

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONAL CULTIVATION & OUTDOOR CULTIVATION

PART B - OPPOSED

Hartman, Clare

From: Jann Edwards <jannedwards@sonic.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Hartman, Clare
Cc: Tibbetts, Jack
Subject: Cannabis ordinance

I am hoping that you will limit legal grows of cannabis in the city to two female plants and homeowners only. I have chronic-obstructive-pulmonary-disease, but this also applies to those with asthma. Any particulates in the air irritate my lungs causing discomfort and congestion, further reducing my ability to breathe. I'm at 33% capacity in clean air.

A recent grow of 5 plants in the next block created a situation where I could not go outside, could not open my doors to let the breeze in, and had to increase my use of oxygen. I learned of the number of plants when a neighbor who has a rental next door to the property involved redid the roof and counted the plants. The grower is not the tenant, but her son who doesn't even live there.

I am asking you to be aware that odors from cannabis are not just temporary annoyances, but actual health hazards. And, as I can smell the indoor grow near Dutton and 9th St. for 2 blocks, imagine the health effect on that neighborhood.

Thank you,
Jann Edwards

Sent from my iPad

Hartman, Clare

From: Guhin, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Hartman, Clare
Subject: FW: I'm for banning outdoor growth of cannabis in City limits and any neighborhood environment

-----Original Message-----

From: sandy ferrando [mailto:sandyferrando129@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Guhin, David <dguhin@srcity.org>
Subject: I'm for banning outdoor growth of cannabis in City limits and any neighborhood environment

I believe like any crop it's probably better grown in sunshine instead of closets or rooms.

That being said, it belongs out of city limits and where the stench of harvest is still barely tolerable for country mile neighbors.

The crime that comes with "pot" gardens is well publicized and the safety of urban neighbors is more important than the need of an individual who can purchase medical pot at a dispensary.

Thank you

S. Ferrando

Sent from my iPad

Hartman, Clare

From: Lynne Charlton <flagdaybb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 10:00 PM
To: Hartman, Clare
Subject: Cannabis ordinance

Dear Clare,

I am opposed to the prospect of allowing medical marijuana patients to grow marijuana in their yards. My neighborhood stinks in early fall from the number of people who grow marijuana in their yards. The stench is so heavy that it sets off my asthma, and I am not able to enjoy fresh air because my windows are closed due to the smell when it is grown and smoked. It does not seem right that their 'medicine' affects my health.

My understanding from several neighbors is that there are people in the neighborhood who grow more plants than allowed for personal consumption, and that they sell what is not used personally to supplement their income. If Council decides to allow people to grow marijuana for personal use, will it be regulated? Will any regulations realistically be enforced? As far as I know, no one in my neighborhood grows it for true medical purposes - they grow it because they can and do not want to pay for it.

Please take the needs of the community as a whole, not a smaller population with questionable needs, when finalizing the cannabis ordinance. I know several people who bragged about how easy it was to obtain medical marijuana cards fraudulently so they could not be arrested for having marijuana.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lynne Charlton
648 Church St.
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Hartman, Clare

From: Guhin, David
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 6:16 PM
To: Hartman, Clare
Subject: FW: Proposed Outdoor Growing Marijuana Ban

-----Original Message-----

From: Lynnea Mackey [mailto:lynnea.mackey@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Guhin, David <dguhin@srcity.org>
Subject: Proposed Outdoor Growing Marijuana Ban

To whom this may concern...

I am completely in favor of banning any outdoor marijuana grows within city limits. I do like the violence that often follows growing, residential plots are too small to accommodate the smell, nor am I comfortable with all the comings and goings of strangers that having marijuana on property, for medicinal purposes or not, brings. If you have not done so yet, please vote in favor of this ban.

Many thanks!
Lynnea Mackey

Hartman, Clare

From: Guhin, David
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 12:39 PM
To: Hartman, Clare
Subject: FW: Dangers related to Prop. 64 Mandate to allow In-Home Cannabis Cultivation

From: Balagey, Kristianne
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Guhin, David <dguhin@srcity.org>; Bliss, Sandi <sbliss@srcity.org>
Subject: FW: Dangers related to Prop. 64 Mandate to allow In-Home Cannabis Cultivation

Hi,

Below is an email for your department. If any response is generate, please cc me for logging. Thank you for always being so helpful.

Best,
Kristianne Balagey | Senior Administrative Assistant
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From: Roland Cordova [<mailto:roland@ugrowrentals.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 11:29 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: Dangers related to Prop. 64 Mandate to allow In-Home Cannabis Cultivation

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Prop 64 Mandate to allow cannabis to be grown in residential homes has **serious** danger concerns. We understand how busy you are and know that with Prop. 64 looming, you do not want to have more problems to deal with. We are very aware that very few people know what it takes to grow cannabis. Citizens going into a Hydroponic store will be told that this is the equipment needed to grow cannabis. Here is a list:

- 2 1000 Watt LED Lights (requiring a lot of electricity)
- 1 Air Conditioner (room must be kept between 72 and 78 degrees)
- 1 Humidifier
- 2 Fans (for circulation)
- 2 Timers (one for automated watering and 1 for automating lights)
- Ventilation system to extract heat created by lights (sending strong odors into the neighborhood)

We are sharing this with you because of the mandate to allow in-home personal growing. Since this mandate has not been given much thought as it seems innocent enough, we want you to know that it is not. Allowing hundreds of untrained individuals to go to their garage and set up this kind of equipment which requires a considerable amount of power 24 hours a day comes with a high potential for a fire.

There are many other dangers to consider, here are a few:

- Neighbor complaints due to the smell and disapproval of growing cannabis near their home
- Theft due to teenagers becoming aware of growth operation (due to strong odor)
- Guns being used by homeowners protecting their investment
- Homes being involved in a fire incident due to untrained installation and inadequate power source
- Home burglaries to steal finished crops

What is the cost to regulate in-home personal growing? What is the cost to not regulate? What pressure does this put on your Fire Dept., Police Dept., Code Enforcement, and the court system? Obviously, these are issues to consider in the regulation of this very sensitive issue.

U-Grow Rentals has given this a lot of thought and we are not done helping. We sincerely want to aid cities with the difficult spot that the State of California has placed them in. We want this to be a win-win for the city and its citizens. Our facilities have thousands of small, leasable grow rooms for your citizens. It is a single, easily-monitored building that will:

- Require purchase of city permits to use facility (\$100.00 annually for an individual and \$200.00 for Caretakers)
- Consolidate the growing operation of many residents into a single location (lower the cost of regulatory resources)
- Remove the hazardous equipment risks from the homes (lower the volume of 911 calls and home insurance rates)
- Give the citizens a choice to grow in a controlled, expertly-staffed environment (give choices to the 'nimby' neighborhoods and the less sophisticated growers)

U-Grow wants to continue to think it through with each city - what are we missing...?

Let us work with you to bring life to an abandoned building, jobs to the people, and money to the treasurer...

Thank you for your time--



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From: Hollie Smith <hollie-annie@sbcglobal.net>

Date: July 22, 2017 at 9:39:56 AM PDT

To: "Chartman@srcity.org" <Chartman@srcity.org>

Subject: Public Comment ; Cannabis Policy

Reply-To: Hollie Smith <hollie-annie@sbcglobal.net>

Hoping to throw my two cents in here as a Santa Rosa Homeowner. I bought my home in a track area of Santa Rosa in 2015 and plan to retire in the next few years. Given the recent turn of events in SR cannabis policy; I will certainly not retire in SR . Shortly after moving into my home, I realized my neighbor was a drug dealer ; given individual cars coming and going for short periods, at all hours of the day and night ; and given the look* of the persons coming and going ; there is no other conclusion. My report to SRPD when said neighbor set up pot greenhouse in his back yard in 2016 , did not result in any action. There is now the legally allowable 500 sqft pot farm clearly visible in my neighbors yard from over the fence ; as is the residents medical cannabis cert on his house wall .

As we all know it is incredibly easy to get a medical cannabis cert for any reason, and equally easy to get 5 of your friends to sign up for the personal caregiver grow. Recent discussion with SRPD has revealed the difficulty of ever catching someone for selling out of their home, given "possession" of cannabis of any one coming and going, not being a crime.

So now when I go to sell my home (3 bedroom, suburban area), any cautious homeowner who looks over the fence will most likely decline, particularly families , as they can surmise what such a crop could lead to. Possibly someone in the cannabis industry will buy it under market rate (as many buyers will decline) , and then they too, will set up a 500 sq ft farm. Maybe the entire block will ultimately go to the "home farmer". Due to the nature of the law , the situation makes it incredibly easy for a home farmer to cultivate and sell cannabis under market rate, and go undetected. I am not against legal cannabis for personal or medical use. It is just that legal outdoor grow laws enable illegal behavior. Hope you reconsider this policy .

Thank you for listening .

* Sorry, I am a social worker and I know the profile, and even recognize some of the "customers" .

Hollie

July 17, 2017

Santa Rosa City Council
100 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, Ca 95404

Members of the City Council,

I am writing in response to the Draft Cannabis Ordinance Presentation for Public Feedback. I speak for many who are afraid to speak.

I asked for input from other residents both through "NextDoor" and on the street. So many are afraid to come to the meetings in fear of reprisal and retaliation. If you read many of the responses on NextDoor, Twitter or Facebook you can understand why anyone voicing any concerns are berated and "bullied" and told they are bad people who have no feelings for those who use marijuana as a medical aid. This is not what this is about....it is about the effect of grows on those living around said grows. I offered animosity to those who responded so that they could have a voice without fear of retaliation.

I have spoken to over 42 residents in the past four weeks. I asked for their thoughts on the grow portion of the Cannabis debate and to not go off on the legality of it. The majority (38) expressed concern, anger and frustration over the growing of cannabis in residential areas. The overwhelming concerns were:

1: **Smell:** Almost every one of the resident stated that the smell is so bad they could not enjoy their yard or even open their windows. Two people even became nauseous with the smell. I myself have experienced this situation. One family stated their neighbor only had 10 plants (very large) yet the smell was so bad they could not open their windows and they would not let their children play outside. One resident stated "If they grew in a shed with the proper filters so no smell escaped maybe...."

2: **Environment:** A-There are chemicals used to enhance grows, pesticides, etc. that will end up spreading into the ground water and into neighboring yards harming children and pets. B-Water usage is high and "if we were told to conserve during the drought. Just think of what will happen in another drought!"

3: **Crime:** Several people reporting gunfire, burglaries and fights.

4: **Property Values:** Unless you are selling your home to another grower nobody wants to live next to a grow and there goes the value.

Other information provided by residence:

A third generation resident of Santa Rosa stated there are two grows next to them and that are visible from their yard where their children play. The smell is horrific and they are concerned about the chemicals used in the grow process. She has tried everything including contacting the City and has

gotten nowhere. They are so frustrated and disappointed that this is no longer "the Santa Rosa we grew up in and loved". They are even contemplating moving out of the area or seeking legal action.

A grandparent no longer has her grandchildren visit due to the "shady" people growing next door to them. They fear of the neighbor and the people who "stop by".

There are many, many more who have voiced their concerns however they all run along the lines of those listed above.

I have also printed a few lines from a news article from Nevada County as well as a past article from the Press Democrat. I have spoken with people working with the Oregon situation and have asked for information to be sent to me in reference to the "nuesince laws" and "quality of life" issues in neighborhoods. I was not able to get this information in time for the meeting however plan on following up on this matter.

News Article – Nevada County:

Tripp emphasized that the enforcement team was not trying to stop people from growing marijuana legally.

"We're trying to find the fine line between the legal right to grow and your neighbor's right to quality of life," he said. "We're just trying to have everybody co-exist ... Stay within the guidelines and you won't be impacted."

Tripp expressed frustration with those who "take advantage" of the legal right to grow marijuana in order to turn a profit.

"The public might be surprised at the fact that we came across just two people with verifiable employment," he said.

"How are they making a living if they're not selling their marijuana?"

Press Democrat Article:

Gardea and about 30 neighbors who echo his complaints say Alan MacFarlane's annual marijuana crop creates an unholy stench in the neighborhood off West Third Street near Dutton Avenue, causes noise disturbances related to motion alarms and raises the risk of criminal activity.

That risk is underscored by the number of home-invasion robberies tied to marijuana gardens, including one this month in which three robbers wearing clothing to impersonate law enforcement officials burst into a Todd Road home, handcuffed two residents and fled with 30 marijuana plants.

"When your kids are getting a contact high and you read about home invasions in the city," Gardea said, "hell yeah, I'll put that sign up if it's going to protect my kids."

Sheriff's Sgt. Chris Bertoli said MacFarlane's operation sounds like a "co-op," which, unlike a dispensary, does not require a business license to operate.

"If we were to go over there and serve a search warrant, and he showed us recommendations for people growing there, we would probably contact those people to confirm if everything was correct and probably turn around and walk away and leave the operation intact," said Bertoli, who oversees the sheriff's narcotics division.

That's of little comfort to some neighbors who complain about the heavy stench of marijuana wafting into their homes.

"I don't let my 11-year-old out in the back yard, especially during the harvest season, because the smell of the plants fills our house," said Christi Corradi, an art teacher for at-risk youth whose Garden Street back yard abuts MacFarlane's.

Thank you for your taking the time to listen. Too many of us are not heard over the ranting of the growers who bully anyone who tries to be voice their concerns. In fact, I attended a City meeting on this before and at that meeting it sounded like the City Council was not going to allow outdoor grows. It seems like the Council has been bullied as well.

I am not against marijuana itself. I have purchased it for my dying mother as well as for my stepfather who had cancer. We are talking about the effects the grows have on tax paying, VOTING citizens who don't seem to be heard by the City.

Sincerely



Mavis Allan
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Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Bliss, Sandi

From: Guhin, David
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Bliss, Sandi; Guzy, Julie
Subject: FW: Marijuana growing within city limits outdoors

FYI

From: Comcast [mailto:Nevkarene@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Guhin, David <dguhin@srcity.org>
Subject: Marijuana growing within city limits outdoors

As I emailed before, I am **adamantly opposed** to growing marijuana outdoors within city limits. 1. The smell can be horrendous to the point where neighbors are driven in doors in the summer with windows and doors closed because of it. Allergy issues also a problem with this. We do not live in the country but rather in the city, which means that we don't have dairy cows, pig farms, feedlots or other smelly agricultural endeavors within city limits.

2. People are willing to go into the areas where marijuana is grown with guns and other weapons to force the growers to give them the plants because they can make a lot of money off of those plants. This is not true for other plants such as rose bushes, Daisys, pansies, etc. There have been horrendous shoot outs when someone's willing to shoot to get pot plants. People have died fighting over these plants. I don't want this situation in my neighborhood.

3. Of concern also is people trying to grow pot on patios of apartments or condominium complexes. The smell would be horrific and any gun battles would endanger a higher number of people.

4. The PowerPoint presentation handout from the previous meeting also stresses that if Pot growing outside in city limits were allowed, the city doesn't have the resources to enforce the regulations that way they're supposed to be enforced. We should therefore not pass anything that we can't enforce that can be fraught with danger.

I came to a previous meeting on this issue but I am hard of hearing and it was very difficult to follow anything happening the way the meeting site is structured. I know interpreters can be provided. However, not everyone fighting for outdoor grows is benign and peace loving. Some are there to have the city's blessing to grow extremely profitable plants within city limits. I don't want to show any more vulnerability on my part than I have to, to people who stand to not make a lot of money the way they were hoping to because I am among the opposition. I am therefore going to provide my input via email.

Sincerely,
Karen Ellison
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[Santa Rosa, California](mailto:karen@primavera.com)
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Sent from my iPhone

If 6 plants grown indoor require 1000 W of light for seed to flower and so many hours of light per crop, how much Energy is consumed in kwh and Barrels of Oil (BOE) per crop and annually citywide? I did a little research.

hrs light	light Watts	kw	kwh
	1,746	1000	1,746
other pumps	(3/16) of light kwh		327
Total			2,073

Number Hours: 1,746 light hours (total hours with 250W HPS turned on)

Veg: 41 days of 18/6 = 738 hours

Flower: 84 days of 12/12 = 1,008 hours

other items cost 3/4 as much electricity as the grow light

I figure Other item cost for 1000kw use would then be 3/16 as much electricity as the grow light)

Reference kwh usage per crop <http://www.growweedeasy.com/growing-cannabis-electricity-cost>

In City SR

Households owner occupied	34427
Renter occupied homes	29163
Total homes occupied	63590
Note: Over 60 households (more likely for medical use)	22852

Reference households <https://suburbanstats.org/population/california/how-many-people-live-in-santa-rosa>

estimate	% SR homes grow Prop.64 or 215	20%	10%	30%
Total Grow homes citywide	12718	6359	19077	
kwh usage per crop	2073.375	2073.375	2073.375	
Citywide kwh grow per crop	26,369,183	13,184,592	39,553,775	
# crop/yr	4	4	4	
kwh per year grow inside SR citywide	105,476,733 kwh	52,738,367	158,215,100	
1 BOE (Barrel of Oil equivalent)	1682.2 kwh	1682.2 kwh	1682.2 kwh	
Annual BOE citywide indoor grow	62,701.66 BOE	31,350.83 BOE	94,052.49 BOE	
monthly BOE citywide indoor grow	5,225.14 BOE	2,612.57 BOE	7,837.71 BOE	
Reference BOE				https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tonne_of_oil_equivalent

Bliss, Sandi

From: Froschl, Angela
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 5:07 PM
To: Guhin, David
Cc: Bliss, Sandi
Subject: FW: Outdoor Marijuana Growing Ban

Good Afternoon,

And another...

Thank you,

Angela Froschl | Senior Administrative Assistant

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From: john bekas [mailto:johnbekas@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:48 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: Outdoor Marijuana Growing Ban

To Whom it May Concern,

I made the cover of pressdemocrat.com. I read in the article that Petaluma is allowing patients to grow 3 outdoor plants. Did I read that correctly? Can we push for the differentiation between medical/recreational plants in Santa Rosa? If those definitions have already been set in concrete, can we push for a three plant limit? I know that Petaluma is not the most Pro-Marijuana part of Sonoma county. I am also curious to know more about the law they enacted in Petaluma. They don't even allow medical dispensaries there. If you know, can you tell me who I should direct these questions to?

Sorry to bombard you with all of these questions on a beautiful day, but when I read that line, a light kind of went off in my head, and I know we are approaching the zero hour here.

This is an original copy of the letter I sent to the Press Democrat:

"Greetings

My name is John Bekas and I live in Santa Rosa. My wife and I bought our first house here 3 years ago, and our son just turned 13 months old. I'm not sure I would have been alive to see that if it weren't for medical cannabis. I suffer from both a seizure condition and chronic pain for a broken hip as a result of a near fatal car accident I suffered on the way home from work one day. In New Jersey, my doctors were giving me a cocktail of Clonazepam, Roxicodone, muscle relaxers, Dilantin, Keppra, Lamictal.

I live within city limits, and I just want to grow my six plants in my yard. I moved here from New Jersey with the prospect of reducing/eliminating my need for pharmaceutical drugs and their awful side effects. One of the drugs I was taking causes something called "Dental Dysplasia" and your teeth grow over your gums. The side effects to my organs and neurological system are too many to count.

Since I have lived here, I have enjoyed the freedom of growing my own medical cannabis. If outdoor cultivation for medical use is banned, I feel like I have travelled from across the country for nothing, I am only on two medications now and I have been seizure free after I started my cannabis use.

Forcing people like myself to purchase their medication from clubs, which is essentially what this is doing, is on par with Mylan and other pharmaceutical companies hiking up the price of their drugs 400%+ If I consume one brownie in two days, that's 25\$ In a month this adds up to \$375 a month. If I buy cannabis flowers at the club, it can cost upwards of 500\$ a month, not to mention the price of pills and tinctures. Sick people cannot afford this. Big Cannabis is forcing people with chronic debilitating diseases to have to buy their medication at a club where they cant afford it, when they can grow it on their own. This is horrible, and I feel as though it goes against the compassion and understanding that Santa Rosa and Sonoma County are known for.

*Sincerely
John Bekas"*

I won't be able to attend the meeting, I just wanted to speak my mind as a medical patient.

Regards
John

Olivares, Maryanna

From: Jamie Hayden <jhayden5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 2:54 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Outdoor Pot Ban Vote May 2

Dear SR City Council,

I am writing on behalf of all Santa Rosa families like mine who voted against Prop 64 and are terrified of its effects on our children. Allowing outdoor pot cultivation in Santa Rosa is just another nail in the coffin for residents like me, trying to instill good values in our kids. Many of us can't come to the council mtg. on May 2 to talk about the negative effects of outdoor pot growing because we'll be at sports practices or helping with homework, but it's critical that the council hear our voices before voting on this important issue. So much is at stake.

This issue really comes down to what kind of town we want Santa Rosa to become; how we want to "brand" our town. Countless cities are banning outdoor pot for the very reasons that we should. They want to protect children and be a positive influence, promote safety and minimize exposure, and be responsible and respectful to ALL citizens. It's important to remember that 41% of Sonoma County voted against Prop 64. And it's important to remember that pot is a drug.

The city is already allowing plenty of dispensaries in the city for pot advocates. Outdoors should be for all of us to enjoy. Odor is a recognized problem. Our children shouldn't have to smell pot anytime. No resident should be forced to — not for even a single day. A city should take every possible action to mitigate potential harm to its residents, no matter what their age. Out of sight (and smell), out of mind means something here. Without a ban, pot is ubiquitous. The more we can do to limit exposure, the better. That means banning outdoor pot cultivation.

By implementing the ban, the city is showing a strong measure of responsibility that we can pass on to our children when we have conversations with them about why they need to stay away from pot. If this ban makes it harder for our youth to access pot — and it will — the better. This should be the council's main consideration in banning outdoor pot growing in Santa Rosa.

Our city has spent so much time and effort creating a beautiful downtown plaza, we have a great Parks & Rec organization for our children, good schools, beaches, clean air, etc. We implore you to demonstrate good leadership and not damage the progress we've made and the great city we're becoming. Santa Rosa is The City Designed for Living. Please don't turn it into The City Designed for Pot.

Respectfully,
Jamie Hayden

Olivares, Maryanna

From: YardDoody <YardDoody@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2017 4:09 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Outdoor Marijuana Grows in City Limits

Hi All,

I wanted to add my two cents in as a person who lived next door to an outdoor marijuana grow for 4 years. It stinks...literally.

I have nothing against marijuana. I don't care if people use it medically or recreationally. Having it grown in the backyard next door to you is a different story.

I was unable to utilize my backyard for 1.5-2 mos. out of the year. The smell was that noxious. The family BBQ birthday party that we regularly had for my husband's birthday? Forget it...we had no backyard. We couldn't open any windows on that side of the house, because the weed was planted 5' from the fence and our windows were 15' feet from the fence on our side.

We asked the Marijuana Farmer if he could move his grow indoors, or to the garage. He became irate, cursed us out, and accused us of being anti-weed haters.

Our discomfort was exacerbated by the fact that we are backed up to the SR Creek Trail where we could enjoy hearing the happy sounds of people "discovering" a backyard full o' weed!!

Sure enough...one late September night some marijuana thieving miscreants climbed over the fence and ran off with Marijuana Farmer's entire crop. I'm just glad there was no gunfire involved since my family was asleep next door as well as the neighbors on the other side with small children.

If you want to grow marijuana at home...fine, but be considerate of your neighbors. Grow it inside, or use a secured, ventilated greenhouse.

Don't impose your choices on others.

Thanks for your time,
Marie Y. Wells

Olivares, Maryanna

From: Denise Carvalho <denisecarvalho@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2017 10:05 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Outdoor Cannabis Ban

Dear Council Members:

I adamantly support a ban of outdoor cannabis growing for the city of Santa Rosa!!!!

For the past three years I have suffered the consequences of a next-door neighbor's 30 plant-plus pot grow in her back yard (approximately 6,000 sq ft lots in Corlano Subdivision). The odor is so disgustingly pungent as to cause headaches and nausea. For TWO-plus months!!

A neighbor described to me the most potent and desirable plants smell like a mixture of dead skunk and diesel fuel. A perfect description!! and SICKENING!!!

I spent hours in e-mail correspondence last summer during the growing season with SR City Council, Supervisor Shirley Zane and the SR Police Department. Finally, a former narcotics undercover officer spoke with me at length about the difficulties of building a solid case against illegal commercial grows in residential neighborhoods under current California state law. Now with recreational use at legal status it is imperative we protect our neighborhoods and residents and the peaceful enjoyment of our homes.

PLEASE BAN OUTDOOR GROWING IN OUR CITY OF SANTA ROSA!!!!!!

Very sincerely,

Denise Carvalho
643 Ashbury Ave

Olivares, Maryanna

From: Michael Von der Porten <mikevdpca@aim.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2017 10:12 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: In SUPPORT of outdoor marijuana ban

Members of the Council:

I write in SUPPORT of the outdoor marijuana ban.

It is clear that the greatest violence risk to our community comes from growing marijuana.

Of course, the biggest risk is to the growers themselves.

But, neighbors are at substantial risk from those attempting to rob marijuana growers and attacking the wrong address.

Further, gunshots travel over property lines, putting neighbors at risk.

And, in at least one case, law enforcement's mis-identification of a problem property resulted in the raiding of an innocent neighbor.

We don't need this problem to continue in our city.

Please establish the ban.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Von der Porten
mikevdpca@aim.com
(confirm that any reply goes to **this** email)

Bliss, Sandi

From: Froschl, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 9:18 AM
To: Guhin, David
Cc: Bliss, Sandi; Hartman, Clare
Subject: FW: Cannabis facility ban in Maxwell Court

Good Morning,

FYI...

Thank you,

Angela Froschl | Senior Administrative Assistant

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From: hbr95404@aol.com [mailto:hbr95404@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 7:09 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: Cannabis facility ban in Maxwell Court

Dear Mayor Coursey and members of the City Council,

I want to add my name in support of banning any further cannabis businesses in the 30 acre Maxwell Court area. This area has been designated for future housing and is within the 1/2 mile Downtown Station Area Strategic Plan footprint that encourages high density housing within convenient walking distance to rail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dee Richardson
Historic Railroad Square business and property owner

Bliss, Sandi

From: Froschl, Angela
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Guhin, David
Cc: Bliss, Sandi
Subject: FW: Marijuana growing ban

Good Morning,

FYI...

Thank you,

Angela Froschl | Senior Administrative Assistant

City Managers Office | 100 Santa Rosa Ave, Suite 10 | Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Tel. (707) 543-3014 | Fax (707) 543-3030 | afroschl@srcity.org



From: Johnson, Jason [mailto:Jason.B.Johnson@morganstanley.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 5:24 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: Marijuana growing ban

Hello Council members,

I am writing regarding the upcoming consideration of the marijuana growing ban. I live on Glenwell Drive in Santa Rosa in a newer neighborhood just south of the fairgrounds. Our neighborhood is full of professionals and respectable families with children. However, we have a neighbor who is growing marijuana and it is a significant nuisance (1993 Glenwell Drive). She did it last year and has just now put the plants in the ground again.

The smell overwhelms the area, causing one neighbor to have headaches and causing a nuisance to others. We have had vandalism recently in the neighborhood and we are afraid violent crime will be soon to follow if this grow is allowed. She plans to plant even more plants than last year (we have heard up to 50) and we are very concerned. We hope the ban takes effect soon so she can take her grow operation elsewhere.

Thank you for considering this input.

Kind regards,

Jason B. Johnson

Financial Advisor

The Bridge Group at Morgan Stanley

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NMLS# 1294030

Bliss, Sandi

From: Froschl, Angela
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:16 AM
To: Guhin, David
Cc: Bliss, Sandi
Subject: FW: Help! - Residential cannabis ban

Good Morning,

FYI...

Thank you,

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From: Denise Carvalho [mailto:denisecarvalho@mac.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 11:48 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: Help! - Residential cannabis ban

Hello City Council Members ,

**PLEASE VOTE TO BAN RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR CANNABIS GROWS for our city on May 23!!!!
Please don't delay.**

I have sent several emails to City Council in the past year, and three recently regarding the pending decision to prohibit outdoor grows.

Last year I emailed my County Supervisor, Shirley Zane, and also the SR Police Department out of desperation and anxiety!!! A former narcotics undercover officer contacted me by phone, discussing the difficulties that exist with regard to enforcement of the law.

My next door neighbor has grown 30 or more plants in her yard which cause me to literally feel SICK for the 2+ months they are maturing due to the wretched odor and anxiety. Anxiety that criminals may show up and my family or I may be harmed or at least exposed to a hideously stressful situation. Odor that gives me nausea and headache for over 2 months!! No kind of way to enjoy our beautiful mid to late summers.....

Today, May 21, 2017, I see she is at it again. From my bedroom window I can see at least 20 or more to count and more are obscured behind a tree in her yard!!!! Reliable information given to me is that this woman is paid by growers to use her yard. I have seen them tending the crops and harvesting them. They are otherwise not guests at her home. This is **tacitly illegal, and very difficult to impossible to do anything about.** It is easy to see how any outdoor growing lends itself to this abuse, meanwhile **robbing my peaceful enjoyment of my home, AND my HEALTH.**



This was taken today from my bedroom and through a window screen. Only a small number of what is there is shown. PLEASE HELP!!!

Thank you,

Denise Carvalho
643 Ashbury Ave
Santa Rosa

Bliss, Sandi

From: Froschl, Angela
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Guhin, David
Cc: Bliss, Sandi
Subject: FW: BAN Outdoor cannabis

Good Morning,

FYI...

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: George Miller [<mailto:gpmiller@sonic.net>]
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 12:57 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: BAN Outdoor cannabis

All Council Members,

Vote May 23 to BAN OUTDOOR POT GROWING!!!

Keep our neighborhoods free of pot stench and related criminal activity and violence!!!!

George Miller
643 Ashbury Ave.

Bliss, Sandi

From: Froschl, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:39 AM
To: Guhin, David
Cc: Bliss, Sandi
Subject: FW: Outdoor Marijuana Growing Ban

Good Morning,

FYI...

Thank you,

Angela Froschl | Senior Administrative Assistant City Managers Office | 100 Santa Rosa Ave, Suite 10 | Santa Rosa, CA 95404 Tel. (707) 543-3014 | Fax (707) 543-3030 | afroschl@srcity.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Miller [mailto:mikemiller00@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:56 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: Outdoor Marijuana Growing Ban

I read in the newspaper this morning about the decision of the council to not ban outdoor marijuana growing. I'm concerned about the impact on the quality of life in Santa Rosa if we do not move forward with the ban. The smell of marijuana growing in small city lots can be overwhelming. I understand that enforcement is an issue but having a ban in place at least gives neighbors who feel an impact on their quality of life an opportunity to report infractions. Please reconsider this band.

Mike Miller
2015 Longleaf Ct.
Santa Rosa
707-696-7443

Bliss, Sandi

From: Guhin, David
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:47 AM
To: Bliss, Sandi
Subject: FW: Outdoor Cannabis in Santa Rosa

For cannabis outdoor ban file

From: mccoyhernandez@gmail.com [mailto:mccoyhernandez@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Guhin, David <dguhin@srcity.org>
Subject: Outdoor Cannabis in Santa Rosa

I was extremely disappointed that the city council did not restrict outdoor growing. I own a home in southwest Santa Rosa and my neighbors have been growing 4 plants for the last to summers. They are a nuisance and cause my family to feel unsafe in our home. These are not little plants. They are huge treelike plants and they smell. You can see them over the fence. Last year I was a very questionable man peering over the fence at the plants. My family started sleeping with all of the windows closed and the doors locked at night. I respect their right to grow plants in their house. I own my home and deserve to feel safe at night. I shouldn't be having to close my windows and pay high electricity bills because they choose to grow. Our yards are small with on 10 feet between the houses and all of the houses look alike. Please quickly pass an indoor grow only law in Santa Rosa so my family can feel safe in our home.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Sincerely,
Linda McCoy-Hernandez
1182 De Meo St.
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Bliss, Sandi

From: Carolyn <toreview@sonic.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:31 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Outdoor growing of dope

Dear City Council members,

Thank you for your consideration

Of our neighborhoods in Santa Rosa.

By prohibiting outdoor growing of cannabis or whatever you prefer to name the skunk smelling weed in our neighborhoods you are protecting the majority of our population.

Thank you

Bliss, Sandi

From: Tobie Doyle <samtdoyle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 8:36 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Marijuana

Please do not allow out door growing of Marijuana in city limits. I had to keep my windows closed frequently last year as the smell was horrendous.

Thank you
Coeleen Doyle

Bliss, Sandi

From: Sue Jackson <Sue.Jackson@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 12:18 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Cannabis Outdoor Growth Moratorium

Importance: High

Honorable Council Members:

Today's news that you are considering a ban or moratorium on outdoor cannabis grows is very welcome news. We have resided in Santa Rosa since 1977 and have seen the decay of neighborhoods with the proliferation of pot grows.

Please consider:

- The impact of neighborhoods being overtaken with new residents whose sole purpose is to grow marijuana, regardless of the impact of pesticides and fertilizers on ground water and wildlife.
- The impact on scenery with obnoxious fencing to hide the operation, whether it be lumber, burlap, black plastic or anything else that can be hung.
- The loss of community. We once knew our neighbors. We weren't all "chums" but we knew each other's names and watched out for each other.
- The smell. The watchdogs, existing solely to protect the grow, with no socializing or positive interaction with people.
- The increased traffic, breaking down the already shoddy roads and gutters.
- Public safety.

Please do listen to your constituents and support the ban.

Cannabis grows in industrial buildings with proper code enforcement – YES.
Outdoor grows in neighborhoods – NO.

And please tell me that a "greenhouse" grow does not qualify as an "inside" grow.

Thank you.

Sue Jackson
4020 Madera Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
707-526-5535

I apologize that this was written on a work computer. I was unable to "send" when I created it from home, but thought it is important enough to take a chance of using a public computer.

Bliss, Sandi

From: gswarriorsfan5@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:41 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Outdoor growing

Hi city council .I live in the city limits of Santa Rosa ca and am curious to know about your growing moratorium and how a bit of plastic called a green house will stop people from stealing outdoor cannabis ? I do not see how a green house will eliminate the smell of outdoor cannabis plants . I don't complain about my neighbor having a plant that attracts bees or that I can smell there rose garden . If you want to ban things that smell we should stop using diesel fuels and close the dump and every plant nursery in town while your at it . I don't have to put my lawn mower in a green house because someone might steal it . My bmx bike was stolen in front of Carl's Jr. In Santa Rosa and it had no green house around it . Thank you Josh a very concerned citizen .

Sent from my iPhone

Bliss, Sandi

From: George Resing <george@resingcpa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 1:20 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: YES to Ban on Pot Growing

Please vote YES on the ban on outdoor pot growing. My neighbor has been growing for years and the traffic in and out of his house (at all hours) is a major nuisance. Thanks! George

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George Resing
1010 Spring St.
707-321-9052

Bliss, Sandi

From: Connie Beall <cabeall@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 8:36 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Outdoor growing ban

Dear City Council Members,

We would like to go on record for supporting a ban on outdoor growing in the city of Santa Rosa. Our home is in the Junior College neighborhood, purchased in 1998. Houses and backyards are small here. Any growing with accompanying water use, odor, fertilizer, or chemicals will be impact neighbors. We consider this impact to be quite negative. We are quite concerned about Santa Rosa and Sonoma County's seeming embrace of the marijuana culture. For those of us who choose to avoid exposure to second hand smoke in all forms, it is also of great concern that public smoking will be an issue once again. If I sit in my back yard, and my neighbors are smoking, cigarettes or marijuana, I am subject to unwanted smoke.

Thank you for your consideration,

Connie Beall
Richard Lowden

Connie Beall
cabeall@sonic.net

Bliss, Sandi

From: Betsy Penn <penn.woods@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 5:50 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Outdoor Marijuana Grower Moratorium

Honorable Council Members:

Today's news that you are considering a ban or moratorium on outdoor cannabis grows is very welcome news. We have resided in Santa Rosa since 1977 and have seen the decay of neighborhoods with the proliferation of pot grows.

Please consider:

- The impact of neighborhoods being overtaken with new residents whose sole purpose is to grow marijuana, regardless of the impact of pesticides and fertilizers on ground water and wildlife.
- The impact on scenery with obnoxious fencing to hide the operation, whether it be lumber, burlap, black plastic or anything else that can be hung.
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Please do listen to your constituents and support the ban.

Cannabis grows in industrial buildings with proper code enforcement – YES.
Outdoor grows in neighborhoods – NO.

And please tell me that a "greenhouse" grow does not qualify as an "inside" grow.

Thank you.

Betsy Penn
4073 Madera Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95407-7311

I used the text of my neighbor, Sue Jackson. She stated the issues very eloquently.

Sent from Betsy's iPhone

Bliss, Sandi

From: Guhin, David
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 8:13 AM
To: Bliss, Sandi
Subject: FW: marijuana growing
Attachments: I implore you all to change our city laws regarding growing pot to 3 plants indoors only.docx; I want to enlighten you to the facts about people who possess a so called.docx

For cannabis moratorium email correspondence file

From: Dan S [mailto:10ksignings@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Guhin, David <dguhin@srcity.org>
Subject: marijuana growing

David Guhin, Director
Planning and Economic Development
90 Santa Rosa Ave.
Santa Rosa, Calif. 95404

Dear Mr. Guhin:

I have sent the following letters to the Mayor and City Counsel members and wanted you to have this information also and urge you to see that there can be no more than 3 plants per household to be grown indoors. The recreational users have duped us all by obtaining a 'medical license' to grow 33 plants and they don't need this much for personal medical use. In fact, most of them are using their 'medical license' to grow for strictly commercial purposes which puts other residents at risk for violence and crime, attracts unsavory types coming to buy it, and reduces our property values not to mention the stench and all night machinery noises from large indoors grows in residential 1 zoned areas.

These recreational traffickers would be impossible to track and tax, however, they could be fined for having plants outdoors even if only 3 or 6 plants because it is visible and still attracts thieves.
Please help.

Dan Serbin
1064 Santa Ana Dr.
Santa Rosa, Calif. 95404
707-799-2022

I implore you all to change our city laws regarding growing pot to 3 plants indoors only, in all residential areas of Santa Rosa, whether incorporated or not.

According to recent Press Democrat article, one third of all home robberies in Sonoma County are related to pot growing operations. One such armed robbery occurred on 12/12/16 at a neighbors home. See attached article. This is subjecting us to violence and danger of being shot ourselves by stray bullets because none of these criminals have firearms skills, they couldn't hit a bulls ass with a base fiddle.

ALL 4 of my neighboring properties plus others in the area, fill their entire yards with 33 plants "because they have a 'medical license' ". Who can smoke 33 plants worth in a year? With a limit of 3 plants, each plant producing about a pound and a half gives them 4 and a half pounds a year which should be enough. In reality, they are selling most of it and the trafficking attracts a steady stream of really slimy characters here who I guaranty are recreational users and various types addicted to other drugs as well. Most of the people with a 'medical license' use that as a guise because in reality they are strictly growing for commercial purposes.

The stench in this whole neighborhood is unbearable and everyone who comes here comments on it. Imagine trying to sell a home here. They are destroying our property values.

I write to you at 1 o'clock am because I cannot sleep with the constant high pitched machinery noise that runs all night and much of the day from a grow house behind me. They grow in a large cabin in the backyard and a hoop house for the last 3 years now. They supply the neighboring yard with 33 plants yearly other yards around town also. This particular grow house was one of those in the raid of 33 residences in Santa Rosa in Oct. 2013 conducted by DEA and FBI. They remained undaunted and have stopped growing in their own yard, turned their rented house into a grow operation and moved the outdoor growing to the neighbors property. Both are renters. While it is common knowledge here what is going on, no one around here complains because they are so many growing here or they are afraid of gang retaliation because 8 of those 33 homes in the raid were gang members and about 8 others were found with illegal weaponry.

I am writing anonymously to the owners of the grow house that they rent.

This noise at 1045 Santa Barbara Dr in Santa Rosa has to stop immediately. We are in the county island so there is no noise ordinance here but I am hoping that PRMD can step in before August or September when a new ruling will take place on pot growing on the grounds that it is commercial in a R -1 area. See attached chart from PRMD.

Another side effect of pot growing is the abuse of dogs confined to backyards to protect their crops from intruders who are usually their 'friends'. The most popular dogs with this element is pit bulls who are never spayed or neutered, never socialized or trained.. I have been bitten 3 times and charged many times by various ones who get loose frequently and I cannot walk my dog around the block here. Animal Control does nothing to enforce the spay/neuter laws that the county mandates for this breed.

While pot growers, abusers, and recreational users who are just addicts have their rights, it is at the expense of the rest of us. 1) They expose us to violence, 2) ruin our property values, 3) attract criminal

element to our area,4) Guantanamo style noise torture. I cannot have a window open on warm nights because of the constant high pitched machinery noises.

What about a property owners right to 'quiet enjoyment' of their property?

I would also like to know how we can annex to the City of Santa Rosa and get the benefit of city ordinances.

I am desperate. At 65 years old, moving and starting over again somewhere else is not an option.
PLEASE HELP ME.

Sincerely,

Dan Serbin

1064 Santa Ana Dr.

Santa Rosa, Calif. 95404

707-799-2022

10ksignings@gmail.com

I want to enlighten you to the facts about people who possess a so called 'medical license' to grow 33 pot plants. Those of us who live among these people know that the medical license is a misnomer and that the citizenry and public officials have been hoodwinked about medical licenses to grow 33 plants. Most if not all of these people are growing for purely commercial purposes. It will be impossible to monitor, regulate and collect taxes on this group.

Regarding this Emerald Cup marijuana festival at the Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. As a homeowner resident living adjacent to the Fairgrounds, this event needs to be moved to Mendocino or Humboldt County which is the true hub of the marijuana industry. But being the huge money maker that this is for the city I am sure this venue will never change.

But, I want you to know that it creates very dangerous traffic problems here with traffic backing way up into lanes onto 101 and hwy 12 all day. These drivers all are high as kites trying to navigate traffic around these neighborhoods- it is like drunk bumper cars, making very sudden and erratic moves, not knowing where they are going or what to do, like they have never driven a car before. I urge you to go and observe this population. They are hippies, slackers and addicted recreational users, not elderly people, or those crippled with pain, mainstream people or clearly debilitated people suffering from various diseases that are relieved by cannabinoid use. Dispensaries sell the products for medical use and do not contain THC (the part of marijuana that produces a high.)

If Emerald Cup is medical event, why are there rock bands there like its a music concert event? They have made a mockery of the legalization for medical use and the joke is on us

If this happens again, I demand there be a heavy police presence giving out DUI tickets all day and night. Since legalization in Colorado, DUI's are up drastically according to a local sheriff I spoke to. If the city wants to cash in on this event, then this would be a good way raise more money.

We voted for legalization thinking that there would be more regulation of marijuana.

As for myself, I was a teenager and young adult in the 60's and 70's living in Haight- Ashbury and one of the original 'flower children' . One day, Dr. David Smith, founder of the Haight- Ashbury Free Medical Clinic asked me to come and be trained as a volunteer at his clinic. I trained as a medical assistant and medical records clerk, and worked into paying job there later getting a scholarship to continue my education and went to nursing school as a result.

I have observed first hand how marijuana irreversibly ruins brain cells in young adults. Like the bumper sticker says "they say dope causes apathy- who cares".

I really don't know if I like what's happening in Sonoma County these days. Wine tasting on every corner. A wine venue opening in Freestone and another big wine event venue on Hwy12 in Glen Ellen creating wine tourism traffic hell there like Napa Valley. Add to that, the advent of becoming the center for the booming craft/artisan beer, and combination coffee/beer cafes now. Add marijuana to the mix. I don't like the stigma our county is taking on. What is happening here???

Again, I am urging the following: 1) no more than 3 plants per household, grown only inside, 2) NO more Emerald Cup at the Fairgrounds.

Sincerely,

Dan Serbin

1064 Santa Ana Dr.

Santa Rosa, Calif. 95404

707-799-2022

Bliss, Sandi

From: Froschl, Angela
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Guhin, David
Cc: Bliss, Sandi; Hartman, Clare
Subject: FW: Outdoor marijuana gardens - I am opposed to them!

Good Afternoon,

FYI...

Thank you,

Angela Froschl | Senior Administrative Assistant

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From: Michael Brown [mailto:chevyshack@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 12:45 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: Outdoor marijuana gardens - I am opposed to them!

Dear Council Members:

Regarding the proposal put forth by the City Council recently to ban outdoor marijuana growing in the City limits...I fully support this ban and thank you for bringing it forward.

I am opposed to these types of operations for the following reasons:

1. I live within less than a mile radius of Binkley Elementary School, Madrone Elementary School, Sequoia Elementary School, Whited Elementary School, Rincon Valley Christian School, Rincon Valley Charter School, Rincon Valley Middle School, Maria Carillo High School, and the proposed Oak Park Elementary School. That is 8 schools with a possible 9th coming on board. Please multiply that times all the schools in Santa Rosa. These schools represent thousands of impressionable and vulnerable children. Medical studies have determined that a person's brain and judgement are still developing at these young ages. Marijuana alters the development of these most important physical and psychological elements in our children and grandchildren.

Curiosity and peer pressure are strong elements in children's lives. If marijuana gardens are allowed to proliferate in our city, the urge for these children to access these gardens will be too much to resist for many of them. They will find the gardens because of the pungent skunky odor emanating from the plants, the visibility of the plants over fences, and word of mouth between the children and hearing of them from their parents and neighbors.

It will harm the children. That would be a tragedy.

2. Marijuana growing operations attract crime. I am a retired Sonoma County deputy sheriff. I investigated many instances of marijuana garden violence during my time as a patrol deputy and later as a Violent Crimes detective. Homicides, assaults by firearms and other deadly instruments were not uncommon. We continue to see those things in our city. Barely 2 years ago, there was a shootout on Acacia Lane (near our home) at a marijuana grow location. One person was shot to death and another was wounded. Approximately 6 months before that 2 young men tried to rip off a "medical marijuana" indoor and outdoor grow on Windsor Court (again, not that far from our home). The homeowner was shot and wounded. As I'm sure you are aware, other violent home invasion robberies over marijuana have taken place in our city as well.

Flying bullets are indiscriminate in who they injure or kill and could easily penetrate a home or harm someone who is near. These people do not go to the shooting range to be accurate when they shoot their guns.

One of the primary duties of government is to see to the safety of their citizens. We applaud your proposal to ban these gardens within the city limits thereby making our neighborhoods safer.

We do not want armed home invasion robberies in our neighborhoods or in our city!

3. Marijuana stinks! It smells like skunk. We spend a lot of time in our backyard during the times that marijuana is growing and

comes to harvest. We do not want to smell that skunk odor day after day while trying to enjoy our home and yard. Why should a marijuana grower be able to invade my space with their odors?

Thank you again for proposing this ban. One of ese controls and I appreciate your full support in passing this legislation.

Mike Brown
4929 Everglade Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409