

From: [Caitlin Smith](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Yes Cannabis Lounges! A Lifeline for the Industry
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 11:48:47 AM

From: Lucas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 8:37 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Yes Cannabis Lounges! A Lifeline for the Industry

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I'm writing to urge you to support the establishment of cannabis lounges in Santa Cruz County. The legal cannabis industry in California is struggling under the weight of high taxes, overregulation, and stiff competition from the illicit market. Allowing cannabis lounges would be a meaningful step toward revitalizing this vital sector of our economy while providing new opportunities for our community.

Cannabis lounges can bring significant economic benefits to Santa Cruz. As a region known for its culture, innovation, and hospitality, these spaces could attract tourists and locals alike, generating additional tax revenue and supporting nearby businesses like restaurants and shops. They would also provide safe, regulated environments for cannabis consumption, ensuring that responsible use is prioritized and reducing the risks of public consumption or impaired driving.

By embracing cannabis lounges, Santa Cruz County can help bridge the gap between the regulated market and the challenges posed by unlicensed operators. Unique experiences like these create an incentive for consumers to choose legal options, boosting compliance and keeping dollars in the regulated economy. More importantly, these spaces can foster education and community, helping to normalize cannabis in a safe, welcoming setting that encourages responsible use.

The cannabis industry has been a significant job creator and revenue source for our state, but without innovative policies like this, its future is uncertain. By supporting cannabis lounges, you have an opportunity to strengthen our local economy and lead the way in showing how thoughtful regulation can create opportunities for growth while prioritizing public safety and community well-being.

Thank you for considering this important issue. I hope you will take this opportunity to help revitalize the cannabis industry and position Santa Cruz County as a forward-thinking leader in this space.

Sincerely,
Lucas

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Some ideas on cannabis lounges--Tim Delaney
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 11:02:32 AM

From: skitumbleweed <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 4:24 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Some ideas on cannabis lounges--Tim Delaney

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You could perhaps have air purifying systems in the lounge for the workers if need be. Makes sense and may be good for other customers too that are trying the product because maybe they would not want the interference of fumes from others.

As for the arguments against, I see worn out arguments. I know of way too many people that have died from tobacco smoke. Many military veterans. And my mother was harmed as well. I could not get her to stop smoking until after the heart attack.

My own health is in stark contrast considering my usage of cannabis when I was younger. Sure I could have suffered some brain and lung harms...Not sure. I have also been exposed tremendously from industrial chemicals throughout my life too. Aside from that, like it or not my engineering work is actually on Mars. Things I touched are on another planet. Think about that. And health wise my cardio health is probably in the top 1% of men nationwide. Particularly for my age. Think about that.

Both my kids have never tried cannabis. I explained to them the harm to their young brains potentially and I wanted their brains to be better than my brain. My kids are a bit sharper than I am.

Surgery wise for me my surgeons were stunned when they worked on me. They had never seen an individual in my kind of health at my age. And like it or not in spite of my use when I was young while in college I was remarkably rough competition in a math or physics class. I was the grader for a reason. Other students did not always like the discovery that I was in their math class.

That said, I am a bit concerned about folks driving. But law enforcement campaigns to encourage concepts of sober folks driving these other folks can work. And having law enforcement engaged could make the concept of these lounges a success and learning opportunity for the community.

Tahoe, I was against this because of the ice and snow danger up there. Tourism is just not responsible and they would lose control over the situation.

We are all different. And all have different reactions. So knowledge is the better way I think. My son specifically may be too risky to ever try cannabis per his medical conditions. Whatever the case, knowledge is power and these old arguments regarding the harm I just don't buy into.

I am much more concerned regarding metals in our water, air, and land from that battery explosion.

Anyways,

You folks have a fine day.

Tim Delaney

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: cannabis lounge permits
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From: Judi Gremminger [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 4:33 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: cannabis lounge permits

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Dear Board, I have just read the letter to you concerning cannabis lounges in Santa Cruz County. What she has to say is greatly disturbing and it should be given much thought before allowing such lounges in our county. I know that marijuana use greatly impacts young people's minds and has a lasting effect. Please turn this request down. Thank you, Judi & Bob Gremminger, Ben Lomond residents