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Sativa Indica <healingpurelife@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 18, 2013 at 11:51 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Kelly Chiusano and I am the owner of Pure Life Collective located in Diamond Springs. I would like to submit my official written response in regards to your meeting this coming Tuesday September 24th, 2013 in which you will be voting on ordinances pertaining to Medical Marijuana collectives/facilities within El Dorado County.

Please see my attached response letter for you to consideration.

I would also like to extend the invitation to the Board to come and tour Pure Life at your earliest convenience in order to have a closer look at our facility and to learn more about our day to day processes.

Lastly, I encourage each Board member to read the following article recently written by CNN's Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta as there is some amazing medical research being done with cannabis that I think may be of interest to you.

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/08/health/gupta-changed-mind-marijuana/index.html>

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Kelly Chiusano

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VIA E-MAIL

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (edc.cob@edcgov.us)

- Supervisor Ron Mikulaco
- Supervisor Ray Nutting
- Supervisor Brian K. Veerkamp
- Supervisor Ron Briggs
- Supervisor Norma Santiago

VIA LETTER

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

**RE: *Pure Life Collective*
Response/Objection to Draft Medical Marijuana Distribution Facility Ordinance**

Dear Board of Supervisors:

This letter is to introduce you to the Pure Life Collective and to propose some amended language to the El Dorado County's Draft Medical Marijuana Distribution Facility Ordinance ("ordinance").

Background of Pure Life Collective

My wife and I established the Pure Life Collective in July 2011 in Diamond Springs, CA. We both grew up in El Dorado County and my wife currently owns her own business as a local marketing consultant.

My wife and I are both active members of the El Dorado County, have a young son, and own a house in Placerville. We are well rounded and educated individuals who have great concern for our local government and fellow county residents. We pay our taxes and have never had any legal issues in our lives.

We opened Pure Life in 2011, after educating ourselves in all aspects of the industry by taking formal coursework. Pure Life currently employs 8-9 full and part-time employees who assist us in serving anywhere from 80 to 100 clients/patients per day who require medical cannabis.

Since Pure Life has been in operation, we have had ZERO issues with theft, violence, loitering, non-payment of taxes, reported crime, or any disturbance of any kind. Our clients praise us regarding how strictly we check each member's California IDs each and every time they enter the facility to check for expiration and to make sure that their doctor's recommendation is up to date.¹ We follow current California State guidelines for running a collective and are HIPPA compliant. We pay regular taxes and donate extra proceeds to charities in our community.

Goals of Pure Life Collective

Pure Life Collective offers the community a safe and discreet location in Diamond Springs near public transportation. Like any business, our goal is to serve the needs of our customers who need medical cannabis the best we can. We achieve this by offering only high quality and regularly tested medication/flowers in a clean and professional environment with friendly and knowledgeable staff. In fact, from the county representatives' who have taken the time to visit our facility, they can confirm what many of our clients say—that our facility looks like a medical office.

In addition to supplying our clients' needs, we offer a number of other services such as delivery to our less mobile members and we recently opened an educational center in which members may attend classes in yoga, outdoor cultivation, meditation, how to medicate (vaporizer versus tinctures, edibles, topical treatments, etc.) Our goal is to keep our members informed on their option to provide for themselves and other means of overall wellness.²

¹ We are the highest rated collective in EDC through Weedmaps.com having earned 4.9 out of 5 stars from our reviewers.

² To that end, we also have a monthly newsletter called *Pure Life Press* which is free to all of our members and contains information such as recent medical studies, new products they may be interested in, updates on local county and state laws, upcoming meetings, and some overall fun reading in regards to the industry.

Clientele of Pure Life Collective

Pure Life's clientele comes from all walks of life with our average members being between the ages of 40-60. We only serve members who are 18+ and see everyone from the younger alternative healing group to 90+ year old cancer patients. Our patients suffer from ailments such as HIV, cancer, Glaucoma, Fibromyalgia, arthritis, anxiety, scoliosis, post-surgery, depression, GI issues, nausea, Psoriasis, sleep problems, pain management, and eating disorders, to name a few. Some of our clients just access cannabis infused topical ointments for their pain.

My wife and I have been fortunate to help so many local residents' serious health conditions -- we see it every day and love to hear of our members accounts when what they tried, worked! And we have also raised and donated money for some of our more severely affected members as to help them pay for medical bills and/or overall needs.

The Risks Created by Closing the Collective

If Pure Life and the other two local collectives are unable to continue to operate, the negative repercussions to El Dorado County are severe:

- Our clients would be forced to find alternatives ways to access their medicine, including the "black market";
- Black market "flowers" or medicine are not tested for their THC³ and CDB⁴ content (the part of the plant that is the most medically beneficial) to see if they are free of molds, mildews, and pesticides;
- Some of our clients that are extremely sick (such as a 94 year-old cancer patient) would simply suffer with pain and be unable to travel somewhere else to get her medicine; and
- There would be an increase crime, theft, and illegal cannabis sales in El Dorado County.

³ Tetrahydrocannabinol.

⁴ Cannabidiol.

Crime Issues

Paragraph H of the proposed ordinance provides:

Citizens and law enforcement officers have reported an increase in crimes, such as loitering, and an increase in traffic, odor and noise in the vicinity of dispensaries, and the sale of illegal drugs, including the illegal resale of marijuana from dispensaries, in the areas immediately surrounding such medical marijuana dispensaries.

Pure Life has had none of these issues occur in or around the facility. Other than a thwarted break-in on June 18th, 2012 Pure Life has literally had no crime at the facility, and very little surrounding it according to CrimeReports.com which gets its information from the El Dorado County Sherriff's Department.

Not only is this statement untrue and unsupported as applied to Pure Life, if this increase-in-crime issue was a basis for shutting down a business, El Dorado County would have to shut down two different Starbuck's in Cameron Park!

Starbuck's -- 3004 Green Valley Road. Cameron Park – At this location, CrimeReports.com reports a "Breaking and Entering" on 7-26-2013 and 7-29, 2013, and a property crime and theft crime on July 24, and July 26, 2013, within a couple of blocks. These four crimes took place within 5 days.

Starbuck's -- 3317 Coach Lane, Cameron Park – This Starbuck's is sandwiched between all kinds of crimes committed in the last three weeks, including a *violent* crime of assault:

- Family dispute on 7-24-13
- Theft on 7-28-2013
- Breaking and entering on 7-31-13
- Theft on 8-01-13
- Breaking and entering on 8-03-13
- Theft from vehicle on 8-03-13
- Assault on 8-06-13
- Theft on 8-10-13

These areas have far more crime in the past few months, than Pure Life has ever seen or ever had. For this reason, the alleged basis for the ordinance closing down Pure Life and other dispensaries is unfounded and certainly does not apply to Pure Life.

Proposed Amended Ordinance

As the result of the adverse consequences discussed above and the concerns expressed by our members, Pure Life objects to the current draft ordinance in that it seeks to close down the collectives in El Dorado County. There is simply no basis to close Pure Life for criminal activity when more crime is committed near Starbuck's.

Instead we propose an amended ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission which would allow the existing, law-abiding collectives to maintain, but prevents new inexperienced collectives from popping up throughout the county. In addition, as many other county and city ordinances provide, the permitting process of the dispensaries will allow the county to have more review, oversight and involvement, every two years when the facilities reapply for permitting. In this way, the county could achieve its objective of having only compliant, professional dispensaries which place the care of clients as their top priority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Chiusano', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelly Chiusano
President, Pure Life Collective

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Medical Marijuana Collectives - meeting on 09/24/13- file #13-1174

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Douglas & Tina Feutz <dtfeutz@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Douglas & Tina Feutz <dtfeutz@yahoo.com>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fri, Sep 20, 2013 at 7:59 AM

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Please be informed that there are four Collectives currently in operation in unincorporated El Dorado County. They are: All Natural, MMCA and River City Wellness Pain Mangement dba Foothill Health and Wellness and Pure Life.

Thank you,

Douglas Feutz

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Marijuana - September 24 meeting

1 message

Delores Nichols <dnichols@directcon.net>

Thu, Sep 19, 2013 at 11:11 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Board of Supervisors:

Please do not authorize any further expansion for growth of marijuana in our county. It is dangerous to the neighborhood and costly for anyone who wishes to sell their property as they must reveal that a neighbor is growing marijuana "next door".

I don't want you to open the door for outside growers to come here to purchase property in order to establish more pot farms.

Please **close the door** on marijuana operations!

Respectfully,

Delores L. Nichols
2570 Prescott Avenue
Placerville, CA 95667
530-622-2821

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Edcgov.us Mail - Fwd: County restrictions on Marijuana



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The BOSTWO <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Fri, Sep 20, 2013 at 1:56 PM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Thank you.

Kitty Miller on behalf of
Ray Nutting
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
530) 621-5651

—— Forwarded message ——

From: **Brian Melville** <btmelville@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 19, 2013 at 10:03 PM

Subject: County restrictions on Marijuana

To: bostwo@edcgov.us

Dear Mr. Nutting,

I live with my wife and son in Cameron Park and I **do NOT want to allow marijuana growers or dispensaries** in my neighborhood.

I moved to El Dorado county to have a safe place to raise my kids with conservative values. Allowing legal marijuana cultivation and sales in our area is offensive to me and will drive away the people who make El Dorado County such a great place.

Let's not let whatever benefits may be driving this initiative to destroy the county that we love.

Thanks,
Brian Melville

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