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Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 3:35 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board; Timothy Sandie
Subject: Re: November 7, 2023 BOS Meeting: Comment Letter on Commercial Cannabis Use Permit CCUP20-0004 and V23-0002/Green Gables Growers
Attachments: El Dorado BOS 2.pdf

Hello:

Per your instructions below, please find the attached Letter to be included as part of public comment. This relates to Agenda Item 12-1823 for the November 7th Meeting.

Timothy Sandie, CPA

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> On Oct 26, 2023, at 8:39 AM, BOS-Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us> wrote:

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> Good morning Timothy,

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> Until we post the agenda we can not attach your comments to the file. Once we post our agenda for this meeting on 11/1/2023 at 3:00 PM please resubmit your comments to be added as public comment. Until then we will forward it onto each supervisor and the department.

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> Thank you,

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> From: Timothy Sandie <tsandie@alumni.stanford.edu>

> Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 12:23 PM

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Date: October 25, 2023

To: Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA. 95667
Via email: edc.cob@edecgov.us

Subject: Appeal of Planning Commission's August 24, 2023 Cannabis Permit and Variance CCUP20-0004 and V23-0002

Dear Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County:

My name is Timothy Sandie, brother of the individual Robert Sandie, who has submitted the above Permits for approval. I observed the proceeding of the Planning Commission's decision on August 24, 2023, with grave concern. I believe the Approval was misdirected based on misinformation. Additionally, there is background to my brother's motivations of which I believe the Board of Supervisors should be aware.

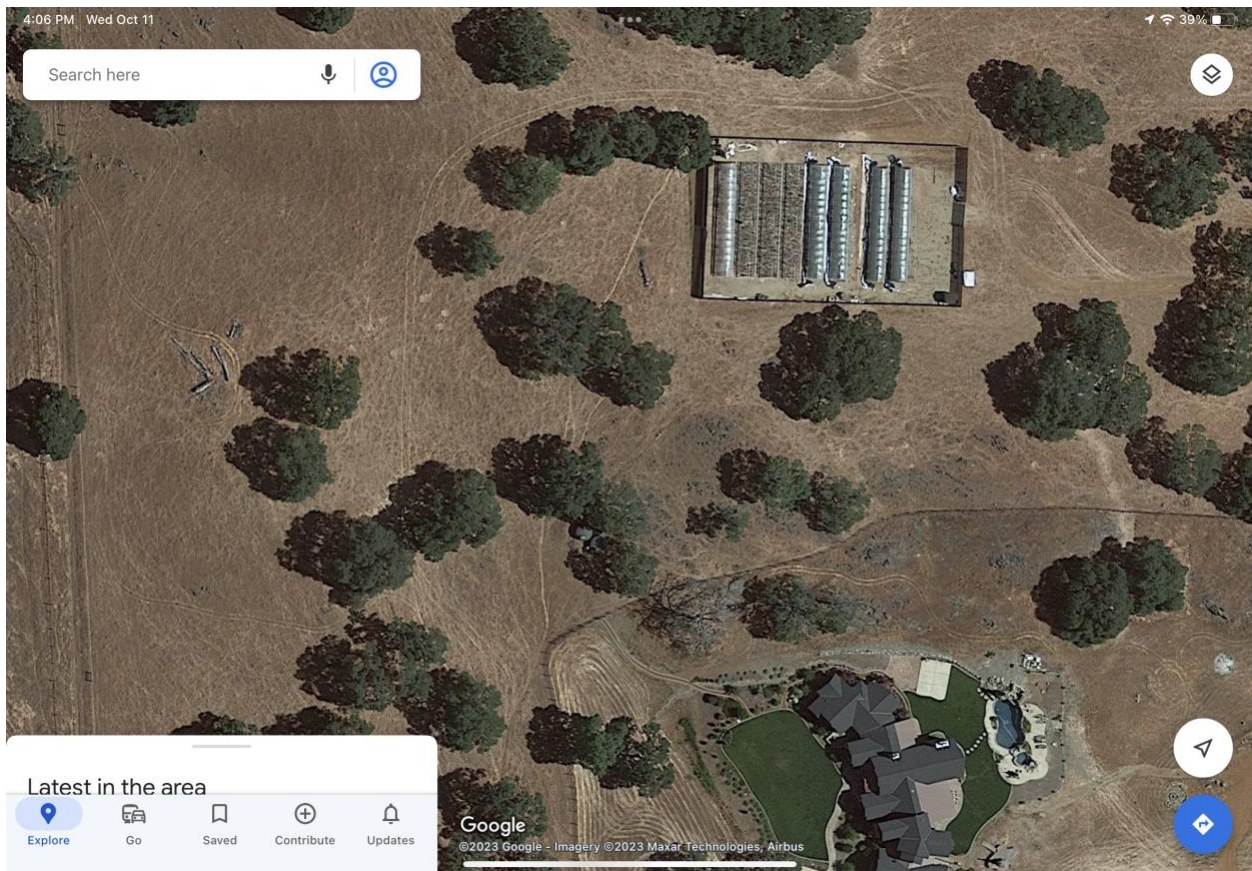
I will state upfront – that I maintain my brother is and has been an illicit, illegal cannabis grower for many years at his South Shingle Road property. I have on multiple occasions notified the Department of Cannabis Control of his illegal grow operations, which makes me an interested party in the current matter put before you. Given his willingness to engage in illegal, unlicensed cannabis cultivation, without regard to the health and safety of his community, **including its school children**, and along with his associated cheating on his cannabis-related taxes and regulations, he deserves no special variance or accommodations by the County. In fact, I encourage you to review the fines, penalties and imprisonment terms for his activities at both the State and Federal levels.

Some background: My brother came into some inheritance money in 2019, after my parents' deaths. After divorcing his wife, finding a new girlfriend, with both living in my parents' house (by the way, named "Green Gables") - for a year, drawing out the sale by asking a series of unreasonable prices, he announced he had bought an 100 acre ranch outside of Sacramento. My brother has always had problems with money, including problems with the IRS – and he is no rancher, so I thought it surprising. He had told me he planned to "subdivide the land" splitting it up and selling multiple smaller parcels, which would eventually cover the initial high price he paid, which he most certainly could not afford otherwise.

Shortly thereafter, in 2020, I noticed via public announcement, he had created two corporations "Green Gables Growers" and "Green Gables Station".

As we know, growing Cannabis in the State of California is legal, by licensed growers. In 2020, I investigated on the State's website – if there were such a permit. There was none and there is still none to this day. Around this time (in 2020) – I looked at this property on "Google Maps" – **which you can still see to this day** – a very large collection of greenhouses, surrounded by thick black privacy fencing. I suspected an illegal growing operation (in 2020) and subsequently reported his address to the State regulators, requesting they investigate.

Please see a current (and past) screenshot of Robert Sandie’s suspected unlicensed and illegal cannabis operations, on his property at 6914 South Shingle Road, Shingle Springs, CA. below:



While I cannot be certain it was a cannabis grow – I consulted with experts who assured me it most certainly is and was an existing cannabis grow on the property (since 2020).

I noticed in the presentations to the Planning Commission on August 24, 2023 – that the photos of his property did not show the presence of the illegal grow operations, since the County’s photos are conveniently from 2016. I wonder if the Planning Commission’s approval decision would have been affected by the presence of a long-standing illegal grow operation? It seems like the past illegal operations should have been at least discussed and brought to the Commission’s attention, since I was told **the Planning Department was aware of them**, based on their site inspections at the property. A criminal background check is necessary to be a legal grower. It stands to reason, multi-year illegal grow operations, along with its associated tax evasion, speaks volumes as to this Applicant’s suitability.

I can now understand the bigger picture of what my brother was/is trying to do. While he may have had an interest in growing illegal cannabis in the past, since 2020, potentially providing some needed illegal tax-evading income, it is more just a ploy to enhance the value of the selling price of the property, which makes sense given his initial idea of buying the property in the first place, so as to “sell off the land”. It has been noted he fished briefly, with a highly inflated price, to sell his property shortly before the Planning Council’s approval. Do not be surprised that the property will immediately be put for sale if the

Approval is secured by the Board of Supervisors, with all the bragging of “County-sanctioned” marketing rights therein, to try again to inflate the asking price - as an “income producing” property.

His dishonest, deceptive presentation to the Planning Council – along with pleas of “just a working stiff trying to make a living” – is a scam, and the Shingle Springs Community and El Dorado County, in general, will be harmed if it gives into such lies and deception. I also believe his illegal behavior harms legitimate growers who follow the rules and respect the laws and regulations put forth by the community.

I humbly ask that you reconsider and revoke Robert Sandie’s current variance approval – and reserve such approvals for legitimate growers who respect the law, with long-term interests in the legal operation of such businesses, and who have a vested interest in the community and its health and well-being.



Timothy Sandie, CPA

From: BOS-District I
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 3:10 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: FW: Permit #CCUP20-0004, Variance V23-0002
Attachments: Cannabis Appeal - SRM - 11.02.2023.docx

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From: Kathy Evans <kootergirl@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Permit #CCUP20-0004, Variance V23-0002

Please include the attached letter in the documents for the Board of Supervisors scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 regarding the agenda item for the Appeal to the Green Gables Growers Commercial Cannabis Use Permit CCUP20-0004 and Variance V23-0002.

Regards,
Kathy Evans

Tom Mangino & Kathy Evans
4021 Porter Lane
Shingle Springs, CA 95682

November 2, 2023

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

RE: Green Gables Commercial Cannabis Use Permit
Permit # CCUP20-0004
Variance # V23-0002

Ladies & Gentlemen,

We are residents in the Sun Ridge Meadow residential community. Our property is just over the hill behind the property owned by Mr. Sandie and the proposed commercial cannabis project. We purchased our property June 2022 and bought it for the country living aspect of the area. We were unaware that the property owner just over the hill was going through the process to acquire a permit to open a commercial cannabis project.

Our concerns are regarding the setback issues with the school bus stops and with the water usage. I will address each individually.

As grandparents whose grandchildren live off of South Shingle Road, we are concerned knowing that the school bus stops **do not** meet the set back requirements for this project. We do not want our grandchildren to have a cannabis growing project located by their bus stop. We do not want our grandchildren to be anywhere near any related traffic associated with this operation. Traffic or individuals that an operation of this kind bring raise concerns for us.

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Kathy Evans
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Wells are the life blood that allows us to maintain the homes that we have in the Sun Ridge Meadows community. We do not take this water for granted and we exercise a keen responsibility on how our water is used. In reviewing some of the documents available from the Planning Commission meeting it was clear that the water resource data was questionable and inaccurate. The calculations of water needs for the planned 873 plants was in no way near the documentation's estimate of 150,000 gal/year. A quick check from multiple sources on the Internet of water usage per plant gave a range of 3 – 6 gal/day per plant. Assuming a 6 month growing year, the water needs are estimated between 477,967 – 955,935 gal/yr. If it is a full year round operation those estimates double. In addition to the water needs of the cannabis plants, the water requirements need to cover the water usage of the employees of the cannabis project as well as the 4,900 sq ft main house with a pool and landscaping, 3 Airbnb tree houses, the caretaker's house and an equestrian center. There are many numbers being referred to regarding this project, but the underlying concern is the unreliability of the data regarding the water needs. For a project of this type and size we would expect to see very detailed data and sources of that data to provide confidence that these are not just numbers getting bandied about.

The bottom line from our perspective is that the data is not adding up regarding the setback, the water and many other issues with this project. As concerned citizens and next door neighbors we request that the appeal be granted and the variance request be denied on the basis of incomplete and inaccurate information.

Additionally, we have questions about the permit. Is the permit limited to 873 plants or would Mr. Sandie be able to increase the number of plants without additional approval from the Planning Department and the Board of Supervisors? Mr. Sandie recently listed his property for sale and then removed the listing. If Mr. Sandie has intentions to sell the property and the permit is issued to Mr. Sandie, can he transfer that permit to some other person or entity? If the permit is issued for the current Green Gables Growers and the ownership changes, is the permit transferable to the new owner of Green Gables Growers?

We thank you in advance for your time in reading our concerns and will be following the progress of this permit and the variance request.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Mangino
Kathy Evans