigation and OSHA standards are required by state MANY regulations, far more than are required for all other agriculture.	I agree	Agreed	Agreed			
14	Vi Strain	Do not allow commercial cannabis operations to locate adjacent to residential neighborhood and towns and use the residential communities substandard roads. The increased additional traffic from proposed cannabis operations is beyond residential standards and further degrades already substandard roads.	They are not allowed in residential areas whatsoever.	This should be the same for vineyards that spray all night long with no regards for the neighborhood				
15	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis operators should be protected from harassment and abuse from neighbors.	I agree	PLEASE!				
16	Henry Edison-Burbank	I have found through my work on different types of permits at prmd and your ag dept that the ministerial process yields less bitter neighborhood opposition and support groups clashing. When public notice and neighborhood compatibility clauses activate locals to oppose something they often become aggressively focussed on harming their neighbors in any way possible in order to achieve their goal to thwart a development from proceeding. In my life I've never seen neighbors turn from friends to enemies so fast. And the lies and scare tactics come fast and numerous. The neighborhood battles should not be a part of cannabis farming. There are people who will never do anything to help solve other issues in the county but they fully commit to every scare tactic and lie to harm their neighbor because it makes them feel like a politician, decision maker, and boss. The cannabis permitting process should minimize these forced conflicts by taking the neighbors out of the equation. These people are never satisfied.						

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17	L Williams	Make sure taxes fund the police, and remember most people don't want to steal wet weed. So focus on protecting distro and retail						
18	rachel Zierdt	Keep permitting away from narrow roads. County should be marking those roads that are not applicable. There should be no grows on lanes where there is no way to egress while the fire fighting equipment is going the other way.....County needs to stop trying to narrow what the state reasonable road requirements are.	the roads are wide enough for other ag and residential uses then it is ok for cannabis.	Yes, if the road is wide enough for residential and other ag then cannabis use is OK.	I agree			
19	Rebecca Bass	good point!						
20	Vi Strain	Commercial development in high fire risk areas will require construction of new infrastructure, such as roads and pwer and gas lines will also exacerbate fire risk. Much of RRD-zoned areas are known to be high fire hazard areas due to steep slopes, dense vegetation and insufficient public safety services due to a lack of safe emergency vehicle access.	You are not allowed to cultivate above 15% slope.					
21	C. Stephenson	Make project determinations based on the mandatory Findings of Significance which protect adjacent property owner's right to health and safety. The County is fully aware if the many complaints filed (and the other residents who are afraid to file complaints). It is unconscionable to adopt a land use policy which creates such a situation. The threat to personal and public safety is significant, the County knows it and the Sheriff's department's capacity to respond in a timely manner is inadequate at best.						
22	Vince scholten	I think this industry should be treated like other agricultural uses. If you did this to the wine industry you would not be drinking anymore wine.						
23	Mary Plimpton	Request that Sonoma County reach out to other California counties & to other states for their experiences & data on changes after legalizing cannabis, in reports of trespass & other cannabis-related complaints to enforcing agencies.	agree with Mary					
24	L Williams	SRA 4290 roads might be applicable in some applications						
25	Henry Edison-Burbank	did anyone consider using the CHAPTER 38 to guide this process? why did we spend all that time and then it was not even looked at by BOS?						
26	Joanna Cedar	A robust cannabis program is necessary for the funding of county services to ensure fire and community safety.						
27	Mary Plimpton	A "safe" grow op would have to be within a defined (?10 min max?) drive for all emergency first responders (medical, fire, law enforcement)	Does the rest of agricultural have to follow these rules ,I think not					
28	Lisa Lai	cannabis farms should be exempt under BOF rules by the county considering it ag in the zoning code. farms create fire breaks. farms have water storage that is available for fire suppression. farms in rrd and water zones 3&4 help protect neighborhoods by creating fire breaks and land management	I agree	I agree				
29	Vi Strain	Study the installation of electrical, plumbing and mechanical equipment to hoop houses as well as their indoor and mixed light hoop house cultivation that was proposed in the denied ordinance if these provisions are being considered again and determine the electricity use and fire hazard impact to rural communities and impacts countywide	Again is this being done for the rest of agriculture					
30	C. Stephenson	Crime and Code Enforcement go hand in hand. The public has experience with non-cannabis issues that are never resolved and conditions of approval on projects that are not enforced or monitored. It becomes a job for neighbors to call and report and follow through. Clearly enforcement of approved CUP permits is a very weak link in the County if not a myth.						
31	Lisa Lai	cannabis farmers use regenerative practices and sink carbon from the air into the soil	Great point					

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32	Craig Harrison	High and very high fire hazard zones are too dangerous for cannabis cultivation. Human activity inherently raises the risk of wildland fires. This is settled science-- the State Attorney General's Office has filed briefs with this information.	So we shouldn't be cultivating anything at all?	Agree with Craig	I agree with Lindsey			
33	Mary Plimpton	Cannabis is raised in part for its OIL. This suggest it would be a highly flammable crop. Request County Cannabis Committee consult with professional firefighters with respect to flammability as well as safety of firefighting crews. This also suggests that cannabis grows should not be permitted in remote areas with roads that do not meet fire safety standards, are not wide enough to accommodate fleeing vehicles as well as inbound emergency responders.	This is wildly inaccurate					
34	Vi Strain	Prohibit indoor and mixed light cultivation in high fire risk aras especially close to residentially dense areas where locally prevalent winds could cause a fire sweeping through plastic hoop houses to immolate a residential community located downwind of a cannabis site. A proposal to the West and adjacent to the community of Bloomfield Creates this concern.	How is indoor cultivation going to cause a fire?	This is not true				
35	rachel Zierdt	Especially in this drought, why are we continuing permitting of any new projects. There should be a moritorium.	Then all ag should be halted ,good luck finding food as well					
36	Joanna Cedar	Code enforcement is funded from permitting fees. Can't have one without the other.	Agreed					
37	L Williams	SRA 4290 drive way standards should be extended on a case by case basis.						
38	Mary Plimpton	County must use tax revenues from cannabis businesses to increase budgets for law enforcement, firefighters & other emergency responder requirements.						
39	Henry Edison-Burbank	can i suggest that the CHAPTER 38 be used to guide this process? why cant we do that? the opposition is continuing to push and push. this is LEGAL crop and giving this much power to aggressive angry dishonest nieghbor groups is insanity. you are giving the advantage to these mean spirited folks by starting this process again from scratch. they are the only folks that have time to devote to 3 more years of this. this seems like a way to get the cannabis industry to throw in the towel. the opposition is laughing at the cannabis industry and the county staff as they manipulate and dominte this process with their LOUD and MINORITY viewpoint.	There are a lot of us that agree with this point!	Chapter 38 did not comply with State law and has been set aside				
40	Anna Ransome	Do not allow cannabis operations on sub-standard roads that do not meet fire-safe standards. Roads less than 20' in width and with limited or no turnouts cause conflicts between emergency vehicles and exiting residents.	This should also apply to vineyards					
41	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis cultivators have very strict requirements regarding site location, slope, access roads, and operating practices. Additionally, they are all required to have an approved Fire Safety Plan on record with the county which includes creating defensible spaces and having an emergency response plan. Cultivators should be seen as partners in community safety, not a threat.	Curent safety requirements are well established and should be continued in future ordinance.	Yes in many areas us cultivators have stuck around and helped fight the spread of fires.				
42	Craig Harrison	Development on very narrow roads are dangerous. Any road that is not suffceintyl wide to allow concurrent access from fire equipment and fleeing residents should either be widened or not allow cannabis cultivation. Fire engines are 8-9 feet wide. SUVs are 6 feet wide. Do the math.	In order to permit any cultivation site, it has to be up to fire codes.	If it is OK for residences and other ag then it should be ok for cannabis cultivation.	I agree with Craig			
43	Henry Edison-Burbank	cannabis opertaors should be allowed to use water trucks. the water trucks are used to wet down houses and burn areas. i have helped my neighbors with my water truscks in the past.	Absolutely!	Agreed				

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44	Judith Olney	Human activities are the primary cause of wildfires – lightning is second. Permitting commercial operations in high fire risk zones exponentially increases fire risk. Winds push fires out of watersheds and into adjacent areas – these permits are a public safety risk for us all.	So is building houses					
45	Vi Strain	Parking and travel areas on a cannabis site should be hardened and dry grass and vegetation be properly maintained and mowed to prevent fire hazards. In addition there should be best practices for owners and employees to raise awareness of fire hazards such as smoking on site.						
46	Henry Edison-Burbank	those roads have been used for decades and emergency vehicles have been OK. the opposition uses every single arguement no matter how much of a double-standard.	Agreed					
47	Mary Plimpton	A safe grow operation would be within 10 min max of emergency responders, on safe (wide) roads. It would be required to have full-operation security cameras in use 24.7; required to retain footage for a defined period of time, and to turn over footage upon the request of any enforcing agencies (including Fish & Game)	Maybe you should read he ordinances					
48	L Williams	State responsibility Area is SRA. Roads should be signed off by fire marshals. SRA 4290 roads is this conversation. Decided if you shall follow state law						
49	Lisa Lai	cannabis farmers pay \$100k per acre. sounds like a lot of money to fix our crumbling roads	Agreed					
50	Vi Strain	We recommend a ban o electrical service to temporary plastic hoop houses in fire prone areas and near residences as this creates additional fire hazards, as well as night light pollution.	This is already required,please read the ordinance					
51	Henry Edison-Burbank	ive been asking nighbors to stop double parking cars for their meetings and dinners but they wont stop. they dont care about emergency vehicles. they only want to stop the cannabis industry.						
52	L Williams	You can't make road standards less than state regs.						
53	Steven Sommer	that is set out in ag element general plan						
54	Craig Harrison	The county has allowed grows on Matanzas Creek Lane, which is 11 feet wide. Can the fire marhsal explain this?						
55	Craig Litwin	Cannabis cultivators bring water storage onsite. This helps fight fires. Cannabis cultivators also have funding to maintain fire-safe areas on their property. The EIR should study the benefits for fire safety that cannabis cultivators bring.	agree	Agree	Agreed			
56	Henry Edison-Burbank	NIMBYS want no hoops, no roads, no water, no traffic, no smell, no sight, etc... cant you see that there is no integrity to their arguement.	Agreed					
57	Judith Olney	Highly flammable items on site in wildfire risk areas: Buildings, plastics, on site fertilizers are all highly flammable – the plant itself is rich in flammable oils.	That is untrue and these things are highly regulated. Please share links to the effect that the “oils” in Cannabis are highly flammable. I can share information and images of plants that barely burned in a fire. This unfounded information, I am very saddened to see this level of blatant bias here.	I agree with sam				
58	Sam De La Paz	Rural Cannabis cultivation sites can only lend to fire breaks and water catchment & storage should be incentivized by the state and county for these operations.	AGREED!	Agreed				
59	Henry Edison-Burbank	the roads are WIDE enough. WEAK arguement. WAY TO RESTRICTIVE.	Agreed					

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60	C. Stephenson	The unpublished (and possibly) mythical cannabis revenue comes with very real additional public costs. Show us both the revenue and expense figures! Increase the Sheriff's staff and specifically train them to address public safety and nuisance complaints. The Sheriff and Code Enforcement should work more closely. Our code enforcement officers should not be placed at risk. Plants at illegal grows should be destroyed. Hire people to help with this job. No cannabis operation should be located further than 20 minutes from a sheriff response.						
61	Mary Plimpton	Growers must comply with CEQA & all enviro rules for human, riparian & wildlife safety & health. They must comply with fire safety, have emergency and evac plans - which county must review and periodically check for actual compliance. Growers must comply with all statutory laws.						
62	L Williams	Have water tanks have appropriate hook ups for current fire hoses.						
63	Vi Strain	Prohibit cannabis processing facilities close to residential enclaves. The delivery and shipping traffic, employee traffic working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week is commercial in scale and not compatible with residential neighborhoods. In emergencies, fire equipment and resident traffic cannot pass on the same street and it endangers the health, safety and welfare of rural residents.	Cannabis is not allowed near or in residential areas.	That not true. One is proposed adjacent to many back yards in a very rural area. That is why we are here	Not true			
64	Mary Plimpton	Request County seek & make public data regarding impacts on health & safety of firefighters & other responders in the vicinity of a burring cannabis grow site.						
65	C. Stephenson	Cannabis is classified as very flammable, can spontaneously combust in certain conditions. The buds are full of oil that is highly flammable.	Do you have a source for this information?	All plants are flammable if not pruned periodically.	This is definitely not true			
66	Henry Edison-Burbank	what about these neighbors living in unpermitted residential units in ag land. they should not be there. they are putting fire crews at risk too. but these hypocrits dont follow their own rules. they only want to banish cannabis which was approved OVERWHELMINGLY	Agreed					
67	Craig Harrison	A safe evacuation plan must be required for any comemrcial devcelopment in the SRA, including cannabis cultivations						
68	Mary Plimpton	Request County consult with State Fish & Game on impacts on wildlife that could forage in outdoor grows as well as impacts on normal movement of wildlife if territory is impeded by new restrictive fencing.						
69	Lisa Lai	we DO have to have water hook-ups now!	obvious for those who do their homework					
70	Anna Ransome	When discussing safe and secure cannabis operations the emphasis is on the safety and security of the operation. This does nothing to assure the safety and security of the neighbors. We have seen this in meetings where fire officials and sheriff dept are assuring us that the operation is secure.	County doesn't care about the safety of the neighbors. We have been told to get over it or move.					
71	Judith Olney	Human activities are the primary cause of wildfires – lightning is second. Permitting commercial operations in high fire risk zones exponentially increases fire risk. Winds push fires out of watersheds and into adjacent areas – these permits are a public safety risk for us all.	You said this already.	So is climate change				
72	Henry Edison-Burbank	creative: keep the loud minority viewpoint against cannabis industry in check by not giving their small numbers so much attention. you are feeding their narcissism with your undue attention.						
73	L Williams	Use tax money to expand fire stations in Sonoma						
74	C. Stephenson	All cannabis applications must comply with the evacuation and public safety requirements on SRA roads as implemented by the Ca. Board of Forestry.						
75	Judith Olney	Should commercial developments be permitted in the SRA given we do not have adequate fire and police services funded at this time						

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76	Lisa Lai	I have been on burned down cannabis farms. house was gone, plants were still able to be harvested. they do not burn. that is not correct	Were the sprinklers left on during the fire to protect the plant - this may impair fire fighting ability	correct	I know a grow that burned to the ground. House next door spared. Vineyards around the house stopped the fire in this case.			
77	Vi Strain	Human actions are the greatest cause of wildfires. Create fire safe standards for any Commercial Cultivation sited in remote areas and study the impacts of increased human activity, Utility use, and increased traffic, in light of wildfire risk and climate change.						
78	Sam De La Paz	The issue of flammability is UNTRUE, I can provide images upon request of lush Cannabis plants that have barely burned surrounded by High-Temp flames. Mendogreenwave@gmail.com Happy to share TRUTHS as necessary...	True, cannabis creates a green space that due to moisture content of live plants is fire resistant relative to the dry grasses, shrubs and trees that may be outside of the cultivation site					
79	Henry Edison-Burbank	empower cannabis haters with too much time on their hands to help in the county with the homeless problems. stop bullying your neighbors who grow a crop you dont like. BUTT OUT.						
80	katherine yates	Instead of having many small parcels for grow operations that will inevitably require big investments in enforcement and increase the likelihood of problems, have th county create a way the smaller farmers can share larger parcels that meet all the water, fire, odor, etc requirements.	This would be great in theory, but would lend to a greater environmental impact. It is easier to farm regeneratively and sustainably on smaller parcels.	Agree it makes more sense to cluster licensing where possible.				
81	Lori Pascarella	Current state licensing requirements for include submitting information on all proposed chemicals, fuels, fertilizers and nutrients for review and approval by state. Cultivators must have fire safety plan and water storage for fire fighting access. None of this should be changed, the county should mirror what the state is doing in it's ordinance.	AGREED!	Yes, exactly.	Agreed			
82	Craig Harrison	The SMND said some gropws could employ 400 people. These can never be located on narrow rural roads.						
83	Henry Edison-Burbank	there is so much water and firebreaks in cannabis sites. it helps the community.	It most definitely does!!	agreed	AGREED!	Agreed		
84	Mary Plimpton	Clusters of grow site = clusters of risk						
85	Anna Ransome	No processing in rural areas.	Processing and manufacturing belong in commercial and industrial zoned land with adequate public services - including fire and police					
86	Craig Litwin	The EIR should study how the number of cultivators has reduced SIGNIFICANTLY from what they used to be. This reduced number of cultivators reduce impacts, and should be part of the study.	agreed, the baseline from 2017 should be considered both in terms of environmental impacts and economically	agree. great point. hard to track...	I agree and with the most regulation and oversight of any crop.... Why are we not doing an EIR on 65k acres of vineyards?			
87	Henry Edison-Burbank	the Bolshevik Revolution is very relevent. same tactic. more and more division. laugh now. cry later.						

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88	Craig Harrison	GP Policy LU-7d (p. LU-44): Avoid new commercial, industrial, and residential land use designations in areas subject to "high" or "very high" fire hazards, as identified in the Public Safety Element, unless the combination of fuel load, access, water supply, and other project design measures will reduce the potential fire related impacts of new development to insignificant levels.						
89	rachel Zierdt	all the assertions about fire breaks etc....where is the data about that?	Agree.Where is the data?					
90	Vi Strain	Do not allow the use of volatile organic compounds, ethanol and high=pressure CO2 extraction and distillation all of which increase wildfire risk. Public Safety is a primary responsibility of County government and in the County's 2015 "Cannabis Cultivation Within Resources and Rural Development RRD lands Discussion Paper" reveals that the County is aware of the Public Safety impacts from inadequate rural roads in RRD.	It is not allowed.					
91	Lisa Lai	cannabis sites don't have cash at them like black market grows do. another reason to support legal farming and banking for cannabis	agree	Product is stolen, not only cash.	Agreed			
92	Henry Edison-Burbank	lawyers and neighborhood groups use a lot of CO2 with their hot air and propanganda scare tactics. they are damaging the environment.	Agreed					
93	C. Stephenson	Determine locations where illegal access from neighboring properties is likely. Increase setbacks near parks and schools and remote residential properties that could easily be used to by-pass the operation's security system.	You must submit a security plan upon applying for a permit/license.	Rumer is correct	Do your security plans cover illegal access over neighboring properties. I know a person who fence has been cut several times so burglars could go in the "back" door.			
94	Sarah Shrader	What are winery requirements for Fire Safety?	Great question	Hi Sarah! Thank you for joining us. We are unable to answer questions in detail right now, however, if you email the County we can provide more information: cannabis@sonoma-county.org.				
95	Craig Harrison	Address law enforcement concerns by implementing General Plan Objective LU-4.1 (p. LU-35) which requires sufficient public safety: Assure that development occurs only where physical public services and infrastructure, including school and park facilities, public safety, access and response times, water and wastewater management systems, drainage, and roads are planned to be available in time to serve the projected development.	Agree					
96	Henry Edison-Burbank	if the opposition was living on the correct land they would be leasing it to cannabis operators or growing themselves. they are upset they can do it. and they hate that their neighbors with the bigger properties are able to use their land as the county land use code allows. these resentful mean ladies and lawyer-type soft men are bullies and that is the only way to put it. PROTECT and ENFORCE laws against intimidations, slander, privacy, harrasment.						
97	Henry Edison-Burbank	simpisafe is GREAT. i have panic buttons everywhere.						

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99	Henry Edison-Burbank	plus i know karate and ka-razy.						
100	Bob Langley	allow more freedom for addition of fencing/razor wire etc for facility security plan. i have been denied fencing and razor wire for prevention at 2 facilities.						
101	Mary Plimpton	There must be NO "crop defense" licensing to shoot, poison or otherwise sicken, maim or kill wildlife or domestic animals.	There isn't?	I am all about protecting animals and wildlife... Are other larger existing agricultural operations held to these standards? Are you also lobbying for this in those industries? If so, please let me know what solutions are being presented and how to support!				
102	Judith Olney	In addition to operators being responsible for providing on-site security, Public safety is the responsibility of City and County government. If law enforcement protection cannot be provided within 15 minutes of a call, then the attractive nuisance for crime (cash - high value plant) should not be permitted.						
103	Henry Edison-Burbank	crime ONLY takes place on ILLEGAL grows. there have been almost ZERO crimes reported on licensed grows. illegals are softer targets beacuse the unlicensed will usually not report it. licensed grows are SAFE.						
104	katherine yates	It should be patently obvious how inappropriate it is to place in rural neighborhoods grow operations that create strong incentives for criminal activity. Most of the murders in this county have occured on cannabis farms.	Not true					
105	Anna Ransome	The water use for cannabis poses a security threat for neighbors in the same watershed as it can cause overdrafting of aquifers and water shortages which leaves neighbors more vulnerable to fire.	Cannabis won't be permitted where it can't be sustained by the local watershed/aquifer. Hydrogeologic studies are required if there is any water risk. The water talk is tomorrow.	The Sonoma County water analyses is 20-30 yrs out of date. It must be updated to current conditions to be accurate and useful	Not true			
106	Henry Edison-Burbank	it would be fenced, have cameras, etc. its all already required	Agreed					
107	Robert Krug	Cannabis cultivation in commercial -agricultural areas only. Not in residential neighborhoods where people and children live.	Cannabis cultivation in commercial -agricultural areas only. Not in residential neighborhoods where people and children live.	This is already in place				
108	Henry Edison-Burbank	yes the security plan is currently really strong.						
109	Anna Ransome	Security plans are for the operations, not the neighbors!	Not true					
110	CECILE ISAACS	How can the damage done to dirt roads by heavy water trucks be paid for by the grower who does the damage? Will there be a bond? a deposit with the county? What if the grower fails to do their part? Who will monitor and arrange for the road repairs?						

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112	Craig Harrison	In Bennett Valley several rural fences have been cut to enter into legal grows on Grange Road and Matanzas Creek Lane. In one case it involved neighbors who weren't involved in growing.						
113	Nancy Nancy	Remember we are in a drought which makes firefighters job that much harder. Most of us have been through the Tubbs fire and others. No amount of water storages tanks etc. can fight those kinds of conditions. Sonoma County needs people who care about their land and do the clearing and brush abatement. Not done with this subject.	Not true most Growers are great stewards of the land					
114	Vi Strain	Remote areas do not have police protection and potential criminal activity endangering the safety of adjoining neighbors due to cultivation of a product that is desirable to criminals and transaction that are known to be cash only. Rural resients know from experience there is a lack of expedient public safety services such as fire and law enforcement for rural emergencies. A detailed study of these services to protect public safety must be completed to consider response time, adequate personnel and staffing needs, managing complaints and enforcement follow-through.	Sounds like that is a risk that accompanies the rural lifestyle already.					
115	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis cultivation sites are required to have fencing, vegitative screening, site security plan, security cameras, recorded video, to ensure site safety and document operations. This is more than adequate and should be continued as is in new ordinance.						
116	Bob Langley	yes. a security plan is essential	Absolutly - people do not try to steal my grapes or my neighbors vegetables					
117	Judith Olney	Inadequate law enforcement response times: I live on Ag land within 3 miles of Hwy 101 – my experience with Sheriff response times is 45 min to 1 hour. Should I face a serious personal threat, I may as well just ask the dispatcher to also send the coroner.	This is the typical time frame for where I live and agree with you	Not true				
118	Mike Rossi	My family was affected by the 2017 fires and had to evacuate through the neighbors property which was a shared gate with the neighbors since 1930 with my grandparents and is now going to be a commercial grow operation and I'm concerned about the safety of my family to get out in case of a fire because of the security they're going to have for the growers crop. Also my wife was about to drive to town and a gentleman in his 20s was across the fence and jumped the neighbors fence and asking my wife for a ride into town when she was only with our one month old baby. We've never had anybody around here before because we are so secluded.						
119	Lisa Lai	cannabis farmers in the future should be allowed to look and operate just like other farms. no additional measures; no fencing or security lighting required. being able to see seen from the public right of way.	I agree, normalize and it will eliminate these issues	Agreed!	Justl like Hemp.	Agreed		
120	CECILE ISAACS	If armed guards are needed for the grower, are they needed for the neighbor who becomes a mistaken target of crime?						
121	Craig Harrison	Any security plan should address security for neighbors. The current ones only protect growers.						
122	Craig Litwin	The EIR should study how licensed cannabis businesses now have access to normal banking, eliminating the need for cash on site. Hence, I suspect the EIR will find that it is safer than it used to be.	Agree!	Agreed				
123	Henry Edison-Burbank	the growers often have been fixing and paying fpor the road for years while the neighbors smile anbd pay nothing. now that the county has activated these hateful folks they want to compain and force more hardship.	Agreed					

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124	katherine yates	As long as cannabis is illegal at the federal level, there is no way to ensure safely on cannabis grow operations, for either adjacent neighborhoods or employees on the farms. Look at the data: most of the murders in this county in recent times have occurred on cannabis farms.	Not true					
125	Henry Edison-Burbank	the county has no idea how aggressive these neighbor groups are. they provoke all the conflict and danger in the neighborhoods.	Agreed					
126	Anna Ransome	We've already had someone drive right onto our property asking if this is "where the cannabis is" because there was a proposed grow next door.						
127	rachel Zierdt	Just to set the story correct, Cannabis was voted as legal to possess in California, not that it be grown anywhere. A survey a few years ago, most people did not want to live within one mile of a grow....safety being a big reason.						
128	Jim Bareuther	The operation would be required to have security cameras operating 24/7, retain footage for a defined period of time. Currently, ATF randomly checks distillers to ensure all alcohol production is accounted for. Since grapes and grain are fermented/distilled ...how will cannabis production be monitored /accounted ?						
129	Bob Langley	local law enforcement should conduct visits and tours to see how we operate to see the standards we are setting. good or needs improvement. Give a non liable review and give suggestions to licenses that cannot afford someone in my position.						
130	Craig Litwin	Please use last names when you call out folks comments. Thanks!						
131	Craig Harrison	Cultivation sites should be clearly marked so potential thieves don't enter the wrong home.	That's going to exasperate the problem, which is your talking points you can't have it both ways					
132	Joann Binder	All of this is directed towards keeping the grower's product safe from criminals. What about the fact that the grows in residential neighborhoods are attracting these criminals to our homes and neighborhoods? They need to be away from homes and in an area with quick access to law enforcement response.						
133	Judith Olney	Security for your family encompasses the fear of trespass and harm – gun "play" at nearby properties is intended to fuel these fears.						
134	katherine yates	The best solution to security is to have grow operations be placed in industrial zones that already have security in place. Use solar power to make the operations sustainable						
135	Sam De La Paz	If we continue to prohibit and marginalize Cannabis, it will only increase the risk of crime. We don't see Cannabis stealing grapes.						
136	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	An exception for taller fencing. Sites not made public.	Good call	Agreed				
137	Henry Edison-Burbank	SHERRIF: please hold the opposition accountable when these liars sent reports about guns and threats in order to get their neighbor swatted. recently a neighbor group made an accusation that I fire a high powered weapon and threatened them. THIS WAS A TOTAL LIE. they have no boundaries of honesty to achieve their goals.	Agreed					
138	Henry Edison-Burbank	this is harassment and intimidation	Agreed					
139	L Williams	Follow state guidelines. Nobody in their right mind wants to put themselves in danger						

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140	Vi Strain	Address the issue of potential criminal activity impacts posed by Commerical Cannabis Cultivation. The PD has covered local criminal activities including murder to do with cannabis transactions. It's clear the County acknowledges the issue by requiring security fencing, locking gates, night lightning, drones, and guard dogs. What is less clear is acknowledging the physical safety of residents when considering cannabis applications. The County is responsible for public safety and to address the health, safety and welfare of its residents. Do not allow cannabis operations where residents are negatively affected and that disrupt and create condition that threaten their physical safety.	Agree.	How are plants going to threaten your physical safety? Sounds like you are saying all cultivators are criminals.	You are confusing unregulated and regualted activities. Please take the time to inform yourself as a citizen. This is a converstaion on moving forward not instances before the ordinace was introuduced.	I'm not confusing anything. There is a lack of understanding the ways in which residents would be more comfortable with cannabis if the industry would take community concerns seriously and address them effectively		
141	Joanna Cedar	The only cannabis farms that have cash are the unregulated ones. The safest program is one brings many, many more cannabis farmers into the regulated system	Agreed!	Agreed				
142	Henry Edison-Burbank	'+++++++ the list of licensed farms should NOT be published online for criminals to use as their roadmap. WHY would you post these to the public and then complain about crime?	Could not agree more! This is ridiculous that all licensed cultivation sites addresses are made public record increasing risk of crime.	Agreed agree				
143	Lori Pascarella	The owners, operators and employees are hard working, tax paying members of this community and should be respectfully treated as such. The new ordinance should have no change to the current requirements for site security and fire safety, unless it is to lessen requirements and treat cannabis cultivators like other legal businesses in the county.	I agree					
144	Sam De La Paz	Cameras and security are required by the state for compliance. Security cameras, access to banking (as Craig mentioned) are all that should be needed to comply.	This is in reference to cultivation only, to clarify. All of the above apply to cultivation.					
145	Henry Edison-Burbank	nobody wants judiths junk produce. grow up judith. judith is using scare tactics. the threats are coming from the opposition groups.	Agreed					
146	Vi Strain	The County must have an enforcement team dedicated to monitoring cannabis operations. Implement an enforcement team, similar to Humboldt County, consisting of Sheriffs, Fish and Wildlife and Water Resources staff to perform surprise inspection for compliance.	These teams are extremely important	YES! - Contact other growing areas and adopt best practices	We get surprise inspections periodically by both Fish and Wildlife, Waterboard, CDFA, DCC, and more. We have more laws and regulations than most agricultural industries combined.	These teams already exist and these inspections already happen. Please educate yourself on the rules and regualtions	Please familiarize yourself with how much local residents have experiance in these areas and pay attention to address them adequately instead of denying there is a problem	Is the rest of agricultural uses treated this way,I think not
147	L Williams	Hire more sheriffs so current response times go down.						
148	katherine yates	Do research on other counties regarding the effectiveness of security cameras and security guards.						
149	Henry Edison-Burbank	do you know how many enforcements inpsctions we had within the last year? dozens. all unannounced and surprise. HOW IS THIS REASONABLE? cannabis opertaors should not pay the huge fees and taxes and then be treated like criminals.	Agreed					
150	Joanna Cedar	All cannabis plants are tagged and tracked by state law	Agreed					

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151	Sam De La Paz	SOLUTION: Neighborhood support, such as neighborhood watch groups would be an ideal scenario. But first we must embrace these operators and not marginalize them.	We cannot be isolating and chastising these cultivators and expecting comfortability for anyone in our neighborhoods. Again, prohibition is the only component that brings crime. Normalize this plant 🌿	Agreed, if neighbors acted like, well, neighbors as opposed to harassing, bullying and ostrasizing farmers.	Keep indoor grows & processing in commercial & industrial areas where security fencing and lighting are a common use. Not in rural areas, near homes, schools, parks or any county maintained bikepaths where such ruins views and interferes with dark night sky and interferes with wildlife and increases the possibility of potential crime or harm to those living nearby.	Agree with Joanna		
152	CECILE ISAACS	Keep commercial operations on public roads with public services within reasonable response time. That will make cannabis growing profitable and safe.						
153	Vi Strain	Change the initial term of permits to match the State License term of one year. Compliance with water, odor control, plastic handling and disposal. All evidenced claims of potential violation should be investigatd immediately.	Do not agree					
154	C. Stephenson	Do these vaunted and required security plans address fire safe roads? Firefighter egress with simultaneous evacuation of residents? Recall an article in the PD that Gore waved to figfighters on Mill Creek Road who couldn't access the final four miles. Gore drove by in his SUV as they were working.						
155	Craig Harrison	If cultivation operations were consolidated in a few areas, law enforcement issues would be simplified.	Agree. Designate an Inclusion Zone at the airport.	Do not a	Do not agree			
156	Sonia Taylor	We are doing a diservice to cannabis operators by not considering possible future insurance concerns (some day cannabis operators will be able to get insurance, I hope). Cannabis operations should be located in areas where the fire and theft danger is insurable -- not in very high/high fire danger areas, not on narrow substandard roads, require a complete security plan, fire protection and public safety response times that are acceptable (45 minute response time seems to be far too long), requirements to report all attempted thefts, a full emergency evacuation plan, etc.	Agree. Obtaining home insurance in the WUI is difficult already.	Agreed				
157	Henry Edison-Burbank	hopefully crystal and others will dig into the HUGE amount of work done on CHAPTER 38.						
158	Joann Binder	Do we really want armed guards and razor wire topped fences on the streets where we live? Pot grows are fine with me.This is not about being anti pot. The grows need to be away from residential neighborhoods. The sherriffs dept. need to work with code enforcement.						
159	Craig Litwin	Cannabis taxes from compliant businesses should not be used to go after the alternative market cultivators. Keep cannabis taxes low. Find another funding source for enforcement on non-regulated cannabis cultivators lest we make the barrier to permitting too high.	Threats agains neighbors have happened from operators of permitted grows as well...not just illegal growers.					

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160	Nancy Nancy	Security plan needs to be in place. Pot is a cash crop and cash breeds corruption. Refer you to Press Democrat Nov. 2016 homicide at an indoor/outdoor grow. Suspect from out of state came here to get in on growing pot. Seems like background checks etc. on workers is vital. Also on permit holders Who are the folks behind the commercial grows. Do they even live in Sonoma County?	We must submit security plans upon even applying for a permit/license. Background checks are done on all employees, just as such with any other industry.	So, five years ago is your example? Permitting requires livescan fingerprints and background checks for all operators.	I live in sonoma county and am a licensed cultivator. Have been raising my children here since 2005. You are referring to incidents in the unregulated market before we had transparency. I entered willingly to be protected but I continue to deal with hostility	I agree with Natasha, this antiquated anti-cannabis rhetoric is only driving wedges and eliminating trust in our communities. Normalization is the only thing that will curb crime. Criminal activity on licensed operations is extremely low compared to unlicensed operations.		
161	Vi Strain	Renew permits with no violatons or unresolved complaints for two years, with the caveat that if violations and complaints occur late, the county will revoke the permit effective immediately.	So one violation rescinds a permit? It's not like that in any other industry, so why cannabis? Permits already are monitored and must be renewed.					
162	Henry Edison-Burbank	people who are licensed will call in the crimes. the black market is ripe for crime because those folks will not report and the goons from alabama know it.						
163	Vi Strain	Stop bad actors, any person performing an illegal or unpermitted activity should be required to stop all activities immediately, dismantle operations, pay a fine and be ut under a two-year probation where the violating operator will not be issued any cannabis permits.						
164	Henry Edison-Burbank	inside job. also neighbors break onto properties even though there are posted no-trespassing signs.						
165	AnnaRae Grabstein	Thank you Sheriff for acknowledging that legal cannabis has improved safety. We need to remember that incidents that arose in the illicit market are NOT THE SAME as LEGAL OPERATIONS.	Agreed					
166	Henry Edison-Burbank	my operation keep the nieghborhood safe. we are always alert.						
167	C. Stephenson	Why would the County want to endanger our firefighters and our residents for a cannabis grow? Grow it elsewhere and not on dead-end roads over 1 mile long and less than 20 feet wide.						
168	Craig Litwin	The EIR should study crimes against regulated versus unregulated cannabis businesses. If the bulk of the crimes are against unregulated businesses then you can document how regulting this industry is the safer alternative.						
169	Vi Strain	Again, that's not true	What's not true, Vi?	Thank you Craig				
170	Lori Pascarella	Updated regulations regarding banking to reduce use of cash in the cannabis industry is probably the biggest change that should be made to improve safety for the operators, their employees, and the surrounding community. The county may not be able to directly address this, but it should support any legislation that may come forward to make this possible.	Absolutely!	i agree lori	I agree. Legal banking and insurance would help.	Agreed		
171	Henry Edison-Burbank	neighbors want to point all the criminals to cannabis operation. some of these sweetie boomer ladies would literally walk the criminals onto the cannabis operation to help them. empowering NIMBY's to this degree is a sick joke.	Agreed					

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172	Sam De La Paz	Please ask for local police records on crimes against licensed Cannabis farms in the past few years. They are few to none. Only illicit operations have prevalent associated crimes. Again, prohibition brings crime... simple as that.	sam is correct	Exactly! The EIR should study this and prove that regulations are the preferred and safer alternative.	Are legal operators aware of where the illegal operations are? If so, do you report them?	Agreed		
173	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Please Mr. Jason Lucas can you calrify your statement where neighbors have been targetted instead of "legal licensed grow"? As you just mentioned	These types of statements fuel hysteria.					
174	Bob Langley	i view the crime tracker for the county. It does not give specifics to cannabis related crimes to help make risk assesments, adjustments, and bolos. Is there a way to get up to date information on crime trends specific to cannabis? from dumpster diving to worst case scenario. maybe quarterly meeting with sherriff?						
175	Craig Litwin	Discourage public maps of licensed cultivators as seen on the SOS website.	totally	This was a egregiously unneighborly choice	Agreed the sos group is the problem			
176	CECILE ISAACS	Change banking regs to remove incentive to keep cash on hand.						
177	Henry Edison-Burbank	There is virtually ZERO crime on licensed cannabis operations. the security plans are already very detailed and intense.						
178	Henry Edison-Burbank	Discourage public maps of licensed cultivators as seen on the SOS website.	Agreed					
179	Henry Edison-Burbank	Discourage public maps of licensed cultivators as seen on the SOS website. THIS IS SO ELEMENTARY.	Agreed					
180	CECILE ISAACS	Sam De La Paz said:Please ask for local police records on crimes against licensed Cannabis farms in the past few years. They are few to none. Only illicit operations have prevalent associated crimes. Again, prohibition brings crime... simple as that.	Is that true?					
181	Nancy Nancy	Five years ago was a notable starting point as much more crimes have occured since. Where is the big money coming from to purchase the very expensive land in Sonoma County? Then to rip out vineyards, dig wells etc. This takes a lot of money. This is not the small farmer but smacks of big businesses, maybe even crime syndicates. Just don't want people to be naive.	What about leases?	where do you get your information? I am curious. Cultivators are not allowed to pull out grapes for cannabis.	Not true			
182	Judith Olney	I live on land zoned for agricultural crop production - not commercial operations of a product that is determined by the State and federal government as a controlled substance.						
183	Henry Edison-Burbank	GREAT JOIB JASON!						
184	Joanna Cedar	In my experience, in the vast majority of cases the neighbors have been unwilling to engage with the industry to serach for mutual solutions and choose to demonize and marginalize predominantly small farmers and blame them for what happens at unregulated sites.	Agreed					
185	Anna Ransome	How do you determine if someone is an impaired driver with absence of a test like with alcohol?						
186	Henry Edison-Burbank	SONOMA COUNTY SHERRIFS ARE GOOD FOLKS. ESSICKS GETS PROPS.						
187	Anna Ransome	Bartenders have to be trained to cut off inebriated customers. What is in place for cannabis to assure customers don't leave the site too stoned to drive safely?						
188	Sonia Taylor	Do legal cannabis operators know where the illegal operations are? If so, do they report them, and if so, does the county have the personnel to shut them down?						
189	Bob Langley	retail. put your product away and locked up every night and weekends. jewelry stores do not keep product out anymore.						
190	Vi Strain	that's not correct. Farms, Dairies do not have crime problems. Criminals do not break into dairies and steal a gallon of milk.	What about PETA? Or wineries are conviently left out of this conversation?	Yes they do				

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191	Judith Olney	Retail in city centers - with city supplied services - with locked doors and on-site security personnel						
192	Sam De La Paz	The antiquated anti-cannabis rhetoric is only driving wedges and eliminating trust in our communities. Normalization is the only thing that will curb crime. Criminal activity on licensed operations is extremely low compared to unlicensed operations.	FACTS.	Agreed				
193	Henry Edison-Burbank	anna, how do we find out how many pharmacuedical drugs these old boomers are taking all day?	Agreed					
194	Sonia Taylor	Retail should be limited to incorporated jurisdictions.	I disagree. The county allows commercial activity, in Forestville, Graton, and many other places. Cannabis must be treated the same.					
195	katherine yates	Kudos to Jason Lucas for making it real. One real problem that we have in our neighborhood is an operator with deep pockets who does not reside in this county, They are starting a trucking company to transport their product, which will be driving on our rural neighborhood roads. Solution: dont give permits to corporate operators, only to farmers who have lived in the county a minimum of several years.	Problem is Katherine most cultivators became ineligible due to the exclusion of AR/RR					
196	Lisa Lai	retail sites are super safe as is. distro sites have been targeted. distro address should not be public	Agreed					
197	Jim Bareuther	With many agenda items, I am perplexed as to why the county is not using the regulations that surround the beverage alcohol industry (from farm to table) as guideposts for this discussion. No one is stealing grapes or corn to produce alcohol ... not the case with cannabis production. With respect to retail consumption (think tasting rooms) what are the proposed cannabis regulations. Currently there is no impairment test for cannabis and thus there should be no on site "tasting rooms"	bravo! agree					
198	Mary Plimpton	Safe retail would be locked at all times, with entry allowed only upon presentation of id confirming legal age. It would have 24/7 security cameras, wld retain footage for defined period of time & wld turn over footage upon request of enforcing agencies.						
199	Joanna Cedar	Change the definition of retail to allow for farm stands and buds and breakfasts	Agreed					
200	AnnaRae Grabstein	State security requirements for retail are extremely robust and sufficient.	Agreed					
201	Henry Edison-Burbank	these old boomers can drive around blitz on prozac, xanax, and pain killers and other drugs all day until they are blurry. and they pee it into the water supply. is that not a SAFETY ISSUE? they are poisoning out water with their pills.	Agreed					
202	Henry Edison-Burbank	retail should be allowed at farms						
203	Steven Sommer	allow grower to have cottage industry like spelled out in agelment so they sell product directly	"Cottage" is a eupheism and implies small and quaint when it is actualy 10,000 square feet. Sort of like "net zero" water implies no water is being used but it is not going into replenishing the aquifer or keeping the donwstream flow adequate..					
204	CECILE ISAACS	Agree with Judith Olney's comment						

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205	rachel Zierdt	I looked at an renewal. The original permit had many mitigations...allowing a hedge to be a barrier instead of the required setbacks....and when that mitigation didn't work, the renewal was allowed still with this faulty mitigation. How is that helpful?	All the waivers they ask for are given.					
206	ron ferraro	should be a cap on retail in county	agreed. keep it where it is					
207	Henry Edison-Burbank	events and farmstands should be legal just like the boomers favorite drug wine.	Agreed!					
208	Craig Litwin	Lift the cap on total permitted retail dispensaries in the County. 9 are too few.	Agree!	9 is already enough. some have been waiting 4-5 years to be processed. open them.	agreed			
209	Lori Pascarella	I feel safer in a cannabis dispensary than most any other retail operation. Where else, other than the bank, do you see a guard on site and such robust security camera systems!						
210	Vi Strain	Prohibit on-site consumption of cannabis, on rural sites. impaired drivers and substandard roads throughout the County are a dangerous mix.	is that not the case for wine tasting?	Yes, it is so it would be a double problem				
211	katherine yates	store and transport permits should be issued only to residents of Sonoma county, not to outside corporate operators with no emotional connection to the county.						
212	Judith Olney	Concerned about distribution of this product - perhaps armed vehicles as used by banks						
213	Craig Litwin	Allow onsite consumption. Study it.						
214	C. Stephenson	This is a great idea. Our sheriff has been forced out of the equation unfortunately. It's all up to Code Enforcement and they are required to give a 24 notice and need a court order to go on the property if the owner refuses entry.						
215	Jeff Nash	Are kids allowed close to retailer shops	No. And all retail and cultivation sites have large setbacks from youth areas including schools, parks, national parks, etc.	You can put a liquor store closer to a school than a dispensary.				
216	Joanna Cedar	There should be no cap or restriction on location for retail	Agreed and dispensaries should be allowed in higher-security areas...					
217	Sam De La Paz	Again, access to banking and the ability to lessen cash on-hand is ideal. On-site security and most of the measures are required by default. Retail locations should be increasingly allowed in more trafficked and well established areas. Also, the need for consumptions lounges and the ability to donate Cannabis to those in need is necessary to curb any desperate measures that people may take to rob a retail location.						
218	Judith Olney	A Use Permit is required to sell or sample on Ag lands						
219	C. Stephenson	No on-site consumption. Result? impaired drivers.						
220	katherine yates	There should be a lot of info on this issue in other counties with retail stores and transportation operators						
221	Sam De La Paz	Retail locations should be increasingly allowed in more trafficked and well established areas. Also, the need for consumptions lounges and the ability to donate Cannabis to those in need is necessary to curb any desperate measures that people may take to rob a retail location.						

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222	Nick K	For those who may not know, dispensaries serve as a retail outlet for cannabis. Consumers do not use cannabis products on the premises of dispensaries, they only go to purchase said products.	For those who may not know, dispensaries serve as a retail outlet for cannabis. Consumers do not use cannabis products on the premises of dispensaries, they only go to purchase said products.					
223	rachel Zierdt	I agree that retailers should be local.						
224	Craig Litwin	Allow delivery by distributors from Industrial areas as an add on permit. By the time the EIR is done we may already be federally legal and able to ship across state lines. Let all businesses have this retail perk.	Yes agreed					
225	Henry Edison-Burbank	the total of 9 in just right. but you need to process the projects that have been "in cue" for 4 years. how can a local independent manage this expensive processing for 4-5 years? do you want locals or not?						
226	Mary Plimpton	Since cannabis businesses are not federally approved, they are primarily cash businesses. Request that County seek info from other growing counties and stats to measure effect on financial crimes & regarding safety & security of any and all cannabis-related financial transactions. - HOW WILL COUNTY RECEIVE ASSESSED TAXES if conventional checking & bank transactions are not possible?	County happily takes cash....	in pillow cses or suit cases? What could possibly go wrong?				
227	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis dispensaries are WAY safer than places where alcohol is served	Agreed	Agreed	Yes - because they are not participating in inebriation tourism - no tasting on site			
228	Henry Edison-Burbank	consumption lounges should be allowed at dispensaries						
229	Steven Sommer	allow delivery from farms	Agreed!					
230	katherine yates	retail operations on the same site as a grow operation will bring an increase in traffic. Therefore, if retail is permitted on a grow site, the grow site needs to be away from residential roads						
231	Nancy Nancy	Good idea that retailers should be Sonoma County residents. Have an investment in the community they live in.	I like that, that would be a great way to keep monies and small business empowered locally.	and then will you protect us???	Yes, COMM-UNITY... same team!! Come on... we got this.			
232	Joanna Cedar	Consumption lounges, YES!! And should be an add on permit to any retail establishment like coffee shops, restaurants and yoga studios	Agreed					
233	Henry Edison-Burbank	if the dispensary is on proper eleigible LC land then the consumption lounges will fit perfect. dont wait to add this right for dispensary operators who have already waiting 4-5 years through the expensive processing.						
234	rachel Zierdt	There is a way to measure when someone is impaired with liquor...until there is a way to assess the level of impairment created by consuming cannabis products, there should not be on sight consumption allowed.	Walk a line.	There will never be a way to test for impairment in the manner that a blood alcohol level is determined. The science doesn't work that way. Instead, train law enforcement to look for impairment...as Craiig said, walk a line	So it should be allowed for wineries, tasting rooms and bars, but not for Cannabis? We can compare statistics on alcohol impaired accidents to Cannabis...			
235	Henry Edison-Burbank	consumption lounges for dispensaries only.						
236	Joanna Cedar	Change the definition of retail to allow for farm stands and buds and breakfasts	Yes!!					

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237	Sam De La Paz	Currently section 8 housing does not allow any consumption of any kind on these properties. We need inclusive and accessible consumption lounges where consumers can enjoy Cannabis without risk of consequences.						
238	Henry Edison-Burbank	dont knock the legs out from the dispensary operators who have been trusting and waiting years to be processed. give these folks the rights to add consumption to their projects if they have suitable building space and correct land use designation.						
239	Steven Sommer	cannibus will tasting by growers just like wine tasting rooms						
240	Sonia Taylor	I'm not a fan of people drinking and driving, so am also not a fan of consuming cannabis and driving. Both are unsafe to everyone else on the road. Can cannabis operators get insurance to cover their possible liability if they allow onsite consumption?						
241	Henry Edison-Burbank	black market tourbus. not regulated enough. bad idea. they dont give liquor licenses to your busses.						
242	Judith Olney	Until there is a test for inebriation and impaired driving – and commitment by law enforcement to enforce - no public onsite consumption. How will participants prove they have a driver who has not participated? Only an established tour where there is a professional driver						
243	Henry Edison-Burbank	limited commercial land is the correct land for dispenasries and coffee shops and restaurants.						
244	Lori Pascarella	Sonoma County is world renowned for it's wine appellation and next year when appellations program opens up for cannabis it will be recognized as a top cannabis appellation. To not allow for events and legal tasting venues is ridiculous restriction that negatively affects the county's restaurant, hotel and tourism industries. People to Sonoma County for the weed, wine, great food and amazing recreation! It is past time to open up canna-lounges, canna-tasting rooms and events!						
245	katherine yates	They will cause a big increase in traffic. So they cannot be anywhere that put traffic on residential roads.						
246	Craig Harrison	Consumption only in parcels zoned comemrcial or industrial.						
247	Henry Edison-Burbank	LC land is the correct place for dispensaries. and ONLY dispenasries should have consumption lounges.						
248	Lisa Lai	yes please to all your examples. same regulations as grapes; tasting, direct sales and tours.	Agreed.					
249	Henry Edison-Burbank	tasting should be allowed on farms and other licensed grow areas.						
250	Judith Olney	Consumption lounges in hotels where participants can walk to their room. Official tours only - with a professional drivers.						
251	Nancy Nancy	New business potential! Driverless Cannabis Cars preprogrammed to take tourists to various Consumption sites!						
252	Henry Edison-Burbank	doublestandards btw wine and cannabis are WRONG						
253	CECILE ISAACS	Let's learn from wine/drunk driving on our roads. Don't allow parking lots near tasting locations. If the customer is not able to walk very far, they should not be driving.						
254	Craig Harrison	Don't allow this in any of the areas where cultivation is not allowed.						
255	Judith Olney	Sonoma County has a much higher incidence of DUIs than the state average - and death rates in DUI related accidents are higher than speeding related traffic	Do you have this information related to cannabis? Because this relates to alcohol.	Alcohol related.	This sounds fabricated, can you please cite the source of this information?	So we increase the cumulative public safety impacts by addiing cannabis inebriation?	Sounds like you don't have any data or facts.	

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256	Sarah Shrader	There are currently no places for medical cannabis patient living in federally subsidized housing to use their medicine. Consumption needs to be available.	whole heartedly agree!!	Yes, this is a major oversight in the regulations that impacts the lives of patients				
257	rachel Zierdt	yes, consumption at grows will increase traffic....and of course our roads are to narrow.						
258	Henry Edison-Burbank	young folks w money will travel here and want cannabis. they dont care about wine anymore. sonoma county should be thinking about allowing this energetic young industry remake sonoma county as a cannabis hotspot worldwide. we will all be left behind because of these NIMBYS and who will pay for out counties expenses? boomer control freaks.						
259	katherine yates	Wineries with tasting rooms typically have large acreage and not in neighborhoods. So you cannot equate cannabis tasting rooms with wine tasting retail if and when the grow operation is on only 10 acres in or adjacent to neighborhoods.						
260	Sam De La Paz	May have been looking for THIS ONE: Sam De La Paz (You): Currently section 8 housing does not allow any consumption of any kind on these properties. We need inclusive and accessible consumption lounges where consumers can enjoy Cannabis without risk of consequences.	yes we do!					
261	Henry Edison-Burbank	n95 mask with built in charcoal filters. these cannabis haters prob want to where masks until the end of time too.						
262	Joann Binder	Cannabis businesses are not federally approved, they are primarily cash businesses. How will the county financially benefit through taxes if conventional checking & bank transactions are not possible? And all that cash can attract more crime.						
263	Mary Plimpton	No consumption at grow sites, in rural areas with narrow winding roads! "Blissed out drivers" on our rural roads - Seriously?						
264	C. Stephenson	Why don't we reward the legal growers if they turn in the illegals? they know who and where they are. Spend some of the largesse that Newsome is sending the counties way to help the legal industry. 100 million dollars for 58 counties. Nothing for homeless or affordable housing?	You can absolutely NOT increase this type of criminal treatment without a clear pathway to licensing! That is asinine!!					
265	Henry Edison-Burbank	all opposition groups can come to cannabis farms and get free cannabis. maybe that will chill them out better than their crazy pills.						
266	Craig Litwin	The EIR should look at how alcohol (addictive and deadly) is regulated for onsite consumption/landuse and allow cannabis (safer and not deadly) the same permissions.	Most definitely!	Provide technical analyses for the ways that impaired cannabis drivers are less deadly	Agreed Craig!	There is far less evidence of that, sorry for that Judith, there will be more to come for sure. Although, Cannabis has been around just as long... We still haven't had enough cases to even hear about Cannabis intoxication in the news.		
267	Judith Olney	Medical cannabis dispensaries do provide for on-site consumption	Where?	That is simply not true	Which ones? None that I am aware of	Where are you sourcing this information?		
268	Sam De La Paz	Consumption should be allowed in parody at very least with alcohol. Alcohol causes more deaths per year than many leading causes.						

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269	Vi Strain	Bloomfield has an illegal junkyard that the County has been working on abating but has not been successful. Neighbors report fires at night and gunshots as well as illegal drug creation and use. The Sheriff will not come out unless and incident happens so the community has few actions for abatement. We have the same concerns with cannabis proposed adjacent to multiple back yards. We ask the County to seriously consider more proactive ways to quickly abate illegal land uses and illegal cannabis operations as part of their responsibility of public safety when preparing the EIR	What does this have to do with cannabis exactly?	This same group of bad actors were part of an illegal cannabis raid by the County but they are still active in the area.				
270	Nancy Nancy	Like the idea of legals turning in illegals. We should all be watching out for each other.	We need to create more opportunities for small growers to enter the legal market.	I agree wholeheartedly				
271	Henry Edison-Burbank	lets revisit the wine indutry beginnings in sonoma county. would anyone even know about sonoma county wine? would we have tourism? if these opposition groups were given such a voive back then there would be NOTHING. these opposition groups were doing free-love, communism, and LSD. most were smoking weed every day. the flower children have turned into full on authoritarians.						
272	Joann Binder	Onsite consumption shpuld be in commercial areas where there is easy acces to lft, uber, public transit etc. for potentiallylly impaired drivers to have other options.						
273	Henry Edison-Burbank	the inspections are intense and they dont play games. its very stressful and not easy. anyone who thinks otherwise is misinformed.						
274	Henry Edison-Burbank	kudos to the sonoma county ag dept. one of the classiest operations in this county. we are lucky to have them.						
275	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis industry operators are held accountable by state regulations. Align with the state.						
276	Kimberly Susukida	Where I have a second home in Humboldt County, I have been impacted by growers who have moved in nearby. We frequently hear fire arms. Our neighbors have walked in the area and have been met with fire arms. I worry about safety along these lines.						
277	Mike Rossi	So your were all talking about all this security and safety for the grower, retailer and processing facility but what about the safety of my wife 2 year old and 3 months old if my wife has to evacuate like we did in 2017 by herself with the children trying to get through lock gates by yourself while I'm at work on the ambulance running 911 calls. I personally don't think that the making money should overlooking the safety of its citizens to allow a crop that shouldn't be in a location that will affect personal safety is the right thing to do. We have had two homes on the property before the fire but after we rebuild the second home we will have two families that will have to evacuate.	Im sorry to hear that you had to go through what sounds like a very traumatic event. I think the idea is to consider the safety of us all.					
278	Henry Edison-Burbank	wow, snitch squads. can anyone say RED GUARD.						
279	Judith Olney	Accountability is the responsibility of the operator and the enforcement team - enforcement should not rely on neighbors having to turn in their neighbors or bear the costs of ensuring regulations are upheld						
280	Kimberly Susukida	I worry about electrical issues and fires. I worry about the water table. I would like to know about the by-products of growth and how it they might affect the environment.						
281	Mike Rossi	You're looking at this as an agricultural product but my neighbor growing grapes does n't care if I evacuate through their property						

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282	Nick K	Judith Olney wrote an article about being against any entertainment venues, citing drunk drivers. She essentially is arguing against any activities that could be related to an increase in tourism revenue as well as bringing in new business into our beautiful county. She is against progress.	Judith Olney wrote an article about being against any entertainment venues, citing drunk drivers. She essentially is arguing against any activities that could be related to an increase in tourism revenue as well as bringing in new business into our beautiful county. She is against progress.	The County is well concerned about my concerns related to road safety	Well aware of my concerns			
283	Mike Rossi	How is the County letting someone buy three different 10 acre parcel's and have over 30 different individual permits for growing cannabis all on the same property without having an environmental impact study?	Due to the caps on cultivation, these numbers are wildly innacurate.	I called PRMD and there are there are 3 individual properties with each have 10 permit on each property being just under the limit not to get an environmental impact study.				
284	CECILE ISAACS	Need to consider bonds and other advance measures in order to pay for corrections to projects that become nuisances.	Those are currently required.					
285	Henry Edison-Burbank	the grown up hippes who dont like cannabis now want snitch squads. BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION was the beginning of some very bad times for EVERYONE. bad idea. stop the division. and stop the goon squads. give operators in good standing respect and treat them like human beings.						
286	Sam De La Paz	You can absolutely NOT increase criminal treatment, such as neighbors calling neighbors, without a clear pathway to licensing! That is an asinine consideration!!						
287	Steven Sommer	isnt that the purpose of Metrc and local guidelines?						
288	Joanna Cedar	The county should not pit neighbor against neighbor. The costs associated with accountability and enforecement can only come from a robust, broad program that has MANY, many more operators						
289	Lisa Lai	neighbor driven complaints further bad relationships. accountability should happen through already established site visits	Yes there have been many cases where neighbors faslify claims wasiting valkuable personell time and resources.					
290	katherine yates	The county will need a big increase in enforcement staffing. There is probably data on the ratio between the number of grow operations and the number of enforcement staff needed to be able to enforce accountability. the staff salaries needs to come from the grow operators, as they are the reason for the need for the staff. For every pound of product produced, a tax specifically for accountability enforcement should be part of the permit process.	Please educate yourself.					

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291	Kimberly Susukida	Earlier in the presentation you stated that the Coastal region is exempt. How is that? Can you please explain.	Hi Kimberly, thank you for joining us. The area listed here - the CC - is not included in this ordinance. https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Services/Zoning-and-Parcel-Report/Zoning-Codes-Coastal/ YOu can also email us at cannabis@sonoma-county.org to learnmore.					
292	Craig Harrison	Enforcement is a joke; they don't hold law breakers accountable. The Department of Agriculture conducted a compliance inspection on June 11, 2020 at a PRP grow on Grange Road. The report for that inspection notes for this property states: there "were no METRC tags on any of the plants and my estimate is that there will be approximately 6000 sq. ft. of canopy at maturity. Their license is for 5000 sq. ft. The plants were directly under the drip line of the oak trees which had been severely cut back. There are no porta-potties on site. The lack of metric tags shows it is was a black market operation. The Ag Commissioner decided "no penalties."						
293	Bob Langley	visit facilities, tour and give feedback on becoming better with compliant necessary items. build trust between regulators and operators. too much division.						
294	Sam De La Paz	There needs to be transparency from the county and leading authorities in parody with the industry operators. The stakeholders (Both Cannabis and Neighborhood) deserve to know all of the monies being spent and on what efforts.						
295	Anna Ransome	Enforcement is the key. The County and Ag Comm have not been actively enforcing violations making neighbors cynical about the whole process. Legit operations should not support those who get away with flaunting the laws. It's unfair business practices at the very least.						
296	Lisa Lai	no former cops should be allowed to be code enforcement agents for cannabis farms						
297	Sam De La Paz	Maybe an upvote forum for Cannabis tax dollars allocation within the county?						
298	Lori Pascarella	In addition to the many other state and county agencies, Sonoma County Department of Agriculture has an amazing team doing regular inspections of cultivation sites to ensure regulations and best managment practices are followed. Cannabis cultivators are either compliant, brought into compliance, or removed from the program if unable to come into compliance. This type of oversight and enforcement should continue in new ordinance.	Agreed. It is already working.					
299	Henry Edison-Burbank	CRAIG HARRISON is WRONG and is either a PAID HACK or just a UNPAID HACK.						

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300	Vi Strain	Conditions of approval on projects must be monitored by the County and not be depend upon neighbors to notify the County and then have to continue to call to get action. The County should return to a problem site and make sure problems are addressed	Yes, that's what's in place already.	Measures to avoid land use conflicts between adjacent properties is required. Monitoring is not adequate	This is incredibly vague. Land use is already zoned by the County and has been for years.	Cultivators are regularly inspected by county and state agencies as part of the licensing enforcement process and they must follow up directly on clearing violations within a limited timeframe. No other industry faces this level of scrutiny or enforcement.....		
301	katherine yates	One of the more common violations by indoor grow operators is inadquate odor control. So the enforcement staff will need the appropriate equipment and experts to test odor and chemical leaks.						
302	Henry Edison-Burbank	neighbors call in and they are often lying or trying to get their neighbors swatted.						
303	Henry Edison-Burbank	the agencies know that the neighbors keep calling and it is lies. but it takes lawyers.						
304	Sam De La Paz	Taxation and enforcement without representation is a failed paradigm... Currently a provisional applicant has no constitutional rights... But is fined, taxed and held to the fire by all sides for their operations.						
305	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Neighbors should be fined for falsifying claims against cultivators and waisting personell time and resources.	Agree with this completely! Too many cries of wolf!!!	YES!!!				
306	CECILE ISAACS	Don't place inspection and enforcement in the hands of departments that have a record of non-enforcement. Keep up County operational standards.						
307	Lisa Lai	the county should be educating the public on what rules are already in place and defending legal farms against neighborhoods groups who are spreading untruths	Agreed, the county knows that the vast majority of opposition to a broad cannabis program is contrived by few to the detriment of many	Its about time!! citizens need to be informed not just projecting personal biases.				
308	Judith Olney	Neighbors are giving up on reporting non-compliance or threats because there is no response or follow up by enforcement.	Inaccurate. Investigations are most definitely made	They are not. I don't know where you get your information				
309	Steven Sommer	NO CANNIBUS RURAL RESIDENTIAL						
310	Henry Edison-Burbank	GUTZMAN has a horse farm that smells terrible all the time. they make up stories. BOYCOTT the christmas tree farm next to the luther burbank center. they are terrible neighbors who just moved here 2 years ago. BOYCOTT KRINGLES CORNER.						
311	Sam De La Paz	SAFETY: We need to incentivize transition to the legal landscape by creating a functional Cannabis permitting program. 2Yrs is NOT going to help with this.						

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312	Vi Strain	The County should switch gears and think about the promised neighborhood compatibility rather than thru this lens of cannabis. Why aren't these sessions asking how cannabis will responsibly come to Sonoma County and fit in with existing conditons and enhance the County.	Because it is already here, and has been.	That is all we are trying to do here. Cannabis has been here... Now that we talk about legitimizing operations all the anti-Cannabis comes out of the woodwork to shut operations out. Especially small mom & pop cultivators... How is this inclusive in ushering in an inclusive and safe industry?	The cannabis industry had exclusive rights to meet with the Ad-Hoc committe for months. This is the only forum we have had.			
313	Joann Binder	Results of inspections and followup (violations and penalties) should be available to the public	Agree					
314	Henry Edison-Burbank	the easements and roads are taken out of properties frontage to help traffic proceed to smalled broken off parcels. the land often is owned by the cannabis operator. NO DOUBLESTANDARDS						
315	Nancy Nancy	Should have County inspectors for all aspects of Cannabis operations. The County should have specific Cannabis departments with multiple sub-departments for farmers, retailers, safety issues etc. More jobs! Think Alexander Hamilton.						
316	katherine yates	The biggest conflict in this county with cannabis growers is with placing them in or near neighborhoods, due to all the issues it raises: traffic, odor, water, and safety. If this issue is eliminated by placing the operaors in industrial or commercial locations, and/or in large areas (like an unused airport for ex), there could be a great and harmonious cannabis future in this county.						
317	Henry Edison-Burbank	dont give the public more private operator information. they torture their neighbors enough already.						
318	Mike Rossi	I called PRMD and there are there are 3 individual properties with each have 10 permit on each property being just under the limit not to get an environmental impact study.						
319	Steven Sommer	CANNIBUS IS ARICULTURE NOT COMMERCIAL						
320	Henry Edison-Burbank	PROTECT LANDOWNER RIGHTS. cannabis landowners HAVE RIGHTS to privacy and peace to enjoy their property.						
321	Bob Langley	give free consultations to licenses on safety and security plan and give risk assesment to aid in further making a license a hard target.	OSHA already provides much of this for all businesses in California					
322	Sam De La Paz	SECURITY: Recommend neighborhoods to come together and embrace Cannabis operators. This would only lend to additional comforts for both parties. This is about COMMUNITY.	YES! We are one big Sonoma community!					
323	Lisa Lai	I just want to make sure you realize that a lot of farmers are not here to defend themselves because it is the end of harvest/turn over season	truth, hard working farmers	TRUE	this will be 3 more years that harrison and the others will get to torture us. they get to lie and manipulate while we work.			
324	Henry Edison-Burbank	maybe the county should give badges to judith, gutzman, harrison and all the other dishonest manipulators.						
325	Judith Olney	How will unsafe properties and unsafe roads impact our lucrative tourism industry? Unlike Napa and Marin, Sonoma County has not looked into these economic consequences						
326	Vi Strain	It's the same for residents. The notice was short and many have had to change plans to participate in this process						

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327	Bob Langley	OSHA does not have anything to do with securty element. but yes, they can provide that for the safety side of things						
328	katherine yates	provide leases to growers to lands well away from neighborhoods, larger parcels like wineries and dairies have. The farmer wont have to come up with huge amounts of money to purchase the land.						
329	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis has been proven to increase tourism, and it generates jobs and significant tax revenues that can be used for infrastructure improvements. Amazon has more traffic impact on the region than cannabis!	Exactly!					
330	Henry Edison-Burbank	this will be 3 more years that harrison and the others will get to torture us. they get to lie and manipulate while we work.						
331	Vi Strain	Do the work and research in the EIR and provide constructive and creative ideas that can be reviewed and commented on by the public						
332	Joanna Cedar	Sometimes the best idea is to do nothing...the state has the vast majority of needed regulations already in force...align tith the state						
333	Craig Litwin	Consider a list of recommended actions that one can put in their application, such as a Good Neighbor Policy, that are not required but are suggested. Reaching out to neighbors before hearings and regularly could be another item on the list to increase accountability.	I like this	Many cannabis operators already have this. We are part of the Sonoma community!				
334	Sam De La Paz	Normalizing and creating safe operations is all we are trying to do here. Cannabis has been here... Now that we talk about legitimizing operations all the anti-Cannabis comes out of the woodwork to shut operations out. Especially small mom & pop cultivators... How is this inclusive in ushering in an inclusive and safe industry?	Agreed!	The irony is that the more people shut out the mom and pops the bigger the operations we will see. So the best way to reduce impacts from cannabis is to embrace the efforts by small farmers to get permitted.	Exactly Craig, thank you.			
335	Henry Edison-Burbank	CHAPTER 38 ??????? ?!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!						
336	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis has been proven to increase tourism,generates local jobs and significant tax revenues that can be used for infrastructure improvements. Amazon has more traffic impact on the region than cannabis!						
337	Henry Edison-Burbank	is that banned information? we spent years on that! CHAPTER 38!!!!!!!!						
338	katherine yates	Instead of the county being in the passive, receiving position regarding applications, which trigger a labored review process for each application, turn it around and have the county come up with cannabis grow zones, and provide realistic access for local farmers to the lands in these zones.						
339	rachel Zierdt	The state is overwhelmed with all the permitting. They rely on the county to do the due diligence.						
340	Sam De La Paz	Thank you so much Crystal and all of the staff and support today! Your efforts to hear from all stakeholders are revered!						
341	Henry Edison-Burbank	kudos staff. great group from county. i trust this process but its really bad its going to take another 3 years. why not start with some of the great work from CHAPTER 38? can you explain why that is not?						
342	rachel Zierdt	The comments about small farmer etc. is not being borne out here. Many large corporations....						
343	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Thank you All						