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1	a lot of important information:	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
2	https://www.saveoursonoma.com/	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
3	Will there be a moratorium on new Cannabis permits until the new ordinance is completed?	Joseph Carbonaro		The problem is parcels are being subdivided to grow more than one acre per parcel.	That is a very lengthy process in this county. Is this a confirmed instance or speculative?	I will send you an email.	Dr. Natasha - the circumstance I am referring to results in these 11 x 10,000 sq. ft. Across three 11 acre parcels. It is clearly an end around, and there has been no response from the permit department about this. AND these people are proceeding with development in advance of actually receiving the permits. This is in a rural residential zone.	It should not be 300 feet from a private home, home owner garden, in areas where the response from fire or law enforcement is greater than 10 minutes.	RR zone is currently prohibited
4	TO PERMIT SONOMA: I have yet to hear these listening sessions address the concern regarding an applicant side stepping the EIR process by applying for 11 different permits for smaller plant development size, co-located so that there results 2.75 acres of cannabis which would have necessitated an EIR, which is the case for the Franz Valley Cannabis operation.	Denise Drawsky	The is a one acre cap per parcel.	Your local farmers do not want to take a back seat in an industry that we created. We refuse!!!!					
5	If the EIR takes this long, what happens to those already in the pipeline? Will we not lose our license because of the fact that we are stuck as provisionals when the time is up?	Jamie Ballachino	This is a significant issue. Alignment with the state is needed both for regulatory/compliance concerns and most importantly with the licening timeline						
6	did the BOS say that all the work done on Chapter 38 should be thrown out and disregarded? it was so well done. i propose we start with Chapter 38? we got 38 approved through compromise and tons of public input and then BOS requires a redo for EIR. now the deal we made is being renegotiated all over again with hte same lawyers that the county needs to insulate itself from with the EIR. we should start with CHAPTER 38 and work with the current county code and state law. wya dont we work together to apply the county code the same with cannabis as hemp. isnt that a good start? and add tasting rooms at dispenasries. andrew and ag dept worked so hard and so did all the public commenters. why is all that productive work thrown out to start over from rock bottom? only lawyers and folks who raise \$20k on gofundme are having fun with this. MY VALUES ARE ANTI-COMMUNIST. is that age-ist? i need to have free speech to defen ourselves from the dishonest opposition. thank you.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		perfectly legal-ministiral permit. no neighborhood input.	No, that's not true. Franz Valley was designated as a scenic corridor, and yet we have these 11 plots moving forward.				

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7	Scenic corridors should be protected. When folks build in a scenic corridor, they have strict guidelines that they have to follow. Then, a cannabis farm comes in, removes trees, has white PVC grow sheds, lit at night and well, how is that scenic?	Victoria De Crescenzo	Sounds like you are referring to illegal grow not a regulated cannabis farm which prohibits cultivation in scenic corridors as well as the removal of trees	vineyards are not screened from public roadways and produce a product that can kill. Cannabis plants growing outside is no different than an orchard	Ms. Cedar, have you taken a poll to ask if people object to seeing vineyards.	your poll was a push poll	wine kills?	Ms. Cedar, you know nothing about our poll. I encourage PRMD to take its own poll. Don't believe either me or you.	Yes, Mr. Harrison, I have lived in Sonoma County long enough to have experienced the same arguments against vineyards (land orthodonture) that are being used against cannabis
8	The vision of most people in Sonoma County is reflected in a poll conducted by SOSN over three years ago in which there was overwhelming agreement (2-1 or 3-1) with this statement: All parts of marijuana cultivation operations should be screened from public roadways, including the plants themselves and accessory structures.	Craig Harrison	agreed and we shouldn't see them from park trails, etc.						
9	If the cannabis ordinance does not comport with what the vast majority want, it's a huge mistake. Please do your own poll if you think this doesn't reflect what residents want.	Craig Harrison							
10	the ridgetops view need restrictions. setbacks from ridgetops	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	that is required by state fire safe regulations						
11	cannabis is beautiful and farmers are forced to be regenerative; low water use, no pesticides. cannabis should be allowed to be grown anywhere you can grow grapes, apples, or build houses. yes on hoop houses, no hiding this beautiful plant behind fences.	Lisa Lai	agree	agree					
12	screened from view has to mean not seen, not just hidden by a fence	Deborah Eppstein	agree						
13	Incentivize plants in the ground, sungrown and therefore eligible for applications designation	Joanna Cedar		Dr. Natasha, no he is not misinformed. My family personally went thru the permitting process to rebuild 4 homes that were destroyed in the Tubbs fire. It was exhaustive and lengthy, full of restrictions for set backs from riparian streams, etc. over 18 months.	I agree that PRMD has many hoops to jump through	I referring to his comment that there is no oversight on cannabis sights. They too go through a very lengthy process	A biological study, hydrogeological Report and often an archeological study. As well as the various regulatory bodies. No other industry undergoes such scrutiny.		
14	We should be protecting our already established scenic corridors. Residential homes go through a long permitting and inspection process to ensure they don't impact scenic easements and scenic corridors, but the cannabis farms seem to have no such oversight.	Jeff McConathy	You are misinformed	agree					
15	I value our scenic hillsides, treelines, animals, and ridgetops. I value seeing this from my home and yard. Having a facility pop up 300ft from my home with security fencing, huge greenhouses, parking lots, large driveway, compost/pesticide/trash area takes this scenery away. It is not beautiful and should not be near any neighborhoods with families.	Lauren Marra	agree						

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16	stop building bike trails that bring tents with homeless that no one will get rid of until it closes your buisness. the county needs to value family farmers more than homeless drug addicts and the neighborhood cranks. that NOT age-ist.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		I agree with Matt	And despite my best efforts my neighbors continue to be hostile				
17	Cannabis operations should blend in with the landscapes. This means no white sheds, concrete, bright lights, etc. these grows look more like manufacturing facilities. If grows looked more natural, there would be much less community push back. Community funds could be used to make sure they blend in to the natural landscape. Perhaps this could come from a cannabis sales tax?	Janet		I welcome you to my farm Mike. Where you can see how I have increased the biodiversity.					
18	Cannabis plants are different from an orchard. There are odors, safety issues, lighting and visual impacts.	Joseph Carbonaro							
19	this area has done well with the money printing economy we have had for the past 50 years. lots of landowners got rich and now the agricultural county is like a country club for stuffy neighbors.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		I agree with Craig, that residue from abandoned sites should be cleaned up. A deposit should be required so there are funds for clean-up if needed					
20	The growers at 7900 Petaluma Hill Road, Pengrove, cultivated and harvested marijuana in 2018. On March 11, 2019, Permit Sonoma notified the operator that the site is located within designated critical habitat for the endangered California tiger salamander, and the applicants could not get incidental take permits from the federal and state agencies. The applicants withdrew their permit proposal in mid-2019. Yet an unsightly wooden fence that surrounds the 1-acre grow setback 200 feet from Petaluma Hill Road continues to blight the otherwise scenic landscape almost three years later. This failure of county officials to protect our scenic landscapes is allowing environmental and aesthetic harm to occur.	Craig Harrison		I love that cannabis farmers get to operate under a penalty releif permit, try that if you are a grape grower or a home builder					
21	Agriculture in Sonoma County has never looked like agriculture in Santa Barbara or Monterey. It has always been on a smaller scale and will be so with cannabis cultivation	Joanna Cedar		why do you say this? How do you know that?					
22	all the industrialists to chart the path like the old guys did	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		This is an unreasonable comparison with over 60,000 acres of grapes versus 40 acres TOTAL of cannabis.	What we see now is not what we want to see more of				

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23	We need to maintain Sonoma County's bucolic vistas, existing agriculture and not deplete its limited water availability. Currently this includes both undeveloped land, green or golden and tree-dotted hillsides, and fields, parks, as well as vineyards with architecturally designed tasting rooms and grounds, with residential communities interspersed. What we have seen in the 4 years of cannabis cultivation since 2017 is a proliferation of ugly cultivation sites and structures- fences and hoop-houses that are an eyesore, and other newly constructed buildings on prime agricultural land or in native Oak woodlands in RRD to house indoor and greenhouse cannabis cultivation and processing.	Deborah Eppstein	Completely agree.	Hi Mary! Thank you for joining us again. Sorry you had to miss our Monday presentation. You can find a link to the Monday presentations here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/ Also all of the comments will be made public before the Board fo Supervisors meeting the week of 9/13.	Good evening Victoria! We actually had "Water Wednesday" yesterday. You can find all of our water discussions at this link: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/				
24	While we are talking about Visuals now, are we forgetting odor issues?	Mary Plimpton	are we forgetting water???						
25	Any outdoor cultivation site should only be allowed on a parcel that is large enough that the cultivation site can not be seen from any public roadway.	Virginia Hair							
26	The rural character of the county needs to be protected. Rural residential neighborhoods need to be protected from the impacts of Cannabis cultivation.	Joseph Carbonaro							
27	SONOMA COUNTY CREST: Agriculture, Industry, Recreation. do you recognize that?	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		No one can see odor...kind of required when iusing the word "vista"					
28	Cannabis odor is definitely a big thorn to the scenic vista.	Deborah Eppstein	agree	Agreed, it wold hurt all tourist industries.					
29	If we harm our landscapes, we may harm tourism and ultiamltey bring in less tax revenue.	Craig Harrison	agreed	There are only cannabis temporary hoop houses now. Others are structural greenhouses and are permanent					
30	I see hoop house all over the county with no cannabis inside. it is just a normal part of farming and should be allowed.	Lisa Lai	agreed						
31	recreation for retired folks who are anti-cannabis is third to AGRICULTURE and INDUSTRY. there is nothing like cannabis for the young enbtrepeneur these days. let the young generation THRIVE. make laws same as state regs.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
32	as you fly over the county, it is the most beautiful sight that I have seen in any other country. It is a treasure....green, bright. When we come home, we ask ourselves why did we ever leave? I think that hoop houses, unsightly fences, industrial looking structures etc will spoil it all.	rachel zierdt	I agree, it will ruin the beauty of the County						
33	i love the smell of cannabis so do most folks i know under the age of 75. thats not age-ist.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
34	Tax revenues? We are the biggest tax revenue	Jamie Ballachino		If there is too much cannabis, the tax resources will fall					

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35	tax money and tourism is booming for cannabis	Lisa Lai	It should be located along highways, like the pumpkin patch next to 101 in Santa Rosa. Or in Industrial / Ag zoning.							
36	For many reasons the solution is for cannabis cultivation to be only done indoors, in commercial or industrial zones. To reduce energy needed, glass greenhouses are a good choice as they reduce water requirements and take advantage of natural sunlight augmented by artificial lighting to increase yield but with less energy requirements that full indoor cultivation. 100% renewable energy should be employed.	Deborah Eppstein	Agree with this. Climate change will require rethinking how we use energy sources.							
37	LEA, DA. LIA.....5 acres and up	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
38	also M1, M2, M3	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		disagree, we need to look at more than zoning alone. we need to ensure that we preserve neighborhoods, protect our families and children not have commercial facilities built 300 ft from multiple families (cannabis or any other commercial operation)	In these zones new buildings are not allowed to be constructed doe cannabis use as the ordinance currently stands					
39	All Agricultural zoned parcels including AR	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	I agree							
40	Sorry. I am saying that even if cannabis may be beautiful to look at, BUT...it has an aggressive side that cannot be separated from visuals	Mary Plimpton								
41	It won't interfere with the county's scenic vistas if these facilities are allowed in industrial areas	Lauren Marra	agree	A great idea to get them started within our county would be in commercial, industrial zones so they can grow their businesses, have adequate water and power resources, and not harm or affect neighborhoods	It's much less expense to grow anything in other areas of the US. It's good to go somewhere where what you want to grow is welcomed	The people of Sonoma county want locally grown cannabis.				
42	Cultivation should be located in other counties. They grow plenty that can be sold here. Anyone who wants to use pot for medical or recreation would be able to do so if not a single commercial plant were grown in Sonoma County.	Craig Harrison	Cannabis has been cultivated in this county for decades. Young people need to enter the farming sector and they are excited to cultivate cannabis.							
43	call me ZE not HE please	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		agree with Joseph.	Agree with Joseph. Permaculture type of growing is important to keep impacts in a controlled environment					
44	Cultivation should be in warehouses where permit compliance can be monitored, water use, odor, and lighting is not an impact on neighbors.	Joseph Carbonaro	Cannabis is Ag. Bio identical to hemp which is legal to be grown anywhere	We need to keep our agricultural land for crops that sustain people, not for growing unnecessary recreational drugs	Cannabis has been scientifically proven to have medicinal value since 1996 with the introduction of proposition 215. Many folks including residents of Sonoma county want locally grown cannabis.					

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45	AG is where it belongs!!!! That's what it is!!	Jamie Ballachino	yup	Not in residential areas or next to them	Not in rural residential areas	There should be at least a 1000ft setback from residential property lines.				
46	Cannabis cultivation should be allowed wherever plants can be grown for the commercial market. This includes RR and AR parcels over 2 acres	Joanna Cedar	yes							
47	zone 1,2,3 water zones	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	yes, Mike, low water zones should not be where it is grown.							
48	100 feet from schools	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
49	It should be allowed where hemp is allowed -- does hemp not look exactly like cannabis?	Herman G. Hernandez	yes it does							
50	same setbacks as STATE LAW	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Disagree with Natasha. There are many ways to grow sustainably within a greenhouse/warehouse	Agree with Deborah, The impacts on larger projects are too intense for agricultural lands					
51	5. Only in Industrial/Commercial zones for indoor and greenhouse (mixed light) over 10,000 sf Outdoor only on large parcels	Deborah Eppstein	Sounds like you don't actually care about the environment Deborah.	yes. Listen to the county staff who researched this extensively in 2016 and made excellent recommendations to the planning commission and the board of supervisors.	disagree, the county needs to focus on how to keep these facilities away from family homes and in locations where businesses can thrive but neighborhoods can remain unaffected.					
52	let's add back RR and AR so small farmers can get back to farming. 2 acre min.	Lisa Lai	Not in residential areas or next to homes	yes	Yes.	Agree				
53	If the grows look like industrial operations, they should be limited to industrial areas. If they can blend in with the agricultural landscape, then it makes sense to be in general ag.	Janet	agree	Almost no hemp is grown here because it is an economic loser.						
54	set cannabis the same as HEMP.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	I agree							
55	check the talmud. one of the lawyers can help interpret.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
56	gutzmans farm smell like horse crap and she complains about everything	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
57	Do the grapes blend in after prohibition ended?	Jamie Ballachino		agree	I agree, The entire setback needs to be eliminated. Using a private residential owners own property as a buffer is unsupportable and ruins the home owners use of their own property.					
58	Set backs from residences for Hemp and Cannabis need to be increased from 300 feet.	Joseph Carbonaro	agree	I agree						
59	I am not a fan of this process...but I must say you two have tried very hard to keep us moving along, be chirpy (not a bad thing) and acknowledge and be positive as much as possible.	rachel zierdt	I agree							
60	BOYCOTT KRINGLES CORNER which the gutzmans own if you disagree with their position against cannabis.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Agree, not in RRD	It should not be allowed to be grown in a parcel that adjoins a RRD area, regardless of how the proposed grow / processing site is zoned					

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61	not in RRD	Deborah Eppstein	strongly disagree.							
62	FREE JAMIE BALLACINO	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Concur. Ag is Ag.	Cannabis is not a crop. It is a product					
63	Cannabis should not be in our scenic corridors!	Victoria De Crescenzo	then neither should any other outdoor agriculture.							
64	a couple OGs in here now.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
65	Don't let it grow where the crop or structures can be seen from roads or parks.	Craig Harrison	Agree.	Truth	then just dont' grow it- uses lots of natural resources	there are many ways to grow sustainably within a greenhouse/warehouse that can use less water/resources than just outdoors or in hoop houses				
66	It should NOT be in industrial areas. This just makes the climate crisis worse. Has anybody noticed the climate changing around us?	Jamie Ballachino	Absolutely!							
67	GUTZMANS are anti cannabis. no one should but christmas trees at their buisness next to the luther burbank ceneter for performing arts.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		agree						
68	For the last question, cannabis cultivation should be permitted to industrial zones, grown inside to limit light pollution and hoop house structures.	Michele Parr	agree!							
69	should not be allowed in R1, R2 and R3. open up the other zones include LIA, RR and AR. max lot size should not matter if you can make the state setbacks.	Lisa Lai		vineyards are...and they produce a product that kills and the vineyards dump pesticides into the environment	I agree with Virginia. These areas should be free of cannabis as they are enjoyed by children and people enjoying the outdoors.					
70	It should not be near any parks, trails, schools, playgrounds, woodlands, or rural residential houses or communities.	Virginia Hair	Are you not seeing my comments?							
71	GUTZMAN got a violation for an illegal building thet built. but they want to tell everyone else what to do.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		That would be ideal but this entire county appears fire prone minutes coastal Zones.	Some areas are more fire prone then others and cannabis should be prohibited there.	I agree that all areas are fire prone...so maybe the answer is a moratorium right now till things get better.				
72	not in fire prone areas	Deborah Eppstein	Agreee. It will promnote the ppossibility of fires, which blight the landscapes. We've all noticed how bad the landscapes look after wildland fires.							
73	as a black tranny the cannabis business has got to be a crazy industry in this county. no representation. BLACK TRANS LIVES MATTER. no joke. i love old people like deborah, stephanie, and pothole lawyer.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		You can find a map of scenic corridors, etc here: https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwj1xvm75qzyAhWEHDQIHdEaAicQFnoECAQQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsonomacounty.ca.gov%2FWorkArea%2FDownloadAsset.aspx%3Fid%3D2147542644&u sg=AOvVaw11EsDha1DCLzexgErmRKHA	If that link doesn't work let me know and we'll find another way. It's a PDF.	https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Long-Range-Plans/General-Plan/Open-Space-Scenic-Resource-Areas/	sorry, wrong spot to post. Crystal I will email you as to why this particalr grow has been allowed to increase with not public involvement			
74	maybe scenic corridors should be better defined as to what that includes.	Victoria De Crescenzo	and excludes....							

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75	DA, LEA, LIA 5 acres and up. water zone 1,2,3. setbacks 200 from houses, 100 from property lines, 100 from blue lines. archaeological test and biologic assessment required	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
76	Where do people farm?	Jamie Ballachino		agree						
77	in greenhouses in industria area, glass, no plastic hoop houses	Deborah Eppstein	Agreed							
78	There should be very few restrictions on small scale outdoor cannabis, treat it the same as hemp Indoor cultivation and ML2 should have the same regulations as other types of manufacturing.	Joanna Cedar		agree						
79	They should look like farms	Jamie Ballachino	agree							
80	old buildings and new buildings. up to 50% of total area of parcel	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Yes they don't have an ideal climate, we do we can grow successfully under full sun.						
81	Santa Barbara is a good example of an awful visual mess. The hoop houses there are horrific.	Craig Harrison	agreed, but they were there before cannabis for cut flowers...SoCo has never had this kind of agriculture	agree						
82	small outdoor plots (10,000 sf) in the ground, no hoop houses ot meet state requirements for Sonoma Appelation	Deborah Eppstein	Good idea. That way it won't be grown in pots	can you grow non-stinky varieties?						
83	They would look like vineyards or apple orchards, etc. What we're used to in Sonoma.	Janet	yes							
84	sanat barb went too big. we all agree w that	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		and fromany rural residences						
85	Grow sites or processing barns should be in remote areas, a substantial distance from any road or highway(minimum of 2,500 feet from any roadway)	Joseph Carbonaro	I agree except processing should be located in Industrial area where this intense use is usual							
86	chapter 38 was great when it passed planning and was thrown in the wastebasket. but yea...	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
87	The growers don't want Sonoma Barbara	Jamie Ballachino								
88	sarah is the life of every party i bet	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Agreed	neighborhood do not want cannabis next door. I would think you would know that by now					
89	you have two options; huge farms (Santa Barbara) or a craft market. craft market needs to ease restrictions, lower lot sizes, add back AR and RR, keep RRD, allow indoor, outdoor, hoops and greenhouse.	Lisa Lai	truth							
90	ag lands with same as all other ag crops and STATE LAW	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Agree and night lighting, locked gates, drones and guard dogs	plus 24 hr. lighting aand security, this is NOT how I view my Sonoma County					
91	Cannabis grows do not look like vineyard or orchards. Any grows, indoors or outdoors that require a razor wire topped fence do not belong in a residential area.	Joann Binder	agree!							
92	looking at the scenic map, our local grow is within the scenic corridor-how do we address this?	Victoria De Crescenzo	I'm sorry we can't help with that tonight! But, please email Cannabis@sonoma-county.org and they can point you in the right direction.	agree	agree	PLants belong outside under the sun	agree	agree	permaculture type indoor ag is important for the future with climate change	Industrial area only !

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93	In industrial zones where all of the problems associated with cultivation would be mitigated by adequate resources to control water usage, odor, light, fire safety, noise, pollution, and crime.	Virginia Hair	agree	more is grown in all of CA than si used in CA	Cannabis is part of a burgeoning industry that creates direct and indirect economic growth	It was illegal in the past is the only reason it was here			
94	Other than to satisfy the financial interest of growers, no one has explained why it needs to be grown in Sonoma County at all. There's plenty of it grown in other counties.	Craig Harrison	Cannabis has a long standing history being grown in Sonoma county.						
95	social engineering made possible by the last generations. we used to be free when they were young and draining creeks into their private lakes. not we have the strong arm of cranky nieghbors. THAT ISNT AGE-ist.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
96	I felt I was looking at an armed camp or prison when I saw a grow...huge fence, a camera watching me and barking dogs..this was certainly not successful. And the smell was awful.	rachel zierdt	Crime is a real concern for neighbors who may adjoin cannabis operations. Criminals look for ways to get into a opertion and most residential homes do not have high fences, locked gates, drone security etc.						
97	not on ridgetops, not in scenic corridor, stop with bike paths, jeez	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
98	Not from park trails.	Craig Harrison							
99	it would be so ironic if one day all the cannabis operators would make the next generation's exciting industries impossible to manage. wow, that would be ironic would it not? not age-ist.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
100	Screening is not required for hemp so do not require it for cannabis. It is the same plant.	Joanna Cedar	This is 100% Accurate	agree. 1000ft setback from property lines is a must					
101	if outdoor, only on very large parcels where it cannot seen or smelled by neighbors. Screening should be by natural topography	Deborah Eppstein	yes with at least 1000ft setback from residential property lines						
102	during the succesful chapter 38 deliberating process we came up with some good ideas? should we review or????	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
103	shrubs instead of fences	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Probably should ban hemp.	Yes let's ban options that provide potential for booming sustainable industries for our next generations and continue the nonsense that has perpetuated us into the problems of today ☹️	People can't eat cannabis and that is what we will need in the future			
104	The need for screening will go away. Screening is over. There's no way they can win this. We can use hemp to screen the cannabis by law.	Jamie Ballachino	Yes with the same odor as cannabis						
105	fences are not the answer, natural topography and distance	Deborah Eppstein	Agree						
106	required blocking hedge plants need to provid 68% blockage within 5 years. thats the best idea.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
107	Separation between hemp and the surrounding area is not required, it should not be required for cannabis. It is the same plant.	Joanna Cedar	Concur						

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108	i think ill screem with HEMP	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		beautiful	I have a neighbor who is a bee keeper who is concerned about cannabis. The pollen is not the same as what pollinators need	Vi- Cannabis has been around long before humans criminalized it 100 years ago and prohibited its cultivation. The bees were better off then and have an innate intelligence				
109	Successful Cannabis farms are creating diversity through the introduction of cannabis and other beneficial plants that invite in pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds and butterflies this overall increasing biodiversity. On my own parcel I have planted over 40 trees including 33 of the native redwoods I also have screened with annuals such as corn and sunflowers.	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Agreed, farms like Dr. Natasha's are examples of wholistic integrated approaches							
110	and i will plant my 6 personal plants 15 feet tall and position them as close as i can to whoever i want	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
111	if neighbors want to have no cannabis and then they can live in a non-ag zone	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
112	my land cost a ton for the rights to farm. who is anyone to restrict CANNABIS when HEMP has state regs and doesnt need to beg for lawyers to accept.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Yes	Seeing greenery of any kind has been proven to be therapeutic and reduce cortisol (primary stress hormone) in the body.	Disagree. Plants and crops that provide food for people are beautiful and necessary. Cannabis is not necessary				
113	I don't want separation. cannabis farmers are regenerative and the plants are beautiful. no screening	Lisa Lai	Yes!!!							
114	the lawyers that are against cannabis have raised tens of thousands on their gofundme. take a look. they have an incentive to prolong this and make this suck.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		crime is due to the unregulated market	According to a law suit just filed in Franz Valley, growers there have been broken into numerous times. How do you protect it without fences? Just shoot the thieves?	Joanna is complete right. Law abiding operators are not the problem. It's the illicit market that bolsters crime.	Security cameras can be hidden out of sight. Lights will come on nobody bothers. Think about the dangers of the pesticides that the grape growers need to use. We are clean- by law. We don't even have a choice. Your grapes cause sickness in your older folks. Professional thieves don't steel from legal farms. Only amateurs. Why do so many of our older folks a have cancer? What's really dangerous here?			
115	what about crime?	Deborah Eppstein	Hi Deborah - You can find a link to the tuesday sessions on Safety in the yellow box here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/ Thank you for joining us again!	Hemp is still governed by the requirements of governmental ordnances by the Bay Area Air Quality District, just like any other agricultural product.						

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116	Hemp puts off the same odor as cannabis, so they should be included in the same cannabis ordinance requirements.	Joseph Carbonaro	Hemp is protected under the right to farm act.	Correct	We read the PD, we know the crime that happens re cannabis, including murders of locals					
117	the sherrif said on these session that there is virtually no crime at licensed ops. JASON LUCAS	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	truth							
118	too bad for joseph that help is a state ag crop. good luck buddy boy.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
119	HEMP is a state ag crop. JOSEPH cant do anything about it.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
120	the staff really has done an excellent job all week. couple this with the ORIGINAL chapter 38 without compromise and get the EIR. add tasting rooms at dispensaries full time and farms with special license. ALL MINISTERIAL	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	Agreed!							
121	allow signs	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Agree, Billboard are visual blight at the very least						
122	dispensaries only in commercial areas. No bill boards	Deborah Eppstein	agree							
123	signs are everywhere else. there are billboards with kissing people half dresses. sometimes cis and sometime trans and homo. whay cant we have cannabis signs? how are these businesses supposed to THRIVE.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
124	put it all in industrial and commercial areas	Jake D								
125	For any of the operations in commercial or industrial zoned areas, no one expects beauty. Tourists and residents don't go to such sites for the views.	Craig Harrison	Agree							
126	no clusters. that is social engineering and has its roots in marxism	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
127	I want to see billboards and advertising out front. design is part of branding and should be left up to the owners. tasting rooms in towns and farms	Lisa Lai	treat signage the same as for winery tasting rooms							
128	Change the definition of dispensary to include Buds and Breakfasts	Joanna Cedar								
129	no on site tasting, that is a danger for driving	Deborah Eppstein	agree	Agree						
130	No lighting should be allowed at an outdoor grow site or greenhouse from dusk to dawn and no hoops houses should ever be allowed.	Virginia Hair	Agree. Dark skies are important for residential use and wildlife							
131	treat cannabis like all other ag. treat manufacturing same as all manufacturing. SIMPLE.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
132	chapter 38.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
133	i would love a billboard w a kissing black trans couple smoking cannabis produced organically in sonoma county. love your neighbor.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
134	one can monitor DUI for alcohol, nto for cannabis	Deborah Eppstein	Agree. There needs to be a way for law enforcement to determine when someone is impaired and dangerous and can get them off the road	Agreed! Grant them the same privilege						

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135	If they looked like wineries, that would be fantastic.	Janet	Agree						
136	No tasting rooms at grow sites, particularly in rural locations. Tasting rooms in town, in commercial and industrial zones.	Michele Parr	Agree						
137	allow freedom is best idea	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
138	tasting rooms at LC limited commercial	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
139	public consuming allowed	Lisa Lai							
140	treat it the same as a BAR with a bar license	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
141	Public consumption lounges!!	Joanna Cedar							
142	they are only available to dispensaries as they will all be retail and require the same county building and traffic regs	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
143	no ons site consumption unless at a hotel when guests spsent the night	Deborah Eppstein	Agree, We already have so much highway deaths from Drunk drivers. Don't add to it						
144	priorioties would be less government control and regulation	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
145	Are you talking storefront or lounge?	Victoria De Crescenzo							
146	GUTZMAN horse farm 1750 barlow lane. come take a smell. its utterly rediculous she keeps emailing.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
147	We would like not to see or smell it in rural residential areas.	Joseph Carbonaro							
148	labs shoudl look like labs in industrial areas	Deborah Eppstein	Agree						
149	They should run the gamut from modern contemporary to apothecary	Thomas Rosengren							
150	GUTZMAN own KRINGLES KORNER christmas tree and PUMPKIN pathch next to LBC center for arts on the 101. BOYCOTT these poeple.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		But wine is okay? Alcohol has significantly greater dangers associated with its consumption	It is an essential medicine. Alcohol as no value comparatively and there are vineyards everywhere. You are totally biased	Listen to what people think and call someone biased for expressing their opinion. Not everyone does drugs and drinks.			
151	Cannabis is a drug, it is not a crop. No on site tasting or events should ever be allowed at a grow site, processing plant, or dispensary.	Virginia Hair	marriage is between a man and a woman right? you are intollerant.						
152	i dont want to smel gutzmans stinky horse farm	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
153	For dispensaries, landscaping, signage like any other storefront.	Joann Binder							
154	I feel like the business owners next to where these dispensaries operate would be a better audience for this. Perhaps that will be in a future round of questioning.	Jeff McConathy							
155	As a parent I would want the dispensaries to be clearly labeled, and ideally co located with other dispensaries so I can more easily avoid the area.	Janet		Education and cultivating compliant experiences that allow community members to gather their own data is paramount.					
156	I think if there were consumption allowed on premises, that would go a long way to building a bond with the community and getting the look and feel right.	Janet	Concur						
157	why do parents send their 9 year old daughters out to picket and get involved with politics? its pathetic	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							

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158	no night lighting that can be seen from neighbors. No grow lights that can be seen outside the structure. For limited outdoor cultivation, only on large parcels where lighting will not reach neighbors, and yes, downward facing	Deborah Eppstein	agree							
159	Also for dispensaries, provisions for security that do not look overbearing	Joann Binder								
160	lighting should have mix light teir programs like what andrew put in the CHAPTER 38	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
161	current rules are fine	Lisa Lai								
162	industrial areas should be well lit	Deborah Eppstein	industrial areas are perfect for this							
163	low wattage for low tax rate.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
164	light leak is already not allowed.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
165	Security lighting for outdoor grows put off a large amount of nighttime light pollution. It's like living next to a high school football stadium. It is very inappropriate near a rural residential area.	Joseph Carbonaro	yes yes yes							
166	In rural landscapes, no lighting. We live in the country, I don't want lighting in the middle of the night!	Victoria De Crescenzo	Agree	yeah						
167	Ask yourselves why not in Marin County or Napa County....what do they know that we don't?	Forest Houtz	agree							
168	No lighting is acceptable in rural residential communities view sheds or in scenic corridors.	Jeff McConathy	agree							
169	county enforcment is all over this. there cannot be light leak	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
170	save us some time and have lunch w andrew and scott and some of the stake holders that spent so much time and effort on the planning APPROVED CHAPTER 38	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
171	Soft white lighting is fine at night. But nothing too bright or upward facing.	Janet	Rural areas don't have street lights, we have stars and we want to be able to see them, NOT security lights							
172	lights needed and allowed if permitted elec	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Exactly						
173	did everyone forget that outdoor plants need dark to flower? we don't want lights at night either	Lisa Lai	good job							
174	let the lawyers tell us the kelvin tem allowed and it ill be amazing	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
175	elec and fans allowed in hoops	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
176	hoops year round	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								

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177	enforcement is already stronger than the communist red guard against the poor christian czar and his beautiful family before the bolsheviks beat the white movement and turned russia communist for almost 100 years. in 100 years almost 100 million folks (mostly christian farmers) were killed. why do we want to build a BULLY cannabis police force. treat farmers like human beings. 8am surprise raids for A operators is wrong	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
178	Public comments must be part of the design review process	Jeff McConathy	agree							
179	surprise visits	Deborah Eppstein								
180	Just a reminder that permitting and compliance enforcement are two sides of the same coin. We need a robust program to have enough permit fees to afford the staff to monitor	Joanna Cedar								
181	Right now they are on pentaly relief prgram, which means they can mess up and the county will walk them through the "fix". Really? It's a free pass.	Victoria De Crescenzo								
182	same answer as before. assume legal cannabis growers are professional. enforcement through education	Lisa Lai	Brilliant!							
183	no neighbors will be allowed on my parcel ever. and MINISTERIAL is the only way to deactivate the communist agenda.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		absolutely						
184	Successful accountability starts with severe penalties for non-compliance, and closing down operations that have repeated compliance violations, and excluding sites that have repeated compliance violations from future cannabis permits.	Joseph Carbonaro	Agree							
185	A strikes policy to combat repeat offenses and offenders.	Janet								
186	HELP the PRP folks with priority. FREE JAMIE BALLACINO	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
187	Set up a committee that is made up of both members of the local regulatory bodies, exemplary cannabis operators and community members are all able to tour and get familiar with project progress and compliance	Thomas Rosengren	Great idea!	Grpae growers do not have penalty relief!	Grape growers also do not pay cultivation taxes !	Agree	Grape growers pay Pierces repot taxes, production taxes, selling taxes, and a lot of other taxes.			
188	Treat cannabis farmers the same way other farmers are treated by code enforcement	Joanna Cedar	Yup	Code enforcement is already penalizing folks with hefty fees and multipliers	Great. Where can the public find this information so we can know which of the growers are playing by the rules and which are not?					
189	We need funds for more regular and comprehensive code enforcement. We need the results of inspections and follow-up actions available to the public.	Joann Binder	Exactly, taxes of the industry should go to funding this							
190	people have trusted this system since 2016. it is funner now with BJ and Sarah but its so clear that the lawyers and cannabis oppsers win by this torturously broken county system.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
191	do BJ and Sarah have youtube or tiktok?	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								

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192	enforcement is too militarian	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
193	strict code enforcement	Forest Houtz	agree							
194	GUTZMAN runs a stinky horse farm. por horses	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
195	gutzman got a CWOP last month for illegal building	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
196	GUTZMANS GLASS HOUSE	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
197	Good operations are not scarred of compliance. They invite it.	Thomas Rosengren	agree							
198	give harrison and these people something else to do with hteir time and gofundme donations. deactivate them. take them out of it.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		with all the problems there MUST be a moritorium	thank you					
199	How will current projects and applications in process be affected by the County's cannabis policy re-work? Will all applications be put on hold - both ministerial and commercial permit applications? Until 2024 and Board decision?	Michele Parr	Hi Michele - I'm sorry we can't answer that question tonight, but, we welcome you to email it to us: Cannabis@sonoma-county.org Thanks for joining us!							
200	MINISTERIAL	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		agree						
201	Same comments- no indoor or hoop houses on Ag or RRD; only indoor and greenhouses in industrial parks, and only small outdoor on large parcels away form views and neighbors- sweet and simple.	Deborah Eppstein	I agree with Deborah							
202	too bad michelle stop everything on hold. good luck authoritarians. cannabis farms in good standing are NOT intimidated by your manipulations.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
203	jefferey epstein was friends with all the succesful boomer generation. isnt that weird? i love old folks especially when they are so mean spirited.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		agree	agree	one of them is okay, but dozens of them is not				
204	I am deeply concerned about the visual impact of cannnabis operations on our Sonoma County scenic landscape. Hoop houses are a travesty.	gail cafferata	agree, also outdoor grows							
205	Restrict growth to industrial/commercial areas, none in agricultural/rural lands!	gail cafferata	This is impractical. Cannabis belongs in Ag							
206	look and feel right by getting high. There are other more healthy way to look and feel right	Vi Strain	Sounds like you have a cultural bias and prejudice							
207	craig harrison is part of the opposition group who tries to post everyones cannabis addresses. send him a letter about how you feel about him. 4953 Sonoma Mountain Rd. Santa Rosa Ca	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
208	keep our familes safe from washed up old pothole lawyers and mean spirited old folks who lie. thanks.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
209	great work everyone	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								

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210	This visioning process has been biased in favor of the industry by requesting "positive" comments, that is, comments in favor of the cannabis industry taking over rural lands to grow a hazardous substance with an offensive odor.	gail cafferata							
211	Thank you, great presentations and lots of work	MaryAnn Ciavonne							
212	id compare everything we accomplished this week for CHAPTER 38. i enjoyed all of staff's reports. very well done. props to all of you ladies.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							