

Public Comment #19  
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**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:26 PM  
**To:** BOS-Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** CCUP21-002/Harde and CCUP-A24-0001 / Appeal  
**Attachments:** Harde Cannabis Opposition.docx

Please see attached word document, which is to be included as a submission for CCUP21-002/Harde and CCUP-A24-0001 / Appeal

Thankyou  
Scott Karll

February 29, 2024

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Somerset, CA.

Subject: CCUP21-002 & CCUP – A24 – 0001/Appeal.

To: The Board of Supervisors Planning Commission.

I oppose the proposed Cannabis site submitted by Davis Harde, Assessor's Parcel Number 093-032-071.

There are many data driven reasons why this Cannabis site should be denied.

1. Environmental Justice concerns for District 2 in Eldorado County.

District 2 has a disproportionate number of Cannabis farms approved and subject for approval. This also includes Cannabis Retail and Processing / Warehousing.

This district has higher exposure to poor air quality, chemicals, higher crime rate, and disproportionate high water usage associated with Cannabis. Water usage is a critical factor to all communities being on well water.

The District has been targeted due to it being a rural community which does not have the social and Community support structure. The median income level is lower, there is a large population set of disadvantaged people compared to other districts in Eldorado County.

2. CEQA Violations

There are numerous CEQA violations, all of which are due to the lack of facts to back up assessments of "Less than significant impact" in multiple areas in the Negative Mitigation Declaration / Initial Study.

CEQA 15064 states; “The determination of whether a project may have significant effect on the environment calls for judgement on the part of the public agency involved, based to the extent possible on scientific and factual data”.

WITHOUT DATA IT IS ONLY AN OPINION.

### 3. Ground Water Table

The Planning department assessed water requirement and usage as “Less than Significant Impact” This opinion is based on a well study from 1988 of 25 gallons/min and an inaccurate water requirement estimate of 1.2 million gallons.

Actual Estimated water usage based upon the full scope of the 68,000 square foot, for 2 harvests a year would be 8.8 million gallons. This is based on a cannabis per plant water usage of 6 gallons per day, which has been documented in several published scientific articles. This high water usage will substantially deplete groundwater supply, and lowering of the local groundwater table.

### 4. Eldorado county ordinance article 4, title 130

Violation of setback for commercial cannabis.

### 5. Odor Control.

A variance was approved by the planning commission to install a misting system to control the odor. A chemical is to be sprayed, however no information on odor control agent to be used. No Material Safety Data Sheets have been submitted for review to determine cause and effect of exposure.

In Summary an Environmental Impact Review must be conducted. The approval process has been based on opinions, there must be factual studies to determine significant impacts.

These decisions effect the community and it is your responsibility guarantee the health and wellbeing of the people.

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**From:** Lee Tannenbaum <lee.tannenbaum@gmail.com>  
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**Cc:** BOS-District I; BOS-District II; BOS-District III; BOS-District IV; BOS-District V  
**Subject:** BoS March 5, 2024 agenda item 24-0275  
**Attachments:** Harde hearing - Google Docs.pdf

Please insure the attachment is placed in public comments for the above agenda item. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Dear Supervisors,

I extend my gratitude for your time and attention today. During this hearing, I anticipate you will hear various concerns raised by the Harde neighbors. These encompass issues such as odor, fertilizers, crime, noise, and light, among others. It's important to acknowledge and empathize with these concerns, which are frequently echoed by opponents of cannabis projects.

I wish to commend staff for their diligent work in recommending the denial of the appeal and upholding both their and your Planning Commission's approval of the project. Despite my occasional divergence in opinion, I believe credit should be given where it is due.

While I often provide factual explanations for concerns raised by opponents, sparing you from such details today, I feel compelled to address some new points brought forth in this hearing.

Many individuals have expressed confusion regarding the cannabis ordinance, claiming they did not understand its implications when it was drafted or voted upon. However, attributing this to ignorance is a precarious assertion that undermines the essence of democracy. Similar cases have been brought to court, with judges ruling in favor of upholding the democratic process, reinforcing the importance of individual responsibility in understanding ballot measures.

Furthermore, it's essential to empathize with individuals' perspectives, even when rooted in emotional or fear-based reasoning rather than facts. I've encountered assertions associating cannabis with gateway drugs like Fentanyl or Methamphetamine, stemming from personal experiences of addiction within anti-cannabis groups. Having been alcohol free for 22 years, I intimately understand the complexities of addiction. It's crucial to recognize that addiction predisposition transcends substance type; individuals prone to addiction will manifest addictive behaviors irrespective of the substance consumed.

In my five years within the cannabis industry, I've encountered individuals resistant to constructive dialogue, resorting to ad hominem attacks when challenged. These encounters underscore the importance of fostering open, respectful discourse, even amidst differing viewpoints.

Thank you for considering these perspectives as you deliberate on this matter. Please support your staff and the Planning Commission's decisions.

Sincerely,

Lee Tannenbaum  
President, El Dorado Growers Alliance