

Public Comment Regarding Cannabis Ordinance
and Program Update

Received October 2021

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Subject: No to Commercial Cannabis Cultivation on Bennett Ridge
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The Bennett Ridge Community Association (BRCA) strongly opposes any action and legislation by the Board of Supervisors to allow any commercial cannabis cultivation in the Bennett Ridge neighborhood and adjacent properties in Bennett Valley.

The BRCA is a not-for profit organization that works to maintain the quality of life on Bennett Ridge. Bennett Ridge is a residential neighborhood consisting of 136 homes and properties on Old Bennett Ridge Road, Bardy Road, Rollo Road, and Bennett Ridge Road. Bennett Ridge is a true neighborhood in every sense of the word. We have residents of all ages including young children. Commercial Cannabis Cultivation simply is not appropriate in or compatible with our neighborhood and would have significant adverse impacts on resources and our quality of life for a number of reasons including, but not limited to:

(1) Visual and Aesthetics: the configuration, size and topography of lots results in homes being in close proximity to neighboring lots and other residences and therefore cannabis structures and any attendant lighting would be in violation of the Bennett Ridge Architectural Review Committee guidelines and would have significant visual and aesthetic impacts on residents.

(2) Water: our water is from a mutual water company with two wells for the entire neighborhood. Any non-residential use and pesticides would have a significant impact on the quantity and quality of our residential water supply

(3) Odor: given the configuration and the proximity of lots and homes if commercial cannabis cultivation with its odor was allowed in the Bennett Ridge neighborhood it would adversely impact the quality of our life and the enjoyment of our properties.

(4) Zoning, Area Plan, CC&Rs: would be contrary to the purpose of the Rural Residential zoning district, the Bennett Ridge CC&Rs and the Bennett Valley Area Plan of which the Ridge is a part. Further, the Bennett Ridge CC&Rs prohibit conducting any type of business in the neighborhood.

(5) Safety: Bennett Ridge (a) has only one narrow and winding road in and out (b) is in a high fire risk area (c) abuts Annadel State Park with hiking trails open to the public in close proximity to homes (d) has a Sheriff response time of over 30 minutes

We invite any member of the Board of Supervisors to visit the Bennett Ridge neighborhood to see for yourself how clearly incompatible commercial cannabis cultivation is with our neighborhood.

Therefore the BRCA, on behalf of the Bennett Ridge residents, strongly urge the Board of Supervisors prohibit commercial cannabis cultivation on Bennett Ridge either by prohibiting such activity in the Rural Residential Zoning Districts, placing an Exclusion Combining District on the Ridge, or by any other legislative mechanism.

We ask that you include these comments in the official record for this issue.

Respectfully Submitted:
Bennett Ridge Community Association

Board members:

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Date: Saturday, October 23, 2021 3:05:07 PM

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Cc: [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [district3](#); [district5](#); [Cannabis](#)
Subject: Cannabis
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:32:59 PM

Dear Supervisor Gore,

I reside on Wood Rd. in Fulton, in the 4th district of Sonoma County. I submitted the comments below to the Board of Supervisors at a meeting about cannabis regulation on April 10, 2018. Since I can't afford to take time off from work to attend Zoom meetings, I am sending them again now just to remind you because my views have not changed. I don't want you to think my absence at meetings or silence on the matter is a tacit approval of cannabis farming.

The only thing that has changed since I wrote these comments (aside from my derogatory opinion of the DMV - it has become much more efficient since I wrote this) is the availability of water in Sonoma County. The major storm three days ago will not likely end what is the worst drought in the known history of California. When wells and pastures are drying up and dairy farmers are having to truck in water and hay and sell herds, when city dwellers are not allowed to wash their cars or water their landscaping and face mandatory water rationing, when affordable housing projects are stymied by the water shortage, when rural residents may soon have to submit to the monitoring of ground well usage, it is the height of insanity to encourage the growing of a notoriously thirsty crop with no nutritional value. Cannabis is NOT just any other agricultural crop, and should NOT be regulated as such. With the exception of Big Pot, potheads and users of medical marijuana, the cannabis industry will NOT benefit Sonoma County residents and instead WILL cause them harm. It will NOT be a financial windfall and may cost more to regulate than it provides in tax money, and it WILL bring increased crime and misery to those residents unfortunate enough to live near a pot farm. Sonoma County should NOT attempt to be the Cannabis Capital of California.

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Comments on Sonoma County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance

April 10, 2018

As an employer and non-pot-smoker, I voted against Prop 64 because I didn't believe it would reduce cannabis-related crime and would just lead to an increase in the number of stoned drivers on the road and stoned employees in the workplace. If you liked the sloth characters at the DMV in the animated movie "Zootopia," you'll love waiting in line at the DMV to be served by an employee stoned on pot.

As long as cannabis is still illegal at the federal level, legalizing it for recreational use in CA will not reduce crime and is likely to even increase it. My main concern is that pot farms are crime magnets that endanger every other resident in the neighborhood, as proven by recent armed home invasion robberies in which one resident was wounded and another, the father of a family, was killed. That murder occurred only about a mile and a half from where I live, too close for comfort. And now I've got a big pot farm, so far unpermitted, operating only 0.2 miles down the country road where I live, in a Diverse Ag area, with only two houses between us. I certainly don't want somebody breaking down my door in the middle of the night and waving a gun in my face because they mistook my place for the pot farm down the road. The current ordinance requires only a minimum of 300 ft from occupied residences for outdoor and mixed light greenhouses, and I don't think that's enough. I don't think commercial cannabis cultivation should be allowed anywhere even remotely near occupied residences. How far is far enough, I don't know, but far enough that there is no possibility the criminals could mistake one house for another. But there's no guarantee they will have the correct address, in which case nobody is safe.

And then there's the stench. The odor from the pot farm in my neighborhood is noticeable if you're downwind from it. Add to that the pollution of local waterways from pesticide use, possible groundwater depletion from the pumping of water required to grow cannabis, the visual blight of high, opaque fencing, and an increase in the crime rate, and I can't think of any reason why anybody would want a pot farm in their neighborhood unless they really love pot. Cannabis farms do not have a history of being good neighbors.

The only other rationale for legalizing the recreational use of pot was the argument that it would be a huge cash cow for cities, counties, and states that would profit by taxing it. But legalizing and regulating commercial cannabis cultivation isn't going to be as big a financial bonanza as governments think it will, because there will continue to be a huge black market in pot to evade taxation and regulation. The taxes are too high and the regulations, although necessary, are too onerous, especially for small farmers who will likely be driven out of business by Big Pot, just like they cannot compete with Big Ag. I'm not a fan of pot farmers, small or large, but the little guys have a genuine reason to fear they will be forced out of the legal market and will have no choice but to remain underground.

The benefits of the legalization in CA of the recreational use of marijuana are dubious. The best that can be said is that it's similar to the repeal of Prohibition. If we can't stop people from making themselves stupid by smoking pot, we can at least stop throwing them in jail for it.

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To: [Cannabis](#)
Subject: Re: FREE SPEECH & DISHONEST DISCUSSION
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:04:05 PM

Please add to public comment for cannabis ordinance update. My voice speaks for many and we have the right to be heard.

Ok thank you.

I believe it is important to identify the opposition and their dishonest tactics.

They seem to be allowed to say anything including exaggerations, prohibitionist scare tactics, intolerant accusations, and outright lies.

It is important that my emails give a clear alternative perspective and opinion to challenge them so they can be help responsible for their intolerance and discriminations.

The opposition and their motives should be able to be challenged on the public record to have this be slightly more fair.

I have already been targeted with direct emails and harassment by some who disagree with my public comments. But that is part of the reason why it is essential to allow for anonymous input to protect the safety of the participants.

I want my comments about the opposition posted in public comment for the ordinance update please. I want it to be on the record who these people are. We would never allow this modern day witch hunt or lynchings to continue if the victims of this discrimination were any other protected group.

Since the old timers are stuck in their ways about cannabis they act just like old timers who were stuck in their ways about blacks, Mexicans, homosexuals, Jews, etc.

It is critically important to make this case. And I believe it is my constitutionally protected right to do so.

This public comment section should not have a filter except for direct threats or criminal activity. Everything else should get to be seen and heard in the public square.

I will continue to write these important elements of the discussion and I request that they all be added to the public record for the cannabis ordinance update.

If my letters are not used I will need to have a letter to explain why. And I want to know what is the written statutory rules for the comments to be included or rejected. It doesn't matter how anyone feels when they read my work. It is my right to submit my information and opinions to challenge the intolerant opposition.

Thanks for you time.

Have a beautiful sunny day.

Henry F.

On Oct 27, 2021, at 1:37 PM, Cannabis <Cannabis@sonoma-county.org> wrote:

Not a bother.

Those comments are collected and reviewed, but have not been published online. It is not a typical practice to publish them online when not related to a hearing body item. I will take back to the team to discuss.

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From: Hank Ford <henryfordlutherburbank@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:18 PM

To: Cannabis <Cannabis@sonoma-county.org>

Subject: Re: FREE SPEECH & DISHONEST DISCUSSION

McCall,

I'm sorry to bother you.

I saw the letter in the public comment for the emergency moratorium already and thank you for adding that.

I could not find the original unedited letter added to the public comment for the ordinance update. I will look again. If you can please send a link.

Thanks for the work you do. I'm sure it seems thankless at times and I am sorry for that.

I don't mean to waste your time and I appreciate your help.

Have a beautiful day,
HF

On Oct 27, 2021, at 12:57 PM, Cannabis <Cannabis@sonoma-county.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The attached email was in the public comment packet located here (page 25) as the subject line included the multi-tenant moratorium:

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[M=F&ID=9915139&GUID=DDAA45FB-A693-4C23-AD52-34F884FBF3EF](https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9915139&GUID=DDAA45FB-A693-4C23-AD52-34F884FBF3EF).

The previous comments (including the one below) were included as public comment for the ordinance update and not the multi-tenant moratorium as they did not include a reference to the multi-tenant moratorium item in the subject nor the text of the email.

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EXTERNAL

Hello McCall,

I reviewed the public comment for the cannabis EIR and ordinance and did not see the unedited letter or the revised letter. Would you mind sending me a link to where that has been posted?

I'd prefer the unedited with my original language and content be included in that public comment if possible.

Thank you,
Hank Ford

On Oct 26, 2021, at 8:59 AM, Cannabis
<Cannabis@sonoma-county.org> wrote:

You are welcome. I would also like to confirm that this one will also be added to the comment received for the cannabis ordinance update and not Item 19 on the 10/26/2021 agenda.

Thank you,

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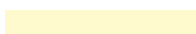
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From: Hank Ford <henryfordlutherburbank@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:58 AM

To: Cannabis <Cannabis@sonoma-county.org>

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Thank you for the reply and information. Have a nice day.

On Oct 26, 2021, at 8:54 AM, Cannabis <Cannabis@sonoma-county.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Your previous email was not published with public comment for Item 19 on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for 10/26/2021 because it did not include a reference to the item: Extension of Urgency Ordinance No. 6354 – Cannabis Ordinance Multi-Tenant Moratorium. It was added to the comments we have been receiving with regards to the cannabis ordinance update and will be reviewed by the project manager.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

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It is really unfortunate how dishonest the cannabis opposition is.

There are only less than 50 vocal and threatening anti-cannabis people who have been discriminating against their neighbors and threatening the county for far too long.

There is no way to satisfy them. It has nothing to do with any smell. It has only to do with the county giving this kind of perceived power to people.

When will the county figure out they are getting bullied by a group of 50 vocal people who discriminate, use scare tactics, and lie?

These are the same "concerned neighbors" who will threaten and intimidate Mexican immigrants when they are only hard working painters. These racially-intolerant folks are the same people who are on these public record emails making up exaggerations and using scare tactic LIES.

My painter Lizardo came to me one day and said that a woman from my neighborhood was threatening and intimidating him when he was

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The neighbors have a sloppy and smelly property and moved into my neighborhood a couple years ago. They are a lot like the neighbors from the Bloomfeild area. They just feel entitled to tell people what to do. Their property has donkeys and sloppy temporary crops that never seem to grow very well. Maybe they are so mean-spirited because they are no good at growing plants. Maybe the girl's horses are bummed for whatever reason. I don't know. But in any case we never did anything to bother these manipulative liars. We have never met them. Their lies keep getting progressively more ridiculous. Next comment Kim sends will probably be more fiction about her cannabis neighbor leaving a horse head on her bed like she saw in a movie. she will continue her lies with no accountability further and further.

We have lived in this neighborhood for a long time. She just moved here.

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When will the county figure out that this is who these people are????!!!!

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