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District4Voters Alliance <district4voters@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 8:42 PM

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Comments to the El Dorado County Planning Commission for April 23, 2020 Meeting

Re: Item # 4 (20-0537)

Our apologies for writing again so soon; however, comments at today's Board of Supervisors' hearing on the medical marijuana ordinance amendments necessitate weighing in on this matter. Ordinarily, the District 4 Voters Alliance would not express our thoughts on a matter that appears to be limited to Meyers, up in the 5th Supervisorial District.

However, comments made today by Rod Miller, paid lobbyist for the pot-growing industry, caught our attention. Specifically, Rod Miller implied that at "the Planning Commission meeting later this week" (i.e., April 23) the matter of reducing the specified set-backs for commercial marijuana grows would be considered.

While we read the Agenda's description of the proposal presented to you as NOT even mentioning commercial grows, we read the textual language as potentially eliminating or reducing existing set-back requirements for ALL commercial marijuana activities. Thus, we wish to express our concern and caution that NOTHING you do with respect to this proposal in any way implicate any changes to the general set-back requirements provided for in the existing ordinance and that any changes made by the proposed amendments are specifically limited to Meyers.

Rod Miller has made several comments (in relation to the medical marijuana ordinance amendments just approved) to the effect that the general set-back requirements of 800 feet should be reduced to either 10 feet or 50 feet (it changes from time to time). Both these are absurdly low!! At today's hearing, the members of the Board of Supervisors expressed repeated constituent concerns about problems with odors and otherwise. These concerns are focused primarily on outdoor grows. Reducing any required setbacks for outdoor grows will only exacerbate these problems and increase constituent complaints. The voters did NOT approve having commercial marijuana grows just over their back fence!

Thank you for the consideration of our views and the opportunity to participate in your meetings remotely.

District 4 Voters Alliance

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Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 11:02 AM

Hi Julie,

Here is a public comment for the cannabis item tomorrow.

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From: **mike marini** <mikepaisano@icloud.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 10:58 AM
Subject: County planners to consider allowing commercial cannabis in Meyers | TahoeDailyTribune.com
To: Brendan Ferry <brendan.ferry@edcgov.us>
Cc: Sue Novasel <sue.novasel@edcgov.us>, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (CAO) <DON.ASHTON@edcgov.us>

Brendan;

Please share this article with the committee members of Meyers Community group.
Now is the time to take a firm stand.....and say "NO" to this idea.....while county leaders are enchanted with New revenue.....
this is a bad idea.....and should be avoided.

WE DONT need the additional tax income from sale of Drugs.....any drugs..... even some consider harmless.....like pot.
..DOUBT my words.....visit a nearby hospital and witness a new born baby go through Drug withdrawal.....because the Mom
was addicted...
They are malnourished.....in constant pain; take months to break the addiction; often their brains are permanently
damaged.....and the list goes on... SAY NO to our public decisiomakers.....

Walk the city streets of any large city.....and you will see thousands of people suffering from drugs and homelessness.....often
connected conditions.
SO Let's stop this idea.....in Meyers. WHILE we can.....Please

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<https://www.tahodailytribune.com/news/county-planners-to-consider-allowing-commercial-cannabis-in-meyers/>

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Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 3:01 PM

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From: **El Dorado Growers Alliance** <eldoradogrowersalliance@gmail.com>
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SUBJECT: File 20-0537 Commercial Cannabis In Meyers Planning Area

Commissioners:

We are in strong support of the ordinance fix to allow commercial cannabis activity in the Meyers planning area. It was a mistake to not have Meyers specific provisions in the original ballot measures. It's important that our commercial cannabis program is fair for the entire County and adjusted as we learn how the program is functioning. Providing commercial cannabis opportunities in the Meyers area will provide legal alternatives for cannabis operators who are currently in the illegal market.

The concept used for setbacks in this section should be the model used throughout the entire commercial cannabis program, that is, that setbacks and site mitigations are site-specific requirements developed during the licensing process.

800-foot setbacks from our own property line are indefensible, arbitrary, and excessive. Even if the end result (at the end of the licensing process) is similar, based on your permit conditions, we need to eliminate the 800-foot setbacks so Growers understand at this important time that they have a chance to get a license.

I represent a number of commercial cannabis cultivation license applicants. They are stuck on having to produce technical reports that show compliance with the ambiguous and qualitative odor standard. It is impossible to show compliance with the odor standard for future planned activities. The odor standard may be useful after licenses are issued as a tool to determine if there is a possibility of a nuisance at a neighboring residence. However, if a license is denied based on the odor standard which I believe is impermissibly vague, then there likely will be a cause of action against the County.

While you are in the fixing mode please fix the 800-foot setback and odor standards for cultivation licenses. To the best of my knowledge, no other county in the state uses these standards as criteria for licensing.

To quote the owner of Poor Reds, "All we're asking for is fairness."

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