

Cannabis Visioning Session - Visual Considerations - August 12, 2021 - 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM

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1	good morning	steven sommer	Good morning Steven! Thank you for joining us again!	We have the ability to prioritize small to medium sized operations that show how a crop can be beautifully farmed in a sustainable manner. Rolling vineyards are acceptable, but Cannabis is not? None of the Cannabis industry I align with want to see rolling greenhouses like Santa Barbara...						
2	With the enormous expansion of commercial cannabis that both the Industry and the County are proposing it would be almost impossible to not have significant visual impacts, given the need for security fencing, plastic hoop houses roads,etc. - unless in commercial areas.	Bridget Beytagh	40 acres of cannabis a crop with proven scientific medicinal value vs. 60,000+ acres of grapes for a crop with little medicinal value and has no requirement for visual concealment is unjust.	100% agreed Moira.	This is ridiculous ,the wine industry does not have to follow these rule					
3	The EIR must study ALL environmental impacts of the county's plan to aggressively promote industrial scale THC drug production throughout county lands. The hoop houses are a blight on the landscape, they must be forbidden in all our view sheds. Hoop houses for THC drug production are fundamentally an industrial scale operation. The EIR must study the increase in public costs for landfill and wastewater treatment plant capacity, water pipelines, and additional code enforcement, police and fire	Moira Jacobs	The EIR must study the increase in public costs for landfill and wastewater treatment plant capacity, water pipelines, and additional code enforcement, police and fire services. Some counties, such as Napa and Santa Barbara found that the additional public costs significantly diminished tax revenue projections from commercial cannabis. Colorado has found the same: the tax revenues from recreational drug production only results in far higher social, health and environmental costs.	Totally agree.	Agree	We live in an agriculturally rich and diverse county. Cannabis and hemp is the future of farming.	Disagree			
4	Please don't allow commercial cannabis cultivation to destroy the charm of our peaceful, scenic rural areas. Restrict growing to small, well-screened "micro" or "boutique" producers, away from rural residential neighborhoods, or in warehouses in commercial industrial areas. Preserve our special environment and minimize impacts (visual, odor, water, traffic, etc) by NOT allowing large scale industrial grows, and keeping the number of growers per area limited.	Rebecca Bass	Totally agree with Rebecca	They don't have ugly plastic hoop houses or security fencing, lighting etc.	Yes instead they have stadium lighting during times of high activity.	Grape vines are beautiful! The leaves turn beautiful fall colors, in spring and summer also beautiful, great fire breaks, and grapes are a nutritional fruit! No comparison to THC producing smelly weed. It's an unhealthy drug.	Do not agree. Look at the grape vines	It's agriculture		
5	The County must ensure that visual blight is not allowed in community separators.	Bridget Beytagh	Our county is covered in grapes some would consider this monocropping a blight.							
6	Cannabis operations should never be allowed in any voter protected Community Separators. 173,000 Sonoma County voters adoped the Community Separator ordinance in 2016, and the language of the ordinance makes clear that cannabis operations with security fencing/lighting and/or plastic covered hoop houses are a use the voters did NOT intend to be in those voter protected lands.	Sonia Taylor	Agree. No cannabis operations in Commnunity Searators.							
7	The scenic natural beauty of Sonoma County is the main draw of tourism, natural bucolic landscapes. Hoop houses destroy this scenic beauty and will result in loss of tourism AND massive environmental damages.	Moira Jacobs	So do grapes it agricultural please move back to city							
8	These sessions are valuable in defining the extremes of positions on this issue. Respectfully request County consider bringing in 3rd part Mediator(s) to help us find our "shared values."	Mary Plimpton		Yes it is, I called the Ag District to verify.	Some of it is. And would be here.					
9	Traveling down 101 this year in the Solvang Valley it was alarming to see a huge Hoop House configuration off in the distanc,e but so huge----- probably>200 acres----that it totally marred and degraded the landscape.We CANNOT allow this in Sonoma County.	Ann Storms	That's not cannabis.	Or from public lands and hiking trails.	It's not a commercial operation. It's growing a plant, there are plenty of hoop structures that aren't growing cannabis that we seem fine with.					

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10	Ag + Open Space already conserve much of the County's natural resources, as well as scenic corridors and Williamson Acts. Places where cannabis can be grown is already heavily limited.	Lindsay Blyth	Not really. No one should have to look at these commercial operations from their home - unless in a commercial area.	Not true	Oldest known cultivated crop do your research please almost 7000 years	These sound like very biased assumptions toward cannabis. The rhetoric is clear in this comment				
11	They only belong in industrial zone, one central facility. This is drug production: THC is the main active ingredient being marketed in this effort. Would we put pharmaceutical plants throughout our rural areas? Why are we using a water scarce area and wildfire prone area to produce a water intensive drug operation?	Moira Jacobs	Sounds like you are prejudice against a plant with proven medicinal value. Grapes on the other hand have little medicinal value and on the contrary contribute to a higher rate of DUIs in this county on our scenic roads	Wine grapes at a blight on this county and using all of our most precious resource which is water						
12	Our General Plan has goals for city-centered growth, protection of our agricultural resources and preservation of rural character. In setting cannabis program policy, Sonoma County supervisors need to make an informed decision based on potential impacts to assets valued by visitors: 1) a quality wine experience; 2) scenic beauty; and 3) rural character and small-town charm.	judith olney	Cannabis IS an agricultural resource and a crop young folks are interested in farming!!	Agreed!	I understand that the appellation applies to in ground only.	Agreed	State law. It must be grown in the ground.	That's great, being grown in the ground would be amazing and much less water intensive. This paired with regenerative techniques are the answer to all of our resource use and abuse in agriculture. We have to address pollution from all of the other Ag activity.		
13	Sonoma County is a leading recognized wine appellation in the world, and soon will be recognized as a leading cannabis appellation. Cannabis cultivators should have all of the tools and resources available in California state regulations so they can grow the best flowers, just as the vineyards grow the best grapes to produce the best wines.	Lori Pascarella	Absolutely! A voice of reason!							
14	Authentic rural character is Sonoma County's differentiating asset – multiple surveys have found this is the primary reason tourists visit Sonoma County. Our scenic landscapes give us competitive advantage – the quality of the tourist experience is an economic imperative.	judith olney		And yet we let 60000 acres of grapes						
15	Rolling hills, pastures with stately valley oak trees, live oaks, uninterrupted vistas, old barns and outbuildings, aeromotor windmills, tank houses, lack of industrial looking fencing, winding drives, fruit orchards, vegetable gardens and small scale farming, dark night skies, wildflowers, riparian areas along Russian River, redwood forests, meandering tributaries, native animals and birds, fish ladders, protected wetlands and marshes.	Anna Ransome	Agree							
16	In my view, Sonoma county has the most beautiful lanscapes in the 9 bay area counties. The beauty of views is from countless roads, not merely the so called scenic routes.	katherine yates								
17	Businesses with large scale buildings and parking lots already disrupt the visual landscape in our Ag zones – this current reality must be factored into visual impact cumulative impact analyses. Siting criteria and visual mitigations must be rigorously applied before our ag lands experience irreparable impacts.	judith olney	Look at grapes 60000 acres and Cannabis at 40 acres	We need to protect actual nutrition producing Ag: food or fruit, dairy, protein, etc., not drug production. Humans can't get nutrition from THC, it only affects the brain and other fatty organs very negatively. We must protect and promote our food supply. We must protect farmers and ranchers producing food and nutrition.	It is food fiber and has huge amount of uses other than smoking					
18	we need to protect ag	ron ferraro	It's not Ag.							
19	Limiting cultivators to indoor industrial areas will keep them from being able to compete with cultivators in the state. Cannabis should be allowed to grow outdoors in temporary hoop structures and be able to use mixed lighting tier 1 in paralel with state laws.	Lori Pascarella	There are counties in California that have wisely chosen not to allow commercial marijuana grows. Why should we allow it? And why should we allow so many outside interests & LLCs buy up our precious land to grow marijuana? A very few monied interests win, the rest of us lose.	The plastic is a blight on landscape.	Grapes are the blight not Cannabis	The plastic sheeting has to be changed out every 2-3yrs and CANNOT be recycled.				
20	plastics are recyled and much needed	ron ferraro	So, all that plastic is being recycled??	Agreed with sam						

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22	Cannabis is a beautiful plant. Hemp can be planted out in the open by right and looks just like cannabis. The EIR should consider eliminating screening requirements for cannabis.	Craig Litwin	The screening requirements are safety mitigations that must be retained							
23	no other rural agricultural product requires high fencing and security lights. These features of cannabis cultivation means it is much more like an industrial product than an agricultural one, and therefore belongs in industrial zones, not in the beautiful rural landscape	katherine yates	Not true those are requirements imposed upon us	Grapes are industrial as well						
24	By definition a landscape interrupted by industrial-looking cannabis operations and more intensive commercial uses will degrade rural character. Rural Character can be defined as ... encompassing open space and agrarian landscapes, with low density, low intensity development, and yielding low traffic volumes.	judith olney	My farm does not look industrial. I have transformed a lot with non native grasses to one of more diversity and natural wildlife.							
25	what about the vegitale hoop house which already in ag zones 30 dry creek	steven sommer	Not so tall.							
26	We must protect our community separators, our parks, our lands protected by the Open Space District, and four categories of visual resources identified in the County's General Plan: Scenic Landscape Units, Scenic Corridors, Greenbelts, Greeways and expanded Greenbelts. Cannabis operations with their industrial character and plastic hoop houses must not be visable from any of those valuable resources.	Sonia Taylor	Do not agree							
27	The General Plan states that development needs to be compatible with the preservation of scenic values along designated scenic corridors.	Anna Ransome	Please do this with grapevine as well	Please point to source of these findings.						
28	46% our the tourism coming to this area are looking to have a cannabis expeirences.	steven sommer	where is the evidence?							
29	All areas should allow for cannabis cultivation if it fits the existing land use table.	Craig Litwin	Agreed							
30	protect ag farmers from 80 year old pothole lawyers who will be passed away before this ordinance is in place. no one wants to keep givinbg all this attn to the vocal MINORITY of these old baby boomers who are stuk in their was and prejudices	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
31	Sonoma County's tourist industry is largely based on its rural character, bucolic countryside vistas and rolling green hills dotting with grazing animals. To protect this valuable industry, Sonoma County must identify existing and eligible cannabis cultivation sites that may apply for a cannabis cultivation permit and provide an analysis of view sheds and simulations of views from public viewpoints such as trails, roadways, parks and scenic vistas to determine the best siting to mitigate visual impacts. (VS)	veva edelson								
32	Visual impacts of cannabis operations will affect both public and private views, will affect voter protected Community Separator lands, scenic landscape units, Greenbelts, Greenways and expanded Greenbelts, in addition to Scenic Corridors.(ST+)	veva edelson	Do not agree	I do not agree and think the grapevines are the blight in bv	Agree with Rebecca					
33	Protect scenic Bennett Valley and Sonoma Valley from commercial cultivation that involves structures like hoop houses.	Rebecca Bass	Agree. Impose moratorium on allowing cannabis operations in these valleys until Board bans in these areas.	Eliminates the nasty odor problem also.	agree with Nancy's comments!	Do not agree				
34	If all cultivation were indoors we wouldn't need to have a visioning session on visual impacts because there would be none. This isn't a crazy idea. Indoor produces a higher quality crop and uses less water. Since California's energy supply is heaily weighted with renewables, energy consumption would not be a drawback. Already there are incentives for off-peak use. There are even Tesla power walls to take solar powered buildings off the grid during peak times. Grow lights can be timed to respond to the load and can be turned off during emergencies. Permit only outdoor grows with plants in the ground (not tubs) for the terrior market. Determine the size of this market for this higher priced product. No green houses, no ugly hoop house, no unsightly pot fences. Grow indoors in industrial areas.	Nancy Richardson	I like these ideas! Agree!	I know. But someone suggested no fencing. I doubt they would be willing.						
35	Would the Industry be willing to grow without security fences?	Bridget Beytagh	The State require these security protections							
36	Prohibit cannabis hoop house use in any location that can be seen from a Scenic Corridor (B), a public park or a public right of way, classify hoop houses as outdoor cultivation with no electrical, plumbing or mechanical, limit the siting of hoop houses and require that no flapping plastic exists or contaminates the environment (DAE)	veva edelson	Get rid of grapes as well please							

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37	Cannabis keeps ag land in ag, protecting open spaces for the long-term. Farmers need to make a profit to pay taxes and resist selling large tracks of land for expensive housing.	Craig Litwin	Agreed							
38	Isn't Cannabis screened to protect the high value product?	rachel Zierdt	No it's required	Are we doing this for grapes as well						
39	Prohibit commercial cannabis cultivation in any scenic vistas or residential area where light or glare would impact a day or nighttime view in an area. (B)	veva edelson	Do you hold the same view on the monocropping of grapes? My farm has created diversity in the scenery.							
40	The "feel" of Sonoma County would be affected by security cameras everywhere.	Anna Ransome	Not true							
41	Consider Community Separator provisions for rural residential neighborhoods and unincorporated towns. Protection would be provided for these residential enclaves throughout the County and would provide the same protection as community Separators closest to cities and towns by further protecting rural character and holding back sprawl and further parcelization of agricultural lands for residential uses.(GA-VS)	veva edelson	Maybe we should stop building houses on ag land							
42	if this rigorous process were in place when the baby boomers were in their prime we would have no wine industry and tourism in sonoma county. isnt it hypocritical for boomers to change the laws on their way out of this life after they already ruined the world with their terrible culture and policies?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Agreed							
43	There are countless lovely private views from residents of this county. So placement of hoop houses and 8 foot fencing with night time security lighting needs to not impact private views	katherine yates	The lighting has to be motion sensed and not causing light pollution.							
44	cannabis guidelines already have included policy for limiting visibility. Also not all cannabis is grown in hoop houses	steven sommer	Agreed							
45	treat cannabis like any othe ag crop and dont subject us all to this energy drain. these old pothole lawyers and their old friends have nothing better to do but to delay this process. isnt that relevent?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Absolutely agree! We just have to get passed these extremely antiquated and biased stigmas.	Sorry that was wrong thread... but love this idea!	Agreed				
46	Can we get some presentations from canibis cultivators or potential cultivators on what canibis grows look like and what they see as pros and cons of cultivation?	Kimberly Susukida	Great idea!	Wouldn't that be nice						
47	What I would love to see is a healthy integrated poly-culture regenerative farm with a resident farm house with the owner operator living on the land while farming it. Grow small amounts 10,000 sq. ft or under in the ground outside with no hoops. Grow one crop a year planting early in the spring to take advantage of moisture in the ground. Water minimally if at all using drop irrigation. No security! Just like the rest of us out here.	veva edelson	Sounds like my farm!!	Absolutely agree! We just have to get passed these extremely antiquated and biased stigmas.	Agreed	Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, I guess.				
48	Cannabis adds to the visual beauty.	Craig Litwin	It sure does!							
49	The existing requirements of biotic studies, cultural resource studies, setbacks, slope, water availability studies already keep cannabis limited to tightly defined Ag Zoned areas. This should not be changed as it already limits cannabis to appropriate areas within our beautiful county.	Lori Pascarella	Agreed							
50	lea, lia,da zones	ron ferraro								
51	Concentrated in industrial and commercial zoned land	judith olney	Do not agree							
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53	Allow only in Industrial zone! One secure complex, collocates with top lab testing site to verify THC and CBD product safety. This is drug production.	Moirra Jacobs	This is an agricultural county. Young people need to enter the farming sector as this is a dying trade. Young people are interested in farming cannabis.	Agree with Anna. No visual blight if all grown indoors.						
54	The only places where cannabis would not detract from the visual beauty of the county are commercial and industrial zones where the security apparatus does not mar the rural nature of the most aesthetic aspects of the county or in some designated cannabis growing zone that is located out of public view and not impacting residences, parks, etc.	Anna Ransome	Not true do not agree							
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56	chapter 38 was very clear and stuck to the state law well. why not mention how chapter 38 already passed planning? what about all the work folks did on that?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	They ignored the public.							
57	Hoop structures provide not just crop protection and quality enhancement capabilities, but also provide visual screening of the cultivation area thus enhancing security. They can also be screened themselves with fencing, shrubs and trees	ron ferraro	Agreed							
58	The EIR must determine any increase in public costs for landfill and wastewater treatment capacity, water pipelines, additional Code Enforcement, police and fire services. It should be determined if these services will need to be increased and whether increased public costs will diminish revenue from this industry.	Nancy Richardson								
59	classified industrial areas. To have a certain number in more rural settings for cannabis tourism, choose areas far from neighborhoods.	katherine yates	Do not agree							
60	Some day hemp will grown dairy belt thart should look planted like alfa	steven sommer								
61	setbacks are too extreme and are only in place to protect politicians who are trying to appease these unappeasable old abulance chasing lawyers?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
62	Should be located: commercial industrial zones or very small grows on large ag parcels (>10 acres) if not visible from residential areas	Rebecca Bass	Do not agree							
63	It should be grown where it can't be seen from the public roads	Kathy Pons	As well as grapes	Exactly	Agreed with sam					
64	Why would Cannabis, a farmed plant, be any less appealing to the eye than Acres of other Agriculture that are already prevalent?	Sam De La Paz	Simple. Hoop houses and security fences.							
65	Industrial areas where odor, noise, traffic will not affect neighborhoods.	Robert Nissenbaum	Do not agree							
66	Cannabis is better outdoors, not indoors. Renewable energy is needed for other uses besides growing plants.	Craig Litwin	Agreed	You also have said we shouldn't have weddings in Sonoma.	Weddings are not agricultural promotion	What should we have? Anything?	It has been cultivated in Sonoma county for decades! And Sonoma county is an optimum location considering it's climate and tourism	Sonoma should create national testing lab complex, lots of very high paying jobs. If you prove both THC and CBD are great for everyone, then terrific. Yet even then Sonoma will never be optimal place to produce pot or hemp. It can be produced in water rich industrial Ag areas in other parts of country.	You have no idea what you are talking about	
67	Sonoma County is not optimum for cultivation of cannabis - we do not need to degrade our rural character to enjoy consuming here	judith olney	Agree!							
68	Would non-hoop house/outdoor grows be done without high fencing to keep out animal, domestic and wild? Without all-night lighting? Without guards with guns?	Mary Plimpton								
69	are we able to ask ig craig harrison is paid for his work against the cannababis industry. i see many names in this chat have contributed to the gofundme. some contributed \$1000. what are they paying for? is harrison getting rich doing this work? just curious.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
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72	The DA zoning is based on historical uses of land. Times have changed, and many properties in DA zones are owned by people who purchased them for their bucolic views, not to raise crops or livestock.	katherine yates	very good points. There's Ag-intensive DA, and there's more residential DA.	Agreed						
73	it should be allowed anywhere other crops are allowed. this is dicriminatory.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Without security fences, parking, hoop houses etc???							
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75	How does 30 parking places, 18 greenhouses, 12 water towers and a guard house in a DA zone against a neighborhood not be visual blight? This was proposed by me.	Bridget Beytagh	What are the twelve water towers for?							

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77	sonoma county has a county seal. look it up. it says AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, RECREATION. it does not say BOOMERS, AUTHORITARIAN, WASHED UP LAWYERS.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Not true						
78	Lake and Mendocino counties have far fewer residents, and lots more water. They are much more appropriate counties for cannabis cultivation than Sonoma county is	katherine yates	Meanwhile we have 65k acres of grapes? Please make sense of this for me... I am all ears.	Yesss!	Agreed					
79	AR zoning also allows ag. Consider AR zones for smaller cottage grows allowing home based cottage businesses.	Craig Litwin	Yes! Support the small Family farmers							
80	the future should be 38 and add some.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
81	supervisor want legal protection from lawsuit so the need an EIR. chapter 38 is what should be repropoed.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	EIR is the law.	Napa punts said no!!	Napa County.	Do not agree				
82	100 foot setback from vineyards may not be adequate - more study is required. Napa's and Santa Barbara's grape growers have identified multiple reasons why vineyards cannot coexist with cannabis cultivation, including warnings about conflicts with cannabis resulting in vineyard operators having to change to less effective farming practices and compete for increasingly scarce water resources.	judith olney	Wine Spectator came out with a lengthy article stating scientific facts about how vineyards and cannabis can coexist easily.	Board already rejected allowing commercial cultivation in the Rural Residential District. Let's not go backwards.	They are asking for suggestions for future. This one move excluded thousands of small family farmers.	I have planted over 40 trees to create visual screening including 33 redwoods As well as fruit tree berms I grow annuals such as corn and sunflowers				
83	Cottage cultivation in AR/RR zones	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	NO cultivation should be allowed in the Rural Residential Zone							
84	Never in voter protected community separators.	Sonia Taylor								
85	The EIR should determine the number of parcels in and adjacent to open space, parks and community separators where scenic vistas must remain unsullied by industrial fencing, hoop house and visual blight associated with grows. The taxpayers overwhelmingly approved taxes for these sensitive parcels and greatly value them.	Nancy Richardson								
86	we dont want cultivation in illegal residences above garages in neiughbors glass houses	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Agreed	No setbacks at all this is ag						
87	300 ft from nearest residence	ron ferraro	Not enough							
88	Sonoma County's tourist industry is largely based on its rural character, bucolic countryside vistas and rolling green hills dotting with grazing animals. To protect this valuable industry, Sonoma County must identify existing and eligible cannabis cultivation sites that may apply for a cannabis cultivation permit and provide an analysis of view sheds and simulations of views from public viewpoints such as trails, roadways, parks and scenic vistas to determine the best siting to mitigate visual impacts. (VS)	veva edelson	Not true							
89	cannabis is part of the fabric of this county and has been for many years now. The california state fair will be judging cannabis alongside dairy, wine and all ag products this year.	steven sommer	Sweet progress	Public info and neighborhood groups that posted our names and address						
90	no one can see my crop. or smell it. but they still harrass and threaten me.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	So, how do they know?							
91	Commercial cannabis cultivation operations must not be visible in designated scenic Corridors or scenic landscape units. Siting of operations and/or screening must not degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views and its surroundings and/or have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista. (B)	veva edelson	Grapevines are also a blight and yet we're not talking about 60000 acres	Agree, a current tactic.	The max per parcel is ONE single acre (4 permits) There is a 200 acre vineyard across from my 1/4 acre farm.	a direct result of the faulty Ag ministerial process				
92	I am concerned about people pulling multiple permits for small sizes but co-located so that it ends up as a large scale commercial production next to neighbor homes, children, wildlife; and also skirting EI studies. Example Franz Valley School Road.	Denise Drawsky	good point	Town hall meetings were open to all residents. All you had to was sign up.....	Not true lori					
93	The board of supervisors cannabis ad hoc committee spent nearly two years conducting town halls, meeting with members of community, to draft updated ordinance. All of this work needs to be part of the public record. This work should not be discarded, or discredited as it directly pertains to update of cannabis ordinance. This would be nothing more than time lost and money wasted by the county.	Lori Pascarella	Again. They ignored the Public. Actually County refused to speak to our group.	Do not agree						
94	Close to or within neighborhoods. Period.	katherine yates	I agree							

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96	my neighbors loved me until they found out i was doing cannabis. they never would have known if not for my address being posted by neighbors to spite me.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Why w							
97	are we going to let 15 baby boomers who are stuck in their prejudices overwhelm this process?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Do not agree						
98	Consider commercial cannabis cultivation visual impacts on all of Sonoma County's natural environment. Cannabis is NOT like other agricultural uses. The necessary security fencing, lighting, etc., creates an industrial setting and should not be part of our otherwise bucolic landscape. (ST+)	veva edelson	agree							
99	Adequate separation from hospitality venues: the visual impacts as well as pungent "skunk-like" odor drifting to nearby existing commercial operations hurts their businesses, not in the "view or odor-scape" of existing tasting rooms.	judith olney	Again grapevines and winery should be banned then	Agree	Do not agree					
100	Hoop house mechanical features are noisy and require power and should not be permitted.	Anna Ransome	agree							
101	these boomers will be gone soon and their legacy will be shameful. why dont we let grandma and grandpa rest in their old age. make this MINISTERIAL and deactivate these folks who have had their way for far too long. move along grama. dont try to bully my young family.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Where is the date on water intensity?	And yet you let 60000 acres of grapes be planted					
102	New Cannabis operations should not be allowed in SoCo when we are in a drought, and family farms are already being asked to conserve water. We have given up our yards. How is this water intensive crop sensible in this environmental climate?	Denise Drawsky	Agree!							
103	The future vision should be: one central production complex in industrial zone with collocated testing labs and R&D on THC and CBD. Sonoma could be the HQ for USA on proving out what if anything are useful and safe drug therapies. You will attract much better jobs here with this vision. It should include study of latest healthcare therapies as well. Let's see which drugs win the actual scientific testing. The production of marijuana and hemp can and should be produced in water rich areas	Moira Jacobs	This not true please do better research and educate yourself							
104	hoop houses should have acces to permited power for fans to provide for better yeilds to provide higher taxes for the county	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	And more noise for neighbors - 24/7							
105	Hoop houses are adouble edged problem. They are a huge visual blight but are also are a huge polluter and greenhouse gas generator with the hydor carbons of the plastic. All outdoor cannabis should be grown in the ground (no hoop houses, no artificiaall light). to acquire the sonoma terroir theymust be grown in the ground.	Nancy Richardson		No COMMERCIAL cannabis cultivation in or near neighborhoods	But there is no objection to other agriculture and their pesticide/fertilizer pollution??					
106	Adults can grow six plants, by law. It is already in neighborhoods.	Craig Litwin	Are they surrounded by high security fences, cameras, motion detector lights?							
107	hoop houses should be all year round and not limited to 180 days.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Agreed							
108	agreed	ron ferraro		Very few real "small family". Talking point.	There are MANY small family farmers that would love to come online with acceptance from the community and pathways to permitting. Not in my backyard groups have pushed out mom and pops and now are complaining about commercialization... seems ironic to me.	That would invite in big ag and I think you have a bigger problem				
109	Not on parcels smaller than 20 acres	katherine yates	That excludes the small family farmer and welcomes the larger entities and out of county residents.	So what?? We evolve and improve.	Natasha is correct, pretending that Cannabis has not been a pillar of our constituency here is a disservice to our communities.					
110	27 California counties DO NOT allow commercial marijuana cultivation. Not all counties believe there is any benefit to their residents, wildlife, or lands. This number may increase as Climate Change deepens and grows.	Ann Storms	This is a county that has historically grown cannabis.							
111	not a good fit for people to retire in ag zones	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Some of us lived in them many years.							

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112	not a good fit for people to retire in ag zones	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Impractical	Industrial zone only.	Agree. It's doable.	Do not agree			
113	Adequate setbacks from rural neighbor property lines is essential - minimum 600-1000 ft. This would solve many issues.	Robert Nissenbaum	agree	Yes!	No. There are 5 acre parcels in the Rural Residential zoning districts and therefore should NOT be allowed in that district, period. The Board agreed in 2018 that there should NOT be commercial cultivation in Rural Residential districts.	Agreed				
114	Reduce the parcel minimum to five acres for smaller cottage grows.	Craig Litwin	maybe							
115	Visual impacts of cannabis operations will affect both public and private views, will affect voter protected Community Separator lands, scenic landscape units, Greenbelts, Greenways and expanded Greenbelts, in addition to Scenic Corridors.(ST+)	veva edelson		We are water rich the grapes are sucking us dry						
116	Good fit: water rich states	Moira Jacobs	Water rich, but we have plenty of water when not being used abusively by other Ag and pumping to other counties.	Correct!	Agreed					
117	Some of the largest tax payers in this county are cannabis buisnesses	steven sommer	That is right.	Moderator!						
118	it would not be a good fit to let grandpa lawyer raise money from resentful mean spirited old timers. their families probably cannot stand these old folks. but they are able to force the county and the cannabis indutry to devote this time and energy to their minority viewpoint. grandpa and grandma BOLSHEVIK BOOMER.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	What?! This comment makes no sense.							
119	successful would be for the county to protect the high tax paying farmers from these manipulative control freak liars. i know first hand that they LIE and will do anything to harm young family farmers	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		It truly has more of inapct than outdoor.	Not true					
120	Indoor cultivation commands a higher price in the market and does not impact our natural resources	judith olney	It has more of an environmental impact							
121	hoop houses should be aesthetically pleasing and should recieve violations if they are not visually acceptable	ron ferraro	Temporary plastic structures are by definition disruptive to rural character							
122	i wish these boomer bulles were invisible.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
123	hoops should be year round for many reason. water retension, sight, smel, etc	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Profits.							
124	Both separation and scale are important mitigations: Retain the 1-acre maximum size limit: Scenes from Santa Barbara with acres of industrial-scale developments, many with unsightly plastic hoop house structures, demonstrate the potential degradation of our scenic landscapes	judith olney	wholeheartedly agree!	i agree						
125	in the ground uncovered and less than 10,000 sq ft.	veva edelson	Permit and license fees are so high as well as taxes that small farmers are forced to scale Up. 10K Reducing entry costs would support the small farmer and allow this approach to be a reality							
126	What are the regulations regarding proximity to schools and parks?	Kimberly Susukida	1000ft.	Agreed	This is critical. If a crop is damaged it is a waste of water and resources. Protecting crops is good for the environment and should be considered in the EIR.	Agreed				
127	Hoop houses protect crop quality from neighboring agricultural use spray-drift. Cultivators should be allowed to protect their crops with hoop houses because cannabis is subject to very stringent testing requirements, and any pesticides residues could cause failed testing and destruction of product	ron ferraro	agreed	Not true						
128	Hoop houses are ugly and an ecological nightmare with the need to replace non-recyclable plastic every few years. The price to dispose of this mass of petrochemical material will be born by all as dump tipping fees will go up for everyone. Neighbors in other counties where these are in abundance complain of the glare (and nighttime glow where allowed) and interrupted vistas. Google Santa Barbara or San Luis Obsipo for a preview of what to expect with rampant hoop house development.	Anna Ransome	Exactly - this is what we want to prevent from happening here!!!!							
129	mean old ladies are a blight and id like them to disappear	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		I do not agree						
130	grows in commercial and industrial zones could have tasting rooms adjacent that are made attractive the way restaurants are. There would be parking lots there already. for tourism.	katherine yates	this sounds like a constructive suggestion							

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131	Hoop houses help to prevent unchecked vertical plant growth, and help to keep the plants screened from public view.	Collin Davis								
132	chapter 38 allowed for PERMITTED elec for hoops. this is same as state law	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	That was a change. Originally not allowed.							
133	hoop houses acually create a visual barrier so that you cannot see what is inside	steven sommer	Ugly							
134	Hoop houses, as temporary structures, are already allowed in Sonoma County. The EIR should study how to utilize fencing, trees and shrubs to screen hoop houses.	Craig Litwin	Agreed	agree	Please define "industrial scaled cannabis"?!	Reduce restrictions and legacy farmers would enter the market willingly.	I hear you Natasha.	Agreed		
135	I don't want to see industrial scaled cannabis in Sonoma county. I thought the intention was to bring legacy farmers into compliance not to invite an industrial scaled cannabis industry into the county	veva edelson	agree							
136	Cannabis should be located on Ag Zone properties, within appropriate setbacks, and slopes, and should be contained within hoop structures or greenhouses to screen from view, and help growers to be able to have better quality crops and yields so they generate better jobs creation, taxes, and reputation for Sonoma outdoor grown cannabis.	Lori Pascarella								
137	MINISTERIAL permits should allow for immature plant area without the CUP boomer nightmare	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
138	Vegetative fences can shield views of farms from the outside.	Lindsay Blyth	They all look obvious and take years to grow.							
139	The FOUR kinds of scenic resources in our General Plan that are recommended to be protected are: Scenic Landscape Units, Scenic Landscape Units, Scenic Highways and Corridors and Greenbelts, Greenways and Expanded Greenbelts. The cannabis EIR should ensure these resources are protected.	Nancy Richardson	agree							
140	Typical security fencing is cyclone fencing with wood slats for privacy, with barbed wire above at 8 feet. There is nothing appealing about this, so ban security fencing and lighting for grows in rural landscapes	katherine yates		It has already been determined that our landfills are over capacity	I'd like to see proof.					
141	The plastic in hoop houses is a nightmare from an environmental standpoint. We banned the use of plastic bags for a reason. Sheet plastic cannot easily be recycled (or at all), and I doubt we have the landfill capacity to dispose of it, and it has to be thrown away every 2-3 years.	Sonia Taylor	they are recycled							
142	the ww1 vets were never like this to the boomers generation. thats why grandpa lawyer has had such a charmed life. why is this bad generation allowed to be so self serving over and over again? this is nuts to let these narcissists e a part of this.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
143	collectove farming is right out of the russian revolutionm	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
144	future starts with chapter 38. that process created an approvable ordinance.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Was thrown out.							
145	Cannabis crop quality and yield is improved due to protection from excess heat or solar radiation during high heat index days. Improved quality and yield results in better sales revenues, and ultimately tax revenues to county and state. Hoop houses protect cannabis from excess heat or solar radiation.	ron ferraro	Agreed	Very recycled item						
146	There should be a recycling program for hoop plastics.	Lindsay Blyth	It's not recylcable, unfortunately.							
147	If growers need to use hoop houses, they should be located in industrial/ag areas. For example, there is a cannabis retail operation in Santa Rosa with several acres open behind it.	Denise Drawsky	Do not agree	Do not agree						
148	Hoop house should not include plumbing and electrical.	Anna Ransome	Agreed - this increases fire and night light impacts	agree	Agreed					
149	Hoop structures provide not just crop protection and quality enhancement capabilities, but also provide visual screening of the cultivation area thus enhancing security. They can also be screened themselves with fencing, shrubs and trees	ron ferraro	agree	Thank you great comment and so true						
150	the looks would be happy hard working family farmers and not a full time job defending the industry from pothole lawyers	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	You make no sense!	You make no sense read the facts that are out there and educate yourself						
151	The future vision should be: one central production complex in industrial zone with collocated testing labs and R&D on THC and CBD. Sonoma could be the HQ for USA on proving out what if anything are useful and safe drug therapies. You will attract much better jobs here with this vision. It could include study of latest of ALL healthcare therapies. Let's see which drugs win the actual scientific testing. Big ??s for THC require testing Lgmarijuana/hemp should only be produced in water rich areas	Moira Jacobs	Co-locating will also reduce GHG from distribution.	hemp was farmed for fiber for many years	Not profitable.	I disagree Cannabis has sooooo many uses				
152	NEVER allow cannabis in Community Separators. The text of Measure K (passed by 173,000 voters in Sonoma County) specially states that agricultural uses in the Community Separators are for the production of food or fiber. Cannabis is neither food nor fiber.	Nancy Richardson	Hemp is can be considered both food and fiber!! And Identical to Cannabis!							

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153	screening with plants	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
154	Legalize Cannabis today	Vince scholten								
155	screening w plants that will grow tall enough to block 70% of view within 5 years of planting	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
156	wine is going to what wine for napa	steven sommer	correction: cannabis could do for sonoma what wine has done for napa							
157	Don't allow cannabis to cover viable ag land with buildings – which means no processing and limited employee buildings. Buildings create impermeable surfaces increasing potential for flooding and lessening aquifer recharge.	Anna Ransome	Do not allow on prime soils	But not recyclable	Agreed and recycleable					
158	Just as plastic dripline is used to save water use, plastic hoophouses save crops from being wasted by pesticide/smoke drift, saving water.	Craig Litwin	I agree and also would love to see better plastics recycling programs for all agricultural industries.	From what Cannabis specifically or Grapes and all Ag? Is there bias toward Cannabis only here?	Love cannabis. Not commercial cultivation in the wrong places.	And yet we have 60000 acres of grapes				
159	Bottom line: the County needs to protect our visual resources.	Nancy Richardson	absolutely!							
160	AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, RECREATION	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
161	I would suggest a distance of at least 1 mile from schools and parks.	Kimberly Susukida	For all ag Think you might find it hard to find food soon	Yes!	Just because other crops behave badly doesn't mean cannabis should.	Agreed				
162	How can we chastise one crop (that is more sustainable & regenerative) and try to hide it, when other industries are responsible for plenty of controversy, pollution and blight on our counties?	Sam De La Paz	Yes, exactly.							
163	screening w plants that will grow tall enough to block 70% of view within 5 years of planting	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
164	the red guard never had this much control. ask the white movement (which included all races for those triggered by the word white).	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
165	A successful program would mirror the grape and wine industry in Sonoma County, only on less acreage. Cannabis can be sustainably farmed, will soon be able to certified organic and classified under a designated appellation the same as wine! It will be legal nationally and Sonoma County needs to act now to be a part of the future market growth, or it will be left behind.	Lori Pasarella	Agreed	The State defines cannabis as a product - it is not a crop like other county agriculture	The EIR should study what treating cannabis like other ag means.	Again, neither State and County law does not allow the "right to farm" to apply to cannabis operations	Eventually, it will be normalized like other crops. Likely by the time this process is done. Let's make an effort to encourage a plant that does not use pesticides and is more economically viable than grapes get the foothold it needs to redefine what healthy ag should look like.	This is ag any way you look at it		
166	Cannabis is NOT like other ag. Because of the necessary security, fencing, lighting etc....It is essentially industrial in nature and should not be part of our otherwise bucolic landscape.	Nancy Richardson	It is only because of this very present stigma and prohibition!							
167	stop letting small parcels that were broken off of ag lands dictate to the large ag parcels. THAT IS BACKWARDS	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
168	Landscaped berms would work better than vegetation alone	judith olney	At what cost							
169	Only native vegetation should be used for screening ugly fencing, not straight rows of something like Leyland cypress – a blight on the landscape. Growers should be required to replace dead or unhealthy vegetation that is used for screening.	Anna Ransome		Agree						
170	The EIR should consider how legalization may allow cannabis to fall under the Right to Farm ordinance. The EIR should study how to encourage best practices for cannabis cultivation when it is eventually treated like Hemp. Best practices for hoop house maintenance, waste and recycling efforts, and visual impacts should be developed when we cannot mandate unreasonable rules for an agricultural plant.	Craig Litwin	Agree completely with this!							
171	chapter 38 had a lot of approvable ideas. might be worth a look?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		This is what I'm talking about!! More sustainable and more regenerative pioneers like Dr. Natasha need to be supported!!	Very nice					
172	I have planted over 40 trees including 33 redwoods Grow fruit trees in berms As well as annuals such as corn and sunflowers	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Thank you							
173	let the boomers start a design board. thats the solution	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
174	this ordinance will only be as good as the process that created it. The nature of this process is polarizing. We should focussng on common ground and a less stressfull intense process	veva edelson	Agreed	Thank you for sharing this information Moira. Please call (707) 565-1992 to report a possible cannabis violation.	Please call on all the grapevines that are a visual blight on this county					

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175	We can see a huge THC production facility from the Sonoma Mountain County Park, from the trails. The blight is already happening. This blight in Bennett Valley breaks the current law since it should not be visible from parks. There's a big trailer there too, likely workers living there illegally. Wellspring Rd. Please close that operation. It's a blight and dumping garbage.	Moira Jacobs	Good point!							
176	let cannabis farms have RV residences for full time security. the homeless are allowed to camp on county roads for years at a time without consequence. why cant land owners allow an RV with an employee for full time safety and security	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
177	Cannabis operators should not be required to put in vegetative screening that requires irrigation. Fences and hoop structures more than adequately screen plants from view while protecting the crop.	Lori Pascarella	If so, then it definitely should be only in industrial zones.							
178	The security measures required for such a high value crop are in themselves ugly and jarring and naturally separate cannabis operations from traditional agriculture. Doesn't everyone recognize cannabis grow sites by their security features?	Anna Ransome	Another reason to incent cannabis operations in industrial zones where security is present							
179	screens made with trees that get tall could adversely affect views, so the species of screen plants needs to be monitored.	katherine yates	I use native trees or beneficalials such as nitrogen fixing of fruit.							
180	the county has to take responsibilty for activating these 80 year old hack lawyers from having a end of life hobby bullying this young industry.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
181	The Board should not exacerbate existing visual problems in the County by expanding cannabis cultivation with its visual impacts.	Richard Rudnansky	Do not agree	Is there a model eco-friendly and aesthetically pleasing cannabis grow anywhere?	Yes Anna there are a few of us	I have seen them in the past when growers grew a few plants in amongst the tomatoes. The push for millions is what is driving this into the scale that is disruptive	Love to see it.	There are many models that our Cannabis industry and the community therein are pioneering. These models will exceed any other Ag models to date.	Thank you for this constructive dialogue everyone. SOLUTIONS are the key 🍀	Agreed
182	We should focuss on the farmers that are doing a great job and learn from eachother	veva edelson	I agree <input type="checkbox"/>							
183	the blight is the LACK of freedom. thanks grandpa. your generation sure was the best buddy.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
184	Without the opportunity to have deep coneverations in a safe environement we are crippled	veva edelson	Agreed							
185	harrisons address is easily found with a quick search. nice house. life sure was a lot more free for him to have a charmed life.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		I hear you Ann, none of us want to see that! Our small family farmers that have been waiting in the pipeline for 4yrs are not trying to green rush in here. They have been pillars of the community and should be supported before any more corporate and commercialized operations are even considered.	Totally agree. Very well said Ann	Not true we are trying to make a better future				
186	This cannabis frenzy reminds me of the ill-fated Gold Rush. A mad dash to make a buck, and the beautiful California hillsides destroyed. Just like this current cannabis frenzy, that everyone seems to think is such a great idea for us all.	Ann Storms	good point!	Agreed						
187	Why are we so focused on screening, when it only needs to be normalized! Hemp can be farmed without a fence or screening and is the SAME plant!	Sam De La Paz	Exactly! Study what no screening looks like.							
188	does anyone live close to harrison? 4953 Sonoma Mountain Rd. Santa Rosa Ca	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
189	It is not just about protecting the crop! The unsightly view of hoop houses should be creatively addressed. Place artistic scuptures, painted flowers, etc. if you don't want to grow plants.	Denise Drawsky		Please look at the grapevines which are a blight						
190	Our tourist industry is mainly based on our rural character with our lovely and scenic views. This valuable industry must be protected. Public viewpoints from trails, roadways and parks must not be sullied or degraded.	Nancy Richardson	agree							
191	curious if he enjoys his address being posted as much as he likes to post cannabis farms addresses. we have families and we want to be safe.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
192	Agree. Very well said	Richard Rudnansky		All of them?? Or just some.						

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193	The alignment of county regulations with state regulations to allow for temporary hoop structures, tarps and low wattage lighting as in Tier 1 Mixed Lighting classification should be allowed so that cultivators can protect their crops from contaminants and help provide the best quality possible. Sustainable farming practices to increase product quality and yields can set Sonoma County at the forefront of a developing industry as a major player.	Lori Pascarella	Yes! Line up local regs with state regs.							
194	Anyone is free to grow hemp, so why are they not. No problem.	Bridget Beytagh								
195	send a letter to craig harrison and tell him how you feel about his operation. tens of thousands of dollars have been raised for him to chase cannabis farmers instead of chasing potholes and hawiiian birds. tough life gramps.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
196	CRAIG HARRISON: 4953 Sonoma Mountain Rd. Santa Rosa Ca	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		That is my desire and what I have been doing since permitted in 2018	Exactly what is needed thank you					
197	A perfect cultivation site would be promoting bio-dynamic practices that support biodiveristy and also grow companion plants and make it a enjoyable and asthetically pleasing experience.	steven sommer	Yes!!!	Agreed and hemp is the same plant						
198	Do we screen Cannabis with Hemp? Would that work under the regs? Hemp does not need a screen, but cannabis does. The irony is clear. It is time to normalize our perspective on this plant and see it for the environmental shift in local ag that we need. At more value per acre it is the superior environmenal alternative for any land use.	Craig Litwin	Please grow hemp then.							
199	hoops should be allowed all year if the operator would like. the visual would be better for jerks who dont like the looks of a plant	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
200	STATE LAW	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	No one's minds the look of the plant - it's the commercial/industrial operation.							
201	The future vision should be: one central production complex in industrial zone with collocated testing labs and R&D on THC and CBD. Sonoma could be the HQ for USA on proving out what if anything are useful and safe drug therapies. You will attract much better jobs here with this vision. It should include study of latest healthcare therapies as well. Let's see which drugs win the actual scientific testing. marijuana and hemp should be produced in water rich areas only.	Moira Jacobs	Do not agree this is just not how ag works and you now want to pick and choose which crops you like. Not being very grangerly							
202	I had to join late - I did not get to see your example of the supply chain. Can you send it to me via email?	Denise Drawsky	Hi Denise - you can find it on slide 7: https://share.sonoma-county.org/link/-pn0a5McFKU/PowerPoint%20Presentations/Cannabis%20Update%20Visioning%20Session%20PPT%20Visual%20Considerations%2008-12-2021.pdf	NO ONE, on either side of the aisle, should be publishing addresses. I hope the SOS website finally pulled that map down of commercial cannabis addresses as well.						
203	Mute Kulak who is publishing personal addresses.	Anna Ransome	these anti cannabis groups have been posted our addresses for years. it is VERY DANGEROUS							
204	Difficult question to answer - obviously depends on where each element is located...wherever it is, it needs to fit the character of the area where it is located	Rebecca Bass	The use permit process must include project-specific design review							
205	lets make all hoops have to be painted with pictures of lenin and stalin so that the commie boomers feel like they won.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		NO ONE, on either side of the aisle, should be publishing addresses. I hope the SOS website finally pulled that map down of commercial cannabis addresses as well.						
206	I thought that you were going to prevent seeing objectionable comments. They are still coming in.	rachel Zierdt	Yes. Kulak is putting in personal addresses. Delete!							
207	Moderators - Enforce your rules with Kulak.	Anna Ransome		How do you centralize all businesses in our economic system? Does not seem to make sense.	seems like a reasonable location for elements like dispensaries and tasting lounges					
208	Set aside land in an industrial/commercial zone and set it up like the Barlow in Sebastopol, where there is a mix of grow buildings, dispensaries, research labs and tasting rooms	katherine yates	Some of us are farmers and would like the opportunity to farm. Not work in a warehouse	No problem with retail, only commercial production in wrong place.						

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209	Most cannabis operations should be in industrial areas. Retail should be within incorporated jurisdictions.	Sonia Taylor	Still respectfully disagree. Retail should be allowed in the county, in Forestville, Graton, etc. Other commercial activities are allowed in the county, why not a highly regulated dispensary?							
210	these anti cannabis groups have been posted our addresses for years. it is VERY DANGEROUS	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
211	silence him!!	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
212	FREE SPEECH	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
213	Most retail locations zoned in municipal are located nextdoor to eachother, however, retail cannabis has setbacks between retail locations.	Lindsay Blyth								
214	ag land is LEA DA LIA	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
215	CHAPTER uh 38!!!	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
216	anything new being accomplished here? groundhog day again.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		witnessed and agree	Not minority or Prohibitionist. Just want intelligent land use.	agree with Bridget - we are just trying to prevent our beautiful valley from being overtaken by unsightly agri-business				
217	According to statistics provided at last week's Wine and Weed Symposium in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County has potential to grow immensely in tourism specifically connected to cannabis. This growth should not be impeded by catering to the minority voice of prohibitionists. The new ordinance should mirror state regulations and embrace tourism with events, and tasting lounges.	Lori Pascarella	YES							
218	Sonoma County cities have defined density and other criteria for dispensaries.	judith olney								
219	State regulations are very restrictive - rightly so given public and traffic safety impacts	judith olney		seems like existing rules have not been adequately enforced	I have very little traffic at my farm. My neighbors with horse stalls have much more					
220	So how do neighbors understand 11 plots of cannabis in family home neighborhoods with commercial traffic moving the product from the grow house to the highways? I have observed an increase in such commercial traffic near existsting cannabis operations. How do the existing county ordinances address that?	Denise Drawsky	Yes, big problem!							
221	COUNTY should allow tasting at farms and dispensaries if not visible to public	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
222	Example of good dispensary: Sparc on N. Dutton Ave.	Denise Drawsky								
223	the county already does not allow any light to be seen. that also was addressed in the ordinance changes made in CHAPTER 38. we spent 2-3 years on that process. waiting. dealing w grampa pothole lawyer, etc. has anyone see how ,much these hack lawyers raise for mean old ladies? take a look. easy search.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
224	Farmers should be allowed to sell direct to consumers, through tourism and tasting rooms. This would eliminate large commercialized transport and shipping, while creating destinations for tourism within our county. Cannabis should be treated in parity with other industries.	Sam De La Paz	Agreed!							
225	as a "right to farm" issue everyone should read the ag element of the general plan. a lot of what we are dicussing has already been made policy in that plan.	steven sommer								
226	Warm spectrum LED lighting has less harmful impacts on bird migration and human sleep.	Anna Ransome	Thank you Anna, great solution!							
227	There should be incentives for Eco-Conscious lighting.	Sam De La Paz								
228	None in hoop houses: Pictures from Mendo hoop house operations show the disruption to night sky when electrical is allowed	judith olney	This is largely referring to unregulated grows. In Mendo licensed operators are required to screen lighting. That can be blocked by coverage at night.	Not at all true, sorry, this is agriculture.						
229	The lighting problem is another of the 500 reasons these need to be in industrial zone!	Moir Jacobs	My 10k uses no lighting							
230	the tired lighting for low wattage for mixed lights and hoops houses was done very well by andrew and scott in the CHAPTER 38.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
231	Allow mixed lighting, in line with state law.	Craig Litwin	Agree!							
232	Night lighting should be prohibited. Downward facing lighting is still visible from a distance.	Sonia Taylor								
233	lighting in hoop houses/greenhouses, should have no light pollution at night	ron ferraro	Agree							

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234	I would not want the lighting to contribute to evening light pollution.	Denise Drawsky	Neither would I, there needs to be measures to reduce nighttime light pollution, for sure.								
235	low tax rates and not TARP TAX that makes mixed light unaffordable	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
236	There are existing lighting standards that should be maintained.	Craig Litwin	Agree								
237	Motion detcetor of short duration only.	Anna Ransome		Agreed	CHAPTER 38 sure was GOOD. thats why it passed planning.	Yessss!					
238	Hoop houses should be allowed the use of minimal lighting as in Tier 1 Mixed Lighting state licensing (less than 6 watts per square foot). This allows for improvements in quality and yield by allowing the cultivator to minimally enhance available lumens during foggy, cloudy or otherwise low light days	ron ferraro	EXACTLY.								
239	mendo hoop pics are not what we have here.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
240	Humbolt County has a huge problem with night lighting from operations. Even a name - glowworms.	Bridget Beytagh	Those are illicit grows primarily I believe.								
241	Nighttime exterior lighting is particularly harmful to insects/animals, which has negative implications for birds, mammals etc up the food chain. EIR will go into this in much more detail, I'm sure.	Caroline Koss	Yes! No lighting period in rural areas, messes with wildlife and people, plus think through the net new electric generation this all takes.								
242	they love their old facts and stats and figures	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Exactly							
243	lighting issues can be mitgated by covering at night	steven sommer	Exactly.								
244	Hoop houses should be allowed lighting per state law, and lighting must be screened.	Craig Litwin	Yes!								
245	STATE LAW GRANNY	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
246	the law is alrely strong on light leak	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Agree	Agree.	Yes! Light pollution is a health and environmental concern	agreed	Agree!			
247	Keep the nights dark. Make the standard that light pollution is not acceptable.	Craig Litwin	agree	agreed	agreed	As long as they are used. In Humbolt they don't bother - I suspect many wouldn't here.	Agree				
248	The Sonoma county industry should be able to engage in all of the same practices as other cultivators in the state, including mixed light Tier 1. Black out tarps can be utilized to contain all lighting so that none escapes hoop structures.	Lori Pascarella	agree								
249	All practices allowed in Tier 1 Mixed Lighting under the state regulations, under the California Department of Food & Agriculture CalCannabis Division program which has merged with other state cannabis regulatory and enforcement agencies as the Department of Cannabis Control	ron ferraro	agree								
250	Where do we look for these links you are posted? I feel like I walked into a movie and it is over. I really need to understand more about this new industry.	Denise Drawsky		Agree Marcy! Without first determining the potential impacts on existing businesses and our tourism draw, elected officials may be throwing long-established Ag and visitor-serving businesses under the bus for an unstudied industry – with unintended consequences and irreparable damage to Sonoma County's economy.	Agree.						
251	Hoophouses will degrade one of So.Co. biggest income assest. What tourists expect to experience when they visit here—a non-industrial landscape. Don't mar the beauty of our lovely county by allowing hoophouses in any areas other than in industrial designated areas.	Marcy Meadows	yes								
252	grandma slang word of the year: glow worm	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		And violators should be shut down.							
253	Black out tarps should be allowed to be used to contain all light within hoop structures or green houses. Align with state regs on this.	Lori Pascarella	agree								
254	The more rural a light is, the biggr its impact on the night time. I own a 3 acre property in rural sonoma county. One 60 watt lightbulb throws light hundreds of feet on my land. Lights need to be hooded to a downward-only direction, and soft LED	katherine yates									
255	ordinance 6245 was enhanced and corrected by CHAPTER 38 and CHAPTER 26 edits. WHY ARE WE IGNORING THAT EXCELLENT WORK? did we all waste our time on that?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Yes, we need to reduce nighttime light pollution	agree....there is ways to mitigate light polution easily						
256	Light polution is a concern. Many of us enjoy viewing the stars.	Kimberly Susukida	Agree								

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257	I'm sorry - where do I look for these links?	Denise Drawsky	https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Long-Range-Plans/General-Plan/Open-Space-and-Resource-Conservation/ Section 2.4	Also not right.						
258	The light concern is across the board and not just for growers.	Kimberly Susukida	Yes my neighbors near my farm have the most obvious lights as well as the stadium lights at the adjacent vineyard							
259	Keep grows in industrial settings, where security lighting is perfectly appropriate	katherine yates	Agree							
260	could you give them link to ag element	steven sommer	live answered							
261	Clustering of cultivation sites onto larger ag zone properties should be allowed to help address general plan and open space resource conservation concerns.	Lori Pascarella		agree - and once it's gone, it's gone forever. Like climate change, we need to think ahead before it's too late						
262	Lights, fans, trucks, many vehicle trips, generators = INDUSTRIAL. you're turning Sonoma's rural spaces into industrial before our very eyes. Horrible public policy!	Moira Jacobs	Again, the EIR must assess the cumulative impacts to ag zoned lands – our Ag and open space lands are dying the death of 1000 cuts.							
263	Thank you	Denise Drawsky	live answered	Agree	Not ag according to state law	Wrong. Actually pot production is 24/7x365. Wine has a few times in year with mild noise issues, it's not everyday 365 like THC drug production. Industrial!				
264	wine industry uses crop lights and loud fans. there is nothing we can do to stop that. it MUST be the same for cannabis	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Why?							
265	great thank you	steven sommer								
266	is any opposition here younger than 70? why are we writing an ordinance for these spiteful spoiled half brain dead boomers who already messed up everything they touched for the passed 50 years!?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
267	Unfortunately, Sonoma County's General Plan is horribly out of date. The Cannabis EIR will have to evaluate lighting adequately by today's standards.	Sonia Taylor	Note that ag building sizes are now more than double the size assumed in the Gen Plan EIR, and that large scale parking lots taking land out of Ag production were not even assessed.							
268	lets have a meeting with this same group of old folks to help us write the new ordinances about gay marriage and gender pronouns. that would be fruitful.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		This is an extremely important and very true statement!	Agree 100%	The allowance of Compatible and reasonable expansion of Cannabis cultivation in Sonoma County could offset the impacts from other less accountable operations.				
269	The standards on cannabis are more significant than any other plant (including the essentially identical Hemp plant). Study how rules on this industry are already environmental superior with prohibition on light pollution, well water meters, and no allowance of pesticide use. The EIR should document how impacts like light pollution are reduced to less than significant levels with cannabis regs compared to other plants.	Craig Litwin	Your absolutely correct!	The majority of vineyards are owned by larger wineries such as Jackson Family Wines, Gallo of Sonoma, Constellation brands and others and are leasing the land for those vineyards.						

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270	No, it MUST NOT BE THE SAME FOR CANNABIS! Such wine operations are typically located adjacent to other vineyards, not my neighbors' house!	Denise Drawsky	wrong.	TRUE	Completely agree.	Yes! Cannabis can lift the bar for other ag with the sustainable way that cannabis is cultivated in the regulated market.	agree	Absolutely agree.	Absolutely!!	totally need a level playing field	If we allow the cannabis industry to thrive, with higher standards, the foothold it achieves will help other ag improve best practices over time. If we over regulate cannabis then it stays in the alternative, non regulated market and we do not model the environmental protections. There is a silver lining in that a plant with lower required acreage to other crops (cannabis) could impact many more acres of other ag uses (vineyards).
271	We should hold every Agricultural industry accountable without double standards toward Cannabis. That includes inspections, violations, punishment, etc.	Sam De La Paz	AGREED								
272	AGREED	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
273	The existing system of local and state permitting, licensing, inspections, enforcement is more than stringent enough to maintain operators in good practices, or identify them for non-renewal of permitting and licensing.	Lori Pascarella	if only.								
274	One area of accountability has to do with the consolidation of the cannabis industry and the possibility of operator bankruptcy. Accountability means the County requiring the posting of a \$50k mitigation bond upon issuance of each permit to cover the costs of removing structures, fencing and trash if the operator abandons a site.	judith olney	Cannabis cultivators are already required to maintain a bond in addition to liability insurance.	Agree							
275	The largest complaints about lighting will likely be night lighting -- the County must have a live person available 24/7 who will respond to complaints about night lighting. Two violations and they lose their permit, and their crop.	Sonia Taylor	great idea								
276	should be the same as any other ag product	steven sommer									
277	enforcement is already very rigorous. dont make this young industry feel like jews in germany after the RED SCARES.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Most of the permits I've seen are ILLCs	likewise our family has been farming in sonoma county for over 100 years						
278	Mr. De La Paz: if only the county had taken the time and had the foresight to craft a commercial cannabis ordinance that allowed a VERY limited number of "family farmers" to grow in only certain restricted designated areas, we wouldn't be in the mess we are today. Instead we have this scourge of money-hungry industrial-scale pot people spreading over the county like a plague. Many who represent LLCs and monied out-of-town investors.	Ann Storms	Not true. I was one of the first permitted and I am a legacy farmer.								
279	There needs to be a specific county phone number and email address for reporting violations	katherine yates	And more enforcement.								
280	send the enforcement officers to make sure that the 80 year pothole lawyers and their friends are not violating county codes like the neighbors close to be do.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
281	The allowance of Compatible and reasonable expansion of Cannabis cultivation in Sonoma County could offset the impacts from other less accountable operations.	Sam De La Paz	Or less accountable industries I should say. Cannabis will set new more environmentally and socially equitable standards.	Unfortunately, others do.	Why throw the baby out with the bath water?? We are not pollutive compared to ANY other crop.						
282	I don't agree that we should let this new industry pollute the land, water, environment just because we have violators now in the wine business.	Denise Drawsky	I don't pollute the land or environment	I would love to know how much the county actually collected in fines and what percentage that fine is compared to worth of the product.	Ya right, code enforcement has been borderline extortion toward Cannabis operations. Coming out with 50x multipliers when all other industries face maximum 10x multipliers.	Not nearly enough. Prefer to work with violators.	Know your numbers... we would all love that laundry to be aired!	if they would focus on supporting operators they would generate more tax dollars.			
283	Code Enforcement needs a larger budget	Anna Ransome	They are collecting it with hefty fines and multipliers to non compliant operators								
284	make cannabis farmers life more hell than it is. that will make granpa happy. if we try to appease them we will never get a good ordinance together. CHAPTER 38 was already very rigorous.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									

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285	Lighting, noise, smells, etc, authorities are unlikely to respond to all the thousands of complaints. Not enough resources. We can't get sherriff out to many areas in time. This plan is unrealistic. There will be no peace for the thousands of rural residents. You are industrializing our rural areas.	Moira Jacobs								
286	what does anna know about the code enforcement?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
287	Let's not defer to "two wrongs make a right" land use planning!	judith olney	No, but the elephant in the room is that one brings better solutions and receives much negative bias condemning... while others are allowed to run wild							
288	I know landlords who are always in code violation, and they just pay the fines and go on violating. The county needs to create more meaningful enforcement. This means the county needs revenue from the growers to fund the extra staffing.	katherine yates								
289	enforcement is done with no notice at 8am. i have small children and its like a raid by the nazis looking for poor jews.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
290	STOP DISCRIMINAYING against cannabis operators.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	AGREE!!!!	Agreed	Agree. BUT, real violators should be closed down.	Agree!	agree			
291	Unsubstantiated complaints by individuals against cannabis cultivators should be treated like the proverbial crying wolf and be met with fines for wasting valuable time and resources of county officials.	Lori Pascarella	Agreed							
292	Thank you for deleting disrespectful comments by pro cannabis people. If they want to be taken seriously, they are not helping their cause.	Richard Rudnansky								
293	i have personal experience with neighbor groups who lie about things to the sherrif to try to get me swatted. does that personal experince matter?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
294	Establish reporting system with tracking number, similar to trouble calls with AT&T. Then public can place calls with violations and have a way to follow up.	Denise Drawsky		agree						
295	Address less accountable industries I say. Cannabis will set new more environmentally and socially equitable standards.	Sam De La Paz	agreed							
296	civil disobedience is fair for me too or only the boomers can play that game?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
297	the county also needs to be held accountable for enforcing, to ensure the county isnt just taking the fines money and not taking action against a violator.	katherine yates		yes	Cannabis earns farmer money, helping keep farm lands in production versus being sold for expensive large housing. It has a very smal footprint compared to vines.					
298	Heed the warning of financial expects: "My belief is that tourists come to wine country because it is beautiful. ... If wine country gets crowded and loses its charm – we will be killing the goose that laid the golden egg." Source: EVP Rob McMillan Silicon Valley Bank – Advisor/Lender to the California wine industry	judith olney	How true!							
299	VISUAL: no garbage bins left at the street for days at a time. ALL neighbors. not just cannabis folks	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
300	VISUAL: dont let the spiteful lawyers post addresses of farmers to make them unsafe.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
301	MY FARM and PROPERT is more beautiful than any of these spoiled narcisit old folks around me. i dont see their families much. i dont think they like grandpa and grandma boomer.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
302	ill be here	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
303	VISUAL: no garbage bins left at the street for days at a time. ALL neighbors. not just cannabis folks	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
304	we use organic practices and have to deal with overspray issue from vineyards	steven sommer								
305	time for grama to take her afternoon happy pills	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
306	Thank you for providing this opportunity.	Kimberly Susukida	Thank you for joining us Kimberly. You can learn more about the process and future events here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/	8pm heard. Thanks!						
307	8am or pm?	Craig Litwin	live answered							
308	BJ and SARAH could solve middle east peace. what a show!	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
309	thanks ladies. always fun.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								

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310	Thank you for facilitating dialogue amongst us.	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Thank you for joining us again Dr. Khallouf. Don't forget to bookmark our website if you haven't already: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/	will do, and have						
311	thank you	jim Barnacle	Thank you Jim for spending your early afternoon with us. Be sure to visit our website to learn more about the process if you haven't already: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/							
312	Medicinal value and small farmers are not the norm here in Sonoma County. While there is some medicinal value, most consumers use it for other reasons and we have way more cannabis grown than can be used for meds. As for small farmers, I do believe there are some...goodhard working people...but most now are LLC and large corps...most have no affiliation with the county...just money....	rachel Zierdt								
313	consider CHAPTER 38 if you would please crystal	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
314	Thank you	steven sommer								
315	Thank you hosts and all, from ALL perspectives for sharing in considerate civil dialogue!	Sam De La Paz								