

From: [Valerie Leveroni Corral](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: Consumption Lounges & Farm Stands
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 12:15:03 PM

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Dear Honorable Board,

Thank you, Justin, Fillipe, and Manu, for your support and votes regarding consumption lounges and Farm Stand expansion.

Kimberly and Monica, please know that I am available to offer my expertise should you have any questions regarding the application and use of cannabis or if you would like additional information on this decades-long endeavor on the part of our community at large. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you if you feel it may be beneficial.

Over the decades, I have revisited the many matters in question regarding cannabis, health, and safety. These important concerns can be addressed through specialized training programs for employees, who need to develop keen observation skills to identify and prevent potential problems among patrons at establishments where alcohol or cannabis is to be consumed.

As outlined in Brenda Armstrong's letter to the Board of Supervisors, which I co-signed, there are several actions appropriate for participating cannabis businesses to ensure proper oversight. It is crucial for our businesses to assume responsibility and engage in additional employee training programs, and we are committed to participating in such programs.

I believe that upon review, you will find it beneficial to include employee training, similar to what is mandatory for bars, pubs, and taprooms. You may wish to consider programs developed by Brenda Armstrong and Christopher Carr, which provide educational materials for businesses and employees in both the alcohol and cannabis industries respectively.

Regarding my public comment about the CPP, I want to clarify that, due to illness, I overlooked an email from Lara Jung sent a few days prior to the Board's meeting, requesting my input. I apologize for this oversight and wish to amend my comment to include the CPP's inquiry regarding patients and impaired driving prevention.

Thank you again for this and the many issues you engage to protect and evolve our

remarkable community.

Kind regards,

Valerie

Valerie Leveroni Corral
Executive Director

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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Gandhi

"Never let doubt enter." Momma

From: [Terri V](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: Lounges
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:25:42 AM

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I urge our county board of supervisors to vote against cannabis lounges.
Terri Vomvolakis

Watsonville

From: Christopher Carr
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: Please Approve "Ordinance Amending Section 7.130.030 regarding retail commercial cannabis operations
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:29:16 AM

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Greetings,

I am writing in support for Cannabis Retailers seeking permitting for on site consumption. I have worked with patients for decades and worked in the legal compliant cannabis industry since the beginning. I believe the compliant operators are the safest stewards in the community working diligently to provide tested products that are certified safe with rigorous testing requirements and extensive regulations.

Today, in the legal market, there are more diverse offerings of mixed ratio low THC products. Many can be titrated to low doses, which will serve as a safer alternative to the public consumption of alcohol.

Working at a compliant cannabis retailer, we have a team dedicated to keeping underage patrons out of the space and will work with the community to educate and prevent youth access or any diversion of any kind. Cannabis operators go above and beyond any alcohol retailer or bar in monitoring, reporting, and verifying that every customer is within the legal age limit and is behaving in a respectable civilized fashion.

Providing safe, legal spaces will be a better alternative to cannabis consumption in our tourist economy and community. People will visit and vacation in Santa Cruz and use cannabis regardless, so as a Father of two and Santa Cruz local, I believe it the best route for local leadership to find a legal path for compliant operators to welcome adults into a safe, regulated space to use cannabis and not out in public on the public spaces unregulated in front of anyone walking west cliff of the public spaces.

Finally, in a struggling cannabis industry, the path to legal onsite consumption at local retailers that are licensed and compliant will be the last hope of preserving some of the locally owned and dedicated operators that are struggling in a failing industry that is taxed to excess and overregulated on every level these mom & pop retailers are quickly becoming victims to corporate consolidation by larger corporations that do not have legacy rapport with the Santa Cruz way of life. By providing a legal path and opportunities to diversify ways to serve adults legally, we can deter illicit cannabis business in Santa Cruz County and continue to support the good partners in the community that are licensed and dedicated to providing a special, unique "Santa Cruz" cultural experience to adults similar to sommeliers of Sonoma County. Santa Cruz has decades of cultural and historical significance to the Medical Cannabis Movement and, in many circles, is considered to be a cultural epicenter of cannabis genetics and culture. Please lead this community into the legal age of adults having access, including patients from communities that do not have the history or cultural heritage that is unique to Santa Cruz County. Please approve a path for compliant retailers to permit on-site consumption.

Sincerely,

Christopher Carr



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From: [Marcia Wilson](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: Pot lounge
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 6:06:18 PM

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Hi!

I voted for you. I'd like to ask you to please reconsider allowing pot lounge areas to open up.

I don't think we have the safety measures in place to deal with high drivers right now. There isn't even a good test for officers to use, unlike alcohol. I like weed myself but it's better used at home where I don't need to drive after using it.

I am a mom. Also a nurse.

I am pretty sure that this is a bad idea. We don't have enough enforcement of the laws that are already in place, so adding more high drivers could be a poor decision.

You have kids too right?

Do they walk? Ride bikes?

The streets are dangerous enough. Let's not add to it.

Yours,

Marcia Wilson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jeff Staben](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: Vote No on Cannabis Lounges
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 5:33:37 PM

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Dear Board,

Your decision whether or not to approve cannabis lounges is of great importance and concern.

I hope you will consider reading this article and findings: <https://nopotshops.com/marijuana-and-homelessness>, and vote No on cannabis lounge consumption and its use. Recent studies also show that over 30% of homeless people use drugs.

As elected representatives wanting to raise potential revenue for the county and control homelessness, your potential action should not pose a danger to our communities nor strain our emergency service programs which this proposal will create.

And even though proponents say it will make for an enjoyable cannabis lounge experience for tourists/visitors, they will not be the ones paying or feeling the impact of our already strained healthcare infrastructure, vehicle to bike or pedestrian injuries, or see an increase of criminal activities in our neighborhoods.

We may be known as a liberal society however, you are here to protect the commons as responsible adults and not buds for the dispensary industry.

Vote No.

Jeff Staben
Soquel

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: cannabis lounges in SC county
Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 3:04:30 PM

From: Katie Lage [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 4:12 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>
Subject: re: cannabis lounges in SC county

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Hello,

I am strongly opposed to cannabis lounges in SC county. We already have a sheriff's department that covers a huge geographic area and is stretched thin. My kids already travel extremely dangerous roads walking and biking to school and friends houses. The idea that a cannabis lounge is somehow safer because people will stay there and sober up before driving is not grounded in reality--people will drive high and it will be extremely dangerous. AAA recommends not driving at all after smoking pot and Colorado DOT recommends waiting at least 6 hours--does that sound like a safe or realistic model for a cannabis lounge?

Thank you to Mayor Fred Keeley for his strongly-worded opposition, and to Kim de Serpa and Monica Martinez for pointing out the obvious safety issues and voting no on this ill-considered idea.

I hope the rest of the Board will do the same at the next vote!

-Katie

(mother of 2, resident of Aptos)