

Cannabis Program Update - Informational Meeting - December 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

#	Question	Asker Name	Answer
1	Is there going to be a way to raise your hand to make a comment / ask a question? Or will that all be done through this Q&A feature?	Lauren Mendelsohn	Please type questions/comments in this Q&A chat. If you like a question or comment, please use the thumbs up or up-vote function.
2	will there be audio comments or has the ADL succesfully silenced zoom comments?	john loe	
3	What about greenhouses with electricity?	Devika Maskey	
4	That setback thing is a big big problem as the draft is written. Why can't it be kept at the levels it is? I have a lot of math breakdowns that show how massively restrictive an increase to setbacks will be.	Alex Bohn	
5	Is a document edition of this report available?	Barbara Kaaumoana	The PowerPoint Presentation and Zoom Recording will be published on the Cannabis EIR and Program Update website within the next week. https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-administrators-office/projects/cannabis-program/cannabis-program-update-and-eir
6	Incidental uses should not be included in the 10%.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
7	Who makes these decisions? Is there an opportunity for neighbors to have input?	Chris Gralapp	This is one of many opportunities for neighbors to have input, ultimately it will be a Board of Supervisors decision
8	Why reduce the minimum from 10acres to 5? This is more intrusive to neighbors.	Libby Hutton	live answered
9	300 from parcel lines will eliminate most of all farms. crystal ackers proposal is SO BAD	john loe	thank you for your comment
10	A 300' property line setback on a 5 acre square parcel (466.7. square feet on each side) would be literally impossible to comply with. The property line setback should NOT be increased from the current setback.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
11	Also why are they trying to change the setback from being from the fenceline/premises instead of the edge of canopy as currently? This is a step in the wrong direction and will kill a ton of existing operations. Please don't do this	Alex Bohn	
12	the county has set up the neighbors to torment cannabis operators for years.	john loe	
13	300 foot setbacks from property lines will kill half of the current farms.	john loe	
14	Why are distribution and non-storefront retail not allowed. in the M1 or M3 zones?	Lauren Mendelsohn	
15	Why are you proposing to re-define cannabis as an agricultural crop? It does not provide food or sustenance and presents very real health risks to individuals and neighbors.	Libby Hutton	live answered
16	Please pay attention tol individual community inputs--in Bennett Valley we are militating for a total exclusion zone.	Chris Gralapp	
17	I support allowing ancillary processing, packaging and labeling, manufacturing, self-distribution/transport, farmretail sales, and educational + special events in connection with a permitted cultivation site.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
18	Your 'enclaves' are places that are already protected because there are schools,, etc.	Chris Gralapp	
19	Ethanol should be allowed with incidental/ancillary manufacturing on a cultivation site. It's considered non-volatile and is used in other kinds of agricultural processing.	Lauren Mendelsohn	

20	these people have set up the boomers nimbys to harass us all for years. who thinks that they will do anything to make this any better? 300 foot setbacks from property lines? that will kill almost all current farms.	john loe	
21	my recommendation to anyone in the cannabis business eft	john loe	
22	IF the proposal regarding residential enclaves moves forward, I urge you to grandfather in any existing permit-holders and applicants who fall within or adjacent to a residential enclave.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
23	It is a mistake to declare cannabis as 'agricultural'--this would be in conflict with state law	Chris Galapp	live answered
24	anyone left in cannabis in sonoma county should know these people are not going to let you thrive. it is suicide to stay in this county.	john loe	
25	If the County is truly considering cannabis agriculture, then Right to Farm protections ought to apply. Please make this clear in the final version of the ordinance.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
26	How many people are signed on to this session?	Chris Galapp	
27	Will staff be seeking board direction on the project description prior to proceeding with the EIR?	Pete Parkinson	
28	Some BoS members have expressed interest in allowing some commercial cultivation in Rural Residential areas. Is that now off the table, or can the Board still add this allowance at time of ordinance adoption?	Pete Parkinson	live answered
29	will the EIR include potential impacts to local water resources and well production?	Barbara Kaaumoana	live answered
30	Compliant permitted farms should be grandfathered in if they can't meet the setback requirements. It takes years to build soil health when growing organically and this has a huge impact for those who have invested so much already.	Devika Maskey	
31	scott, setbacks of 300 feet is not going to work.	john loe	
32	How do you propose to protect neighbors from the exposure to terpenes, including Beta-myrcene which is a known carcinogen. What scientific testing would be required of the grower to prove the neighbors are protected?	Libby Hutton	live answered
33	I support removing the arbitrary cap of 9 dispensaries. It would be great to see them spread out geographically throughout the county — for example, there are currently no dispensaries on the coast, meaning customers (many of whom are patients) and delivery drivers have to travel a long way.	Lauren Mendelsohn	live answered
34	'-----300 foot setback from property lines is going to kill all farms including mine.	john loe	
35	I propose that 'cultivation in structures' be the preferred route--put them in industrial areas	Chris Galapp	live answered
36	Is the EIR currently on hold?	Wendy Smit	live answered
37	No Hoop houses!	Chris Galapp	
38	300 foot setback to give the boomers everything they complain about	john loe	
39	ELDER ABUSE to grow pot. neighbors are encouraged by the county to harass cannabis operators.	john loe	
40	In the presentation, there was a notable lack of information regarding the fate of farmers who will find themselves unable to meet the new 300-foot setback requirements if passed. What are the county's specific plans for those of us who will be directly and negatively impacted by these changes?	Alexa Wall	

41	Will redefining cannabis as agriculture mean that such cultivation is entitled to protection under the County's right-to-farm ordinance?	Pete Parkinson	
42	Residential enclaves are not a thing for the hemp program, why would you include them for cannabis when the neighborhood impacts are identical? How many parcels that are now eligible would be affected by the 300 ft setbacks?	Joanna Cedar	
43	Adjacent parcels matter! Neighbors matter!	Chris Galapp	live answered
44	How did you come up with a requirement of 100 acres for an enclave whereas and a minimum of 5 acres for a cannabis grow? Why should non-cannabis neighbors be required to have such a huge number or acres in order to be protected from exposure?	Libby Hutton	
45	300 feet setback very bad idea, It's like "we'll hep you by killing your existing cultivation"	Anatoliy Kresh.	
46	there couldnt be a better person to have plaudible deniability to extinct the cannabis industry in sonoma county. if you all dont see the writing on the wall here you should ask 95% of the industry who trusted these people since 2015.	john loe	
47	Please clarify what cannabis business is allowed on parcels with M1 zoning. Thank you!	Stephanie Blumenthal	live answered
48	loedispensaries.com	john loe	
49	We need at least 1000' setbacks, to avoid the terpenes and carcinogens	Chris Galapp	live answered
50	Will you give grandfather rights to the existing cannabis operators who have been permitted based on ordinance setbacks and paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in canopy taxes over 7 seasons and put our entire life savings into building out properties based on the original ordinance? How many of the existing taxpaying farms do you anticipate would be zoned out by increasing the setbacks? Do you find it ethical to destroy families livelihoods over changing rules for the small percentage of cannabis growers who were responsible and brave enough to trust the county with protecting our businesses?	Alex Bohn	
51	Look at last year's County Crop Report — there are less than 10 acres of permitted cannabis being grown in the County. This is a 80% decrease from the previous year (when cannabis was the most valuable crop on a per-acre basis, according to the County's own data) and a hundred-fold if not thousand-fold decrease from a few years ago. If the County has any desire to see a successful local cannabis industry, you should be removing rather than erecting barriers to getting licensed.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
52	Are you taking public comment on the enclave criteria?	Brian Lamoreaux	
53	Why have you not included the oportunity for operators to apply for variances? Conditional use permits have been a shit show at the county (for years and not unique to cannabis,) why force everyone into them?	Joanna Cedar	
54	Doesn't the state grant that the County got for this project require you to remove barriers to licensing?	Lauren Mendelsohn	
55	Is there going to be a security requirement to protect the ag. 'crop'	Wendy Smit	
56	Cannabis cultivation has not produced any taxes so as to offset the cost while the promotion of it was "justified" by the taxes - what is the financial justification for support of cannabis grows compared with the negaitve impact on neighbors when there is no financial benefit to the County?	Libby Hutton	live answered
57	At what point is it safe for neighbors of grow sites to report threatening behavior by owners and workers at grow sites? At what point can this be addressed?	Nancy Graalman	live answered
58	The licensed cannabis industry is still in it's infancy and operators must be ready and able to adapt to changing circumstances. The small number of farmers who remain in the program have been here for years working to comply with the existing ordinance. Designating these few farms as "nonconforming uses" will be a nail in their coffin and prevent them from adapting to changing market conditions. What is the best policy option to avoid this issue for the few existing licensed farmers? Should specific parcels be called out in the ordinance as not subject to the setbacks, or should the enclaves be redefined to not trip up the existing operators?	Andrew Dobbs-Kramer	

59	Your 2022 report says that outdoor cultivation dropped by 80%. Why locate these operations in places where they are not wanted? Why not identify areas that WANT these enterprises?	Chris Gralapp	live answered
60	Are you considering, AT ALL, road size, fire protection, and the "character of the community" where Cannabis is grown! Also, why down to 5 acres?	Hiedie Conner	live answered
61	how can we report harassing neighbors?	john loe	
62	Why is cannabis growing "agriculture?" Cannabis is not "food." I don't think it should be allowed in agricultural area, period. Keep it indoors in industrial and commercail areas/	Alice Simpson	live answered
63	Will VESCO apply to cannabis development?	Wendy Smit	
64	So if this is not the final draft and nothing is proposed, what exactly could "change" what you guys are "proposing" between now and then? Is this going back to the Board? Can they give you direction? Will you take feedback here and adjust?	Alexa Wall	
65	Self Transport and Distribution Transport Only are ancillary license types available to cultivators at the State licensing level. Those activities should be allowed ancillary to cultivation permits at the local level. Allowing cultivators to move product and immature plants will reduce vehicle trips and VMT from outside distribution licenses that without self transport would be required for all transport activities including the transport of plants and/or product between separate licenses potentially located on the same property, next door to each other, etc.	Josh Abrams	
66	We need to protect ALL applicants that have been permitted or in the permit pipeline... They should be excluded from any new enclave and setback definitions. We cannot keep moving the goal post on our cultivators. We are already at less than 100 from a projected 6-8k (pre 64). How do you plan to address this?	Sam De la paz	live answered
67	'-----the smell from boomer horse properties are worse, why any setback greater than horse shit?	john loe	
68	i want an enclave boomer-free zone. no bolshevik baby boomers.	john loe	
69	Increasing the setback to 300 feet will negatively impact farms larger than 5 acres as well . Mendocino has a 100 ft setback to property lines .	Sica Roman	
70	What staff members specifically at the county will be writing the final language in the ordinance the BOS will be voting on? How can we engage with them directly to discuss the intricacies of this?	Alex Bohn	
71	i want a setback from grouchy silver pony tails	john loe	
72	300 ft setbacks eradicate most parcels in the county.	Joanna Cedar	
73	We need to protect our ground water, many of us are on wells. How will water allocation work?	Christine Field	live answered
74	how are you planiing on addressing odor conrol?	katherine yates	live answered
75	the odor of stank boomer nimbys is definately a problem kate	john loe	
76	I live on Pepper Lane in Liberty Valley, Petaluma and it is a residential enclave by every aspect, all along King Rd, there are only homes, some with acreage but more residential than agricultural, yet it does not meet an enclave criteria on the maps and was not included. Could we see if min parcel size was increased to 3 acres what this would do? I think 1,000's of people would benefit, you would get much less complaints and resistance. When will this min parcel size criteria be finalized?	Brian Lamoreaux	

77	Please take into consideration many farmers have spent and lot of time, energy and resources to comply with the current framework. In some cases like ours it took over 5 years. Changing the set back to 300 feet would cause substial costs and even eliminate some farms from eligibilty who have already met the current framework. Please take this into serious consideration. It is very hard for people to form a good buisness model when the goal posts keep moving. Can you do a study to show properties that would be eligible to cultivate with current setbacks as compared to a 300' setback?	Cody Twist	live answered
78	According to my math any parcel that is a 3:1 rectangle even if its 20 acres it won't qualify to be cultivated. The county told the cannabis community years ago that they would lower the barriers to entry so that people could comply but now this is making it more and more where only multimillionaires would get the privilege to operate?	Alex Bohn	
79	Are you going to study how many potential properties would be excluded with a 300' setback? Why not keep it at 100' setbacks, which have already been permitted and are CEQA compliant? It is easy enough to measure adjacent property uses for sufficient setbacks. Going to 300' setbacks would cripple new applicants and destroy many existing operators.	Craig Litwin	live answered
80	'-----protect the younger generations from boomer narcissism	john loe	
81	If granted permits do not expire ('stay with the property'), what is the mechanism for challenging and getting permits revoked when growers are found to be in violation of the granted permit requirements?	Tom D.	
82	The water issue is HUGE---a newly planted vineyard near our residence sucked the water out of our aquifer, and half the houses on our street lost their wells--and we know that cannabis uses a lot of water	Chris Gralapp	live answered
83	If the updated County Cannabis Health Ordinance allows for on-site consumption (which it absolutely should), then why not allow it on permitted cultivation sites that have an ancillary on-site retail sale area?	Lauren Mendelsohn	
84	who will protect us from neighbors who wont stop harassing us? cannabis will be an ag crop soon and the county wont be able to do any of this crap.	john loe	
85	If you guys are really wanting to protect the good farms still left standing, why would you include in the setback section.. "No waivers or exceptions to the 300-foot setback are allowed." ??????	Alexa Wall	
86	How does this ordinance address issues related to public health?	Deborah Nitasaka	live answered
87	For years we have been hearing that cannabis should be grown on large parcels far away from residences. If these large, isolated properties exist, why could the county not provide a pathway for ministerial permits that meets the DCC's CEQA requirements? Would that not align with the stated goals of the Board of Supervisors and solve many of the neighbor issues?	Andrew Dobbs-Kramer	
88	neighbors just want to be bossy and ruin peoples lives. i am a straight A operator and asshole neighbors are encouraged to torment me with lawsuits. i will win.	john loe	
89	I am opposed to reducing parcel size from 10 to 5 acres.	Alice Simpson	
90	My comment above has 7 likes and has not been addressed...	Sam De la paz	
91	Instead of writing it into an Ordinance, why not consider each application and the nummber of residents will be affected	Hiedie Conner	
92	'-----ADDRESS MR DE LA PAZ	john loe	
93	Sonoma County, are now effectively subsidizing the marijuana	Chris Gralapp	live answered
94	corridors to/from Preserves?	Mary Plimpton	live answered
95	Thank you for your response re M1 zoning.	Stephanie Blumenthal	live answered

96	pristine countryside!	Chris Gralapp	
97	How should operators report harassing neighbors?	Joanna Cedar	
98	The nursery and being able to open storefront and sell directly to public this is not being addressed	Vince Scholten	
99	If an existing farm wants to add one of the ancillary uses listed as allowed, what will the process be for that?	Andrew Dobbs-Kramer	
100	Please include protections for medical cannabis patients who are growing for their own personal medical use in compliance with state law. The County currently treats anything over 100 square feet of medical cannabis (or 6 plants for adult-use) as a "commercial operation" even if there is no commercial activity, charging thousands of dollars in fines for something that is legal at the state level.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
101	I felt that the terms that discuss the enclave criteria, on the discussion paper, such as residential density combining district (what is this?), land use designation (is this the same as zoning?) are not clear and easy to understand. How is density different than parcel size?	Brian Lamoreaux	
102	'-----MORE FREE MONEY FOR BIPOCS	john loe	
103	Please make these terms easier to understand for the everyday person.	Brian Lamoreaux	
104	If you look in the comments it seems the resounding feedback is problems with the setback changes. Please respect that and keep it the same or reduce it if anything. Increasing the setbacks would be the biggest problem the cannabis community is objecting to in this draft. Please Please Please. This is our lives, and thousands and thousands of patients medicine. HUGE deal. You would be harming the small percentage of growers who literally did everything asked of them. PLEASE	Alex Bohn	
105	we should be able to have farmstand sales for our farms to sell to the public just like the boomers do with their wine.	john loe	
106	Are you going to study the impacts on all of the existing permittees and those in the pipeline, and list ways to keep them in operation/allow their applications to move forward; more than the simple list of options on the last page of the KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS report?	Craig Litwin	
107	Chris Cralapp-	Anatoliy Kresh.	
108	these people work for boomers not us	john loe	
109	What would the process be to modify a residential enclave? Would those be set in stone or...? There should be a regular review process to determine whether parcels should still be included, and a process for residents of enclaves to petition to remove that designation if a majority of them wants to.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
110	What will it take for you to propose allowing waivers for any legal non conforming existing cultivator? Why did you say you are not suggesting waivers?	Craig Litwin	
111	Is the process to register a concern/complaint spelled out somewhere? To whom should such concerns be addressed? To "Code Enforcement? and/or to Sheriff's Dept and/or ???	Mary Plimpton	
112	Residential enclave criteria based on zoning density only makes sense if existing parcels are at or above that size. If contiguous residential parcels are already less than the zoning density, the criteria should be based on actual parcel sizes, not just zoning.	Pete Parkinson	
113	This had 9 likes - will repost again... We need to protect ALL applicants that have been permitted or in the permit pipeline... They should be excluded from any new enclave and setback definitions. We cannot keep moving the goal post on our cultivators. We are already at less than 100 from a projected 6-8k (pre 64). How do you plan to address this?	Sam De la paz	Hi Sam, the draft ordinance will include a pipeline provision for existing operations.
114	'-----the sonoma county flag says "AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, RECREATION" not "boomer homeowners association"	john loe	

115	Please Address: What staff members specifically at the county will be writing the final language in the ordinance the BOS will be voting on? How can we engage with them directly to discuss the intricacies of this?	Alex Bohn	
116	Why is Sonoma Country trying to be the Cannabis Capital of CA anyway? The taxes it brings in do not offset the costs of regulating it. Medical marijuana has a huge potential for societal benefit although research will be stymied until the DEA reclassifies it. But there is no societal benefit to recreational use. It will just lead to more stoned drivers on the road and stoned employees in the work place. There's no benefit to alcohol either but at least it could be considered a food. It has calories in it.	Alice Simpson	
117	How can the EIR account for wind patterns in hilly West County that would make setback calculations irrelevant?	Mark	live answered
118	Why not offer "microbusiness" permit? Instead you are making people go through a longer and more expensive process of applying for and obtaining multiple permits for something the state wraps into a single license.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
119	Is the development of updated Cannabis ordinance being pursued IN CONJUNCTION WITH the update of General Plan to GP 2030?	Mary Plimpton	
120	For those confused about why cannabis cultivation is agriculture... the merriam webster definition of agriculture is "the science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock and in varying degrees the preparation and marketing of the resulting products" this is literally a definition of what a cannabis farm does	Alex Bohn	
121	'-----there has not been a successfully challenged incumbent to the BOS since 1980 except for when "little Chair" coursey won against his ex-girlfriend (puke) shirley zane. this system is RIGGED. Revolt!	john loe	
122	If you desire to do what is good for everyone , then don't increase cultivation setbacks . The setbacks are fine. As is .	Sica Roman	
123	All homes should be cosidererd 'sensstive uses" and require at least a 1,000 setback.	Carol Smith	
124	Why, despite the agreement between staff and supervisors on March 22, 2022, about the need for transitional pathways for current cannabis operators, was this critical aspect not included or even mentioned in the recently posted documents or in today's presentation? You mention options on the last page of the Key Summary, but that's it. It's left completely open ended and includes scary words like sunset dates and ceasing operations.	Alexa Wall	
125	For those that think that is isn't food do your homework and look at the evidence and proof it is	Vince Scholten	
126	Do you work for only the baby boomers or do you care about younger generations?	john loe	
127	Minimum parcel size for residential enclave needs to go up. 3 acres at least. It will satisfy both sides as more space from residential neighbors will result is less complaints and will protect more people from the impacts of Cannabis grow ops.	Brian Lamoreaux	
128	can LC properties be able to do small greenhouse grows?	john loe	
129	Odor is a far more pervasive problem than the anodyne concept of simply "air quality". The particular skunky stench can make life unbearable for those forced to smell it.	Mark	live answered
130	Water for cannabis is lesser issue than vineyards. Cannabis outdoor is operated 4 to 5 months only and uses only 1 acre or will be maybe 10%. So its not HUGE issue. About smell too: my farm was turkey farm before, is the turkey farm smell less? IT'S AGRICULTURE! We not spraying pestcites during night hours also (noice from spraying tactors on vineyard pacels-not an issue??)	Anatoliy Kresh.	
131	Will incidental retail apply to nurseries?	Joanna Cedar	live answered

132	Please NO non-conforming uses, if you do pull the rug out from under us, can you please please GRANDFATHER us in to the new rules, don't lock us into a non-conforming use status!	Alexa Wall	
133	can dispensaries on LC be able to have events	john loe	
134	can we consider the endangered "cannabis operator"	john loe	
135	Can you please answer the question about whether cultivation in Rural Residential zones is truly off the table going forward?	Pete Parkinson	
136	Living in an agricultural district comes with some smells. We don't love the smell of literal manure poop being spread on farms that engulfs the county for miles, but hey thats part of life and thats how some people make their living and they're doing it on their property. If you want to control every property, buy the properties, but please respect neighbors rights to earn a living on their farms that you don't own, the same way as we respect your right to do the same.	Alex Bohn	
137	Pipeline provision is a good start, we need to ensure it addresses future changes and expansion/updates to existing farms.	Andrew Dobbs-Kramer	
138	There is agreement from the cannabis operators here tonite that a 300 ft setback will have very negative impacts for the permitted operators and those in the permitting pipeline . Will the county engage with operators to come up with a reasonable ordinance ?	Sica Roman	
139	Where is the discussion, consideration of the public health aspects of big weed? I reference: Big Weed Today Is a Whole Lot Like Big Tobacco in the 1950s < https://bioethics.com/archives/73764 >	Deborah Nitasaka	
140	setbacks cannot be considered unless odor is brought into the analysis. 1,000 feet may not be enough.	Carol Smith	
141	Food , fiber, fuel, don't think for a minute this plant can't save the world people need to look at it closely and the county needs to look at it and not let sensationalism sway a decision that could save the planet	Vince Scholten	
142	is using water and ice considered mechanical extraction? for manufacturing.	Alexa Wall	
143	We need to address the use of pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides, and protection of water ways, and runoff--our creeks and rivers need to be considered.	Chris Gralapp	
144	And the smell issue on outdoor parcels only 2 months a year! Turkey farm smell -a year around.	Anatoliy Kresh.	
145	You are answering questions with 3 likes! I have posted this twice... with 9 likes a piece. PLEASE RESPOND We need to protect ALL applicants that have been permitted or in the permit pipeline... They should be excluded from any new enclave and setback definitions. We cannot keep moving the goal post on our cultivators. We are already at less than 100 cultivators from a projected 6-8k (pre 64). How do you plan to address this?	Sam De la paz	
146	Will cottage cultivation on AR and RR parcels be studied as part of the EIR options.	Joanna Cedar	
147	Public health concerns extend far beyond who is using and where they use. Please think more broadly!	Deborah Nitasaka	
148	not dry ice	Alexa Wall	
149	wet ice	Joanna Cedar	
150	you didnt answer de la pazes question! it has over 10 likes!	john loe	
151	what recourse does the average rural home owner have when and if our wells go dry from the cannabis farms around.....how can an individual fight the BIG Cannabis Industry. Will these big grows have ANY accountability?????	Hiedie Conner	
152	i mean likes	john loe	

153	Clear up your definitions. Language should be crystal clear. No need for County Counsel to "interpret". No ambiguities this time around.	Carol Smith	
154	Chris you should for sure address that with the vinyards! You'll be glad to know that cannabis is so heavily regulated that we can't use those things on our properties whatsoever. No rodenticides or herbicides, and very very limited pesticides that are harmless. Its way more restrictive than for general agriculture. so no worries!	Alex Bohn	
155	Please respond to Sam La Paz's question	Sica Roman	
156	AGRICULTURE. INDUSTRY. RECREATION.	john loe	
157	regular ice, this would be for hash making. so if a farmer grows their own material and then wants to "wash" (aka make hash using ice and water only) their material, would that be allowed as an accessory manufacturing?	Alexa Wall	
158	Since a 100' setback already has proven CEQA compliant, why not study a 50' setback, since an EIR study may prove that this reduced property line setback has less impact than has been imagined? Why increase a setback if the existing setback criteria has already passed CEQA analysis? Why not study reducing property line setbacks instead?	Craig Litwin	
159	The Bennett Valley Area Plan does not allow for commercial, and we don't want it out here. Promote it in districts that want it. Otherwise there will be a constant pain point.	Chris Gralapp	
160	Please Address: What staff members specifically at the county will be writing the final language in the ordinance the BOS will be voting on? How can we engage with them directly to discuss the intricacies of this?	Alex Bohn	
161	It's not complex for hemp and it's the same plant	Joanna Cedar	
162	I have kids and I'm worried about safety of cannabis in my neighborhood, not just theoretically but there's a permit app in for one. My friends neighbor was held at gunpoint because some out of town crazies thought it was a grow site, and it was not. But the current residential map doesn't include our highly residential area in an enclave.	Brian Lamoreaux	
163	Linda Hopkins' district seems good with cannabis growing--put it there!	Chris Gralapp	
164	if you leave anything up to these paper pushers they will milk it for another decade. this is a sick process we are subject to. sick sick sick.	john loe	
165	Sonoma County Tourism's 2023-2025 Strategic Plan specifically recognizes the potential for cannabis tourism (which is already happening here, though most is being lost to neighboring counties). PRMD needs to create policy that actually allows for this.	Lauren Mendelsohn	
166	Alex, Cannabis and grapes are miles apart! No comparison!	Chris Gralapp	
167	Why not study regulating cannabis as "hemp with a fence?"	Joanna Cedar	
168	In terms of pesticide usage, youre right Chris! Grapes use WAY MORE	Alex Bohn	
169	All cannabis from licensed farms is tested for the presence of pesticides it would be worthless if it was contaminated with pesticides.	Alex Bohn	
170	Cultivation setbacks changing from 100 ft to 300 ft from property line is going in the right direction for compatibility with in a neighborhood but 1000 feet is better.	Pam Tichy	
171	'-----FREE JAMIE BALACINNO	john loe	

172	I don't see a P under Manufacturing for DA but in the Key Program Elements document under manufacturing it says "accessory manufacturing is limited to.." ... whats the difference between accessory and non accessory? Shouldn't there be a P on the chart then? Thanks!	Alexa Wall	
173	Why not make cultivation on Ag parcels larger than a certain size (say 20 acres) that complies with setback requirements allowed by right? Similar to how this is being done for Industrial ones. That would encourage cultivation on the big agricultural properties where they won't cause neighbor issues.	Andrew Dobbs-Kramer	
174	Cannabis attracts criminal activity--grapes don't	Chris Gralapp	
175	vineyard workers robbed my neighbor's car for his clarinet and bike.	john loe	
176	I live in a ag residential zone, what you just said was totally not clear. Can you please repeat it? Or summarize it more simply?	Brian Lamoreaux	
177	so if we are allowed an incidental use through the county can we then go get a state permit in that category? (ex: manufacturing type 6 non-solvent)	Alexa Wall	
178	John, how do you know they were vineyard workers?	Stephanie Blumenthal	
179	how do you suggest an ag operation will function using a rural residential neighborhood with one lane roads? how will larger trucks and heavier traffic safely move in and out of our neighborhood on a daily basis or, worse, if a disaster occurs (like a fire) and emergency vehicles need to get in while residents get out? this question is from a Bloomfield resident.	Daniele Strawn	
180	With objection from much of the "enclave" community, what can be done to encourage a different location of a cannabis "facility"?	Diana DeMarco	
181	will you ever stick up for cannabis operators who are in full compliance who have harassing neighbors?	john loe	
182	Those set backs arent required for vineyards or dairies. This is an AG community! Vineyards and Dairies can have the same if not more impact when it comes to running equipment and odor. Doesnt make sense to not allow cannabis cultivation within 300 feet, but allow vineyards to do whatever they want 20 away from property lines. We grow both grapes and cannabis organically but we have learned cannabis is held to a much higher standard and it will positively impact the practices of the surrounding farmers because of the rigorous testing requirements for cannabis.	Cody Twist	
183	Chris have you ever heard of drunk driving? I have friends who have died being hit by drunk drivers. Alcohol is widely believed to be more dangerous and unhealthy than cannabis	Alex Bohn	
184	What is the motivation for Sonoma County to push for the commercial cultivation of a substance with known health negatives? Take a read here as but a sample of what we know will come our way as the county continues morphing into "Addiction Paradise": "State Cannabis Legalization and Cannabis Use Disorder in the US Veterans Health Administration, 2005 to 2019" https://jamanetwork.com/ on 03/05/2023>	Deborah Nitasaka	
185	does anyone think this group wants the best for the cannabis industry in this county?	john loe	
186	Sorry!	Stephanie Blumenthal	
187	Crime and safety sure seems like an impact to me. What impacts are more important than safety?	Brian Lamoreaux	
188	Under what will you look into crime because it does exist?	Diana Barnacle	
189	will this chat be published?	Carol Smith	
190	Will there be a Social Impact Study? Or just what is required under state law (EIR)?	Deborah Nitasaka	
191	an additional "sensitive use" should be all homes. Why should some home be spared and others not?	Carol Smith	
192	"IF" residential enclaves are established it should not impacted permitted or permit submitted applicants and they should not be considered non-conforming	yarrow kubrin	

193	NO CANNABIS INRESIDENTIAL AREAS!!!!	Hiedie Conner	
194	Will the unique topographical characteristics of communities be considered? (vis a vis odor and noise recirculation)	Mary Plimpton	
195	there are over 4,900 pannels over 10 acres	Carol Smith	
196	there are other times when roving vineyard wokers have robbed the area. there are video cams and the day the car was robbed it was the same day the the local vineyard was being serviced. so yea, thats how. how would you want to blame that on a cannabis farmer without any similar evidence?	john loe	
197	So If the starting point for the study is 300' setback then can you not reduce it back to 100'? Does this staff recommendation lock in at 300' or greater?	Craig Litwin	
198	Please Address: What staff members specifically at the county will be writing the final language in the ordinance the BOS will be voting on? How can we engage with them directly to discuss the intricacies of this?	Alex Bohn	
199	Please study the water saving solutions that Cannabis farmers, especially regenerative methodologies, bring to agriculture in general. There is no Justification to compare environmentally egregious farming practices by other industries to Cannabis. There is no comparison. We are talking about 65k acres of grapes to less that 40 acres of Cannabis currently. Plus we use far less water when farmers sustainably. Will this be studied in the EIR?	Sam De la paz	
200	It sure sounds like public policy driven by desire to increase \$\$\$\$ for the county - at the expense of the public. Familiar, no, as we've seen what these same clowns did to our community housing!	Deborah Nitasaka	
201	NO TO 300 FEET SETBACK!!!!	Anatoliy Kresh.	
202	you dont see roving cannabis workers of mostly no-documnets (illegals?), going property to property for cannabis.	john loe	
203	can you look at residential enclaves with different criteria like 5 or 10 acre max and 10 or 20 parcels minimum?	Bill Krawetz	
204	translation: Suffocate slow.	john loe	
205	The biggest issue is making sure that changes to policy do not penalize operators and asipring operators who have already abided by the exsisting rules and regulations.	yarrow kubrin	
206	shout to lenny kravitz and his boomer hater crew.	john loe	
207	Absolutely! 'No' to 300 ' setbacks--make then 1000' at a minimum...	Chris Gralapp	
208	scott will make boomers happy.	john loe	
209	Address the nursery it is being pushed to the side ,no thc in small plants and regulated same as if it were full cultivation	Vince Scholten	
210	Enclave maps don't apply to hemp, they should not apply to cannabis	Joanna Cedar	
211	Some owners are buying their houses in Ag land areas, and after complaining than lands afound them used for Agriculture purposes.	Anatoliy Kresh.	
212	But please don't screw over the few of us left! There's like 9 acres of cannabis total left. We are a very very small group! and we truly do care about the land and our community!!!!!!	Alexa Wall	
213	The changes from 5 acre to 10 acre min was a huge hit. Making noone happy is not the will of the voters who passed prop 64	yarrow kubrin	