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Escondido, Ca 92026

April 9, 2026

Dear San Diego County Planning Commission,

I am writing to oppose key components of the proposed Cannabis Program—specifically cultivation, distribution facilities, and onsite consumption lounges in unincorporated areas.

I have serious concern that the government should not be in the position of promoting or incentivizing participation in a specific commercial industry—particularly one that carries ongoing public health and safety risks and contributes to the normalization of cannabis use among children and youth. Expanding and legitimizing this industry through targeted programs sends a message that cannabis use is routine and acceptable, which can undermine prevention efforts and increase exposure for younger populations. Public resources would be better directed toward broader economic development initiatives, workforce training, or small business support programs that are accessible to a wider range of residents without reinforcing behaviors that may negatively impact youth development.

The government should be promoting farming for food such as those found at JR Organics in Escondido.

Cannabis cultivation raises serious land-use and environmental concerns. These operations can be resource-intensive requiring high water usage, energy-intensive indoor growing, generate strong and persistent odors, and potential pesticide and waste runoff. It can introduce industrial-scale activity into rural or residential communities. In unincorporated areas with limited infrastructure, this can strain resources and disrupt existing agricultural and residential uses.

Onsite consumption lounges present additional quality-of-life and public safety concerns. These venues may contribute to impaired driving, secondhand smoke exposure, and the normalization of public cannabis use. Placing them in unincorporated areas risks concentrating these impacts in communities that have less local control and fewer enforcement resources.

For these reasons, I urge the County to reconsider permitting cultivation, distribution hubs, and onsite consumption lounges in unincorporated areas.

Sincerely, Caridad Trujillo

CANNABIS LETTER TO PLANNING COMMISSION via PDS April 10, 2026

My name is Stephani Baxter. I am a resident and business owner in Fallbrook, as well as an elected member of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group.

I am writing to formally urge the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to halt advancement of the proposed Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (SECP) in its current form.

Recent Board directives regarding the SECP demonstrate that the recommendations of all Community Sponsor Planning Groups (CSPGs) are being disregarded. These groups have invested more than five years conducting research, attending public meetings and webinars, engaging with other jurisdictions, and working collaboratively with County staff to provide informed, thoughtful, and detailed recommendations. The near-total dismissal of this work raises serious concerns about the integrity of the public engagement process.

Expanding cannabis operations into the unincorporated areas poses significant and well-documented risks. Evidence from states such as Colorado, Oregon, Massachusetts, and California shows that the introduction of legal cannabis licensing has not eliminated illicit markets; in many cases, it has coincided with their expansion. This reality directly undermines the stated goals of regulation and instead compounds existing challenges.

The result is increased negative impacts across the more than 500,000 residents and 772,000+ acres of unincorporated County land. Multiple fronts: environmental degradation, public health & safety risks, increased crime, economic strain, and the erosion of community character. These impacts will not remain isolated—they will extend, with spillover negative effects into neighboring cities.

Equally concerning is the environmental risk to groundwater, watersheds, and protected lands. Cannabis cultivation is resource-intensive and often associated with high water usage, fertilizer and pesticide runoff, and soil disturbance. In rural, unincorporated areas that rely heavily on limited groundwater supplies, this raises serious concerns about depletion and long-term sustainability. Runoff containing chemicals and toxins can enter local watersheds, impacting water quality, wildlife habitats, and nearby preserve lands that are critical to the region's ecological balance. These are not speculative risks—they are documented impacts in other jurisdictions that have expanded cannabis cultivation without adequate safeguards.

Public safety risks also extend to transportation. Increased cannabis availability and distribution in rural areas raises the likelihood of impaired driving on narrow, winding country roads that are already challenging and, in many cases, under-equipped for higher traffic volumes. Fallbrook has no ride-share services. This places residents, visitors, and emergency responders at heightened risk and further strains already limited public safety resources.

Just as troubling is the lack of infrastructure to support such a program. Rural communities are already underserved in terms of emergency response, healthcare access, utilities, and law enforcement capacity. Expanding cannabis operations under these conditions will further strain these limited resources, creating broader consequences for the entire County.

Zoning designations such as A70 and A72, which define the rural character of vast portions of the unincorporated area, are fundamentally incompatible with large-scale cannabis cultivation.

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Introducing such uses into these zones would irreversibly alter the identity and livability of these communities.

Given the substantial body of evidence from other jurisdictions—including documented environmental harm, community disruption, and ongoing legal challenges—it is difficult to understand why the County of San Diego would proceed with a program that presents clear and foreseeable risks.

At minimum, this program should be paused until meaningful consideration is given to the extensive input already provided by CSPGs and affected residents. A decision of this magnitude warrants a transparent, data-driven approach that genuinely incorporates community feedback.

I respectfully urge you to review the submitted comments and recommendations in full and to halt further action on the SECP until these concerns are adequately addressed.

Sincerely,
Stephani Baxter



April 9, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL:

PDS.PlanningCommission@sdcounty.ca.gov

San Diego County Planning Commission
County of San Diego
Planning & Development Services
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310
San Diego, CA 92123

Re: Support for Socially Equitable Cannabis Program and Requested Revisions to Temporary Cannabis Events

Dear Chair and Members of the Planning Commission:

This Law Office represents licensed cannabis businesses throughout California and specifically within the San Diego region. Since 2014, I've had the pleasure of assisting various types of cannabis businesses obtain licensed and permits throughout the State of California. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide my support for the County's Socially Equitable Cannabis Program and request further revisions be made to the County's Ordinance related to Temporary Cannabis Events.

After reviewing the PEIR, it's clear that several of the County's proposed Cannabis Event restrictions are far more burdensome than the State's framework. I respectfully urge the Planning Commission to revise the cannabis event regulations as outlined below.

I. Temporary Cannabis Event Restrictions

The proposed County event regulations deviate from State law in several key respects and could be broadened to comply more with common sense. Therefore, respectfully request the following revisions:

Event Locations. The County limits events to *private property* in specified commercial and industrial zones (C35, C36, C37, C38, C40, M50, M52, M54, M56, M58) and prohibits events at cannabis facilities. Restrictions like these will undoubtedly create unnecessary barriers for this industry. State law expressly allows events at county fair venues, district agricultural association events, and any venue approved by a local jurisdiction.¹

¹ 4 CCR § 15601(e)

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The State's only venue prohibition as to where a Temporary Cannabis Event cannot be held at, is a premises licensed for the sale of alcohol or tobacco—not cannabis facilities.² Hosting events at cannabis facilities should be allowed. Cannabis facilities are already subject to rigorous regulatory oversight and are well-suited to host such events.

Furthermore, the County should expand eligible locations to include agricultural zones (consistent with the County's agritourism policies and how wine and farm events are already treated), as well as include County-owned properties such as fairgrounds and community venues, and licensed cannabis facilities that are already subject to rigorous regulatory oversight.

Annual Event Cap. The proposed limit of six (6) events per lot, per year is arbitrary and conflicts with the State's framework. The DCC imposes no annual cap. Instead, the DCC provides the following structure which demonstrates that the State affirmatively contemplates organizers hosting far more than six events annually:

Planned Operations (Number of Operations)	Fee per License
0-5 events annually	\$3,000
6-10 events annually	\$5,000
11-20 events annually	\$9,000
Greater than 20 events annually	\$20,000

The County's proposed cap penalizes organizers who have invested in higher-tier State licenses. I urge the County to eliminate or substantially increase this proposed cap of six (6) events per lot, per year.³

Duration and Hours. The DCC allows Cannabis Events for up to four (4) consecutive operational days with no distinction between event days and setup/breakdown days.⁴ The County's proposal to limit operations to two of the four days effectively cuts the permitted event period in half.

Permitting Process. Requiring discretionary permits for each event creates unnecessary delays. The State already requires applications 60 days in advance⁵, and the State's comprehensive regulations under §§ 15601–15603 address security, sales controls, consumption rules, waste management, and enforcement. A ministerial Zoning Verification Permit for events meeting all County requirements would be more efficient and consistent with the ministerial pathway already proposed for retail, distribution, and small-scale cultivation. The County should adopt the State's full four-day operational window and consider expanding event hours of operation to be more in line with that of a licensed retailer.

Informational Events and Non-Retail Participation. The County should expressly recognize that informational or educational cannabis events with no sales and consumption do not require

² 4 CCR § 15601(f)

³ 4 CCR § 15014(d)

⁴ 4 CCR § 15601(c)

⁵ 4 CCR § 15601(d)

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licensing, consistent with 4 CCR § 15604. The County should also ensure its regulations accommodate non-retail licensee participation in events as authorized under 4 CCR § 15603.1.

III. Conclusion

I respectfully request that the Commission direct staff to: (1) expand eligible locations to include agricultural zones, County-approved properties, and licensed cannabis facilities (2) eliminate or substantially increase the six-event annual cap; (3) extend event duration and hours to match State regulations; (4) adopt a ministerial permitting process for qualifying events; and (5) recognize informational events consistent with State law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Hayes".

Law Office of Kelly M. Hayes, APC
Kelly M. Hayes, Esq.

From: [Arthur Rodriguez](#)
To: [LUEG_PDS.PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment – SECP (Socially Equitable Cannabis Program) – April 10, 2026 – Opposition (Fallbrook)
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026 7:31:49 AM

Please include this email as a public comment for the April 10, 2026 Planning Commission hearing (SECP).

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (SECP), particularly as it applies to Fallbrook and other unincorporated rural communities.

Fallbrook is predominantly zoned for Rural Residential (RR) and Agricultural (A70 and A72) uses, with only limited commercial corridors. These zoning designations were established to support low-density living, agricultural activity, and a quiet rural lifestyle—not high-traffic retail, distribution, or consumption-based businesses.

The proposed SECP, especially under Program Option A, does not adequately account for how these uses interact within Fallbrook’s unique land-use pattern.

First, the 600-foot buffer from sensitive uses is insufficient in a rural context. In Fallbrook, homes, small farms, and informal community spaces are interspersed across large and irregular parcels. Families with children are not limited to areas formally designated as “sensitive uses.” As a result, a cannabis facility could be located in close proximity to residential properties and family environments while still technically complying with state minimum standards. This creates a gap between regulatory compliance and real-world community impact.

Second, the introduction of cannabis retail, microbusinesses, and especially on-site consumption lounges is incompatible with existing Rural Residential and Agricultural zoning intent. These uses introduce increased traffic, longer dwell times, and commercial activity levels that are more appropriate for urbanized areas—not rural communities with limited infrastructure and enforcement capacity.

Third, there are legitimate concerns regarding property values. Fallbrook attracts residents specifically seeking a rural, low-density environment. The placement of cannabis businesses within or near these zones risks altering buyer perception, reducing desirability, and undermining long-term property investment in the area.

Finally, this program establishes a precedent that will shape future land use decisions. Once cannabis facilities are permitted within agricultural and rural residential zones, it becomes significantly more difficult to limit expansion or prevent similar uses from being introduced. This is not a temporary policy decision—it is a structural shift in how these zones are interpreted and utilized.

I respectfully urge the Planning Commission to:

- Recognize the incompatibility of cannabis retail and consumption uses within RR, A70, and A72 zones

- Reevaluate buffer requirements to reflect actual rural land-use patterns, not just state minimums
- Consider excluding high-impact uses such as retail storefronts and consumption lounges from rural communities like Fallbrook
- Evaluate the potential negative effects on property values and long-term community stability
- Avoid setting a precedent that fundamentally alters the intent of agricultural and rural residential zoning

Fallbrook's character is defined by its rural landscape, low-density development, and family-oriented environment. Policy decisions of this magnitude should reflect and preserve those qualities—not override them.

Respectfully,
Arthur Rodriguez

Planning Commission Hearing

Meeting Time: 04-10-26 09:00

eComments Report

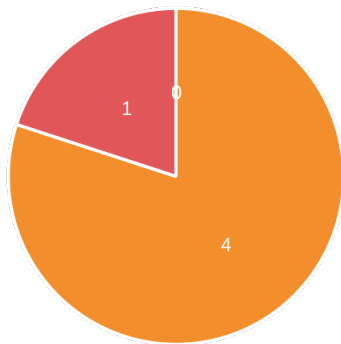
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Planning Commission Hearing

04-10-26 09:00

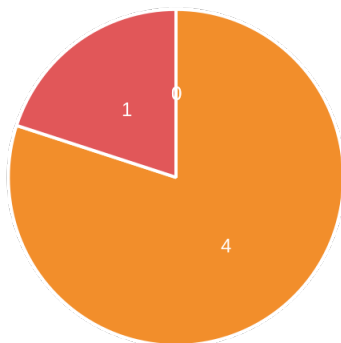
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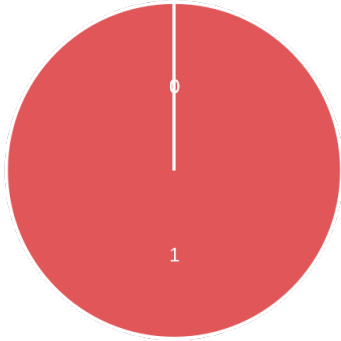


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No Response (0%)



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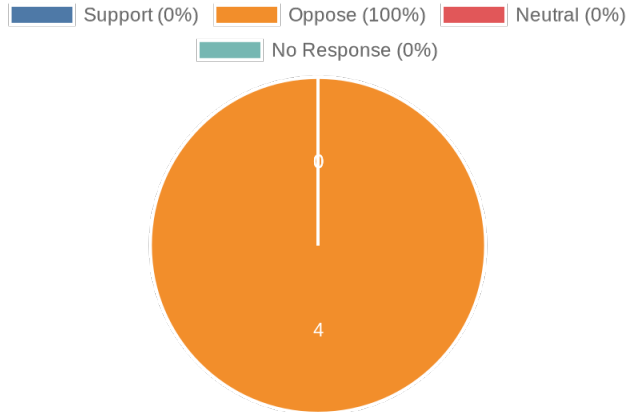
Location: 93114, San diego

Submitted At: 3:00pm 03-30-26

How can people rename Ceaser Chavez Holiday, his name on public building (if any). He can't defend himself. Are people taking the word of certain persons about his actions long ago. Think of the children involved his family

Agenda Item: eComments for 1. Socially Equitable Cannabis Program Final Program Environmental Impact Report; PDS2021-POD-21-001, PDS2022-ER-22-00-002; Proposed conformance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (D. Elkurdi)

Overall Sentiment



J Taylor

Location: 92004, Borrego Springs
Submitted At: 8:02am 04-09-26

I'm against it for the following reasons: Cannabis dispensaries have to be well lit all night for security. Borrego Springs is a dark sky community. Cannabis dispensaries require 24 hour security because they attract thieves. Cannabis is a gateway drug which leads to drug addiction. Cannabis causes psychosis in young adults. Driving while "high" on cannabis in Borrego Springs would be extremely dangerous. Banner Grade and Montezuma road are curvy, narrow and steep. It is proven that cannabis users can't negotiate carved roads. Cannabis cultivation requires water which is limited in Borrego Springs. Water in Borrego Springs is controlled by statewide water adjudication. Cannabis cultivation smells like dead skunks. Borrego Springs residents and wildlife would suffer from the well-known stench. Cannabis is an invasive species that could impact the fragile, sensitive wild flower blooms, native habitat. State law requires cities to vote on Cannabis in their town.

Lynne Malinowski

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 3:37pm 04-08-26

As a resident of the unincorporated area of the County, with our 500,000+ population whose planning and sponsor groups oppose this program as approved by the BoS at their January meeting, I also am opposed. We live and have agricultural businesses where the impacts of this program will be harshly felt. The problems cited in other California jurisdictions will be replicated here. Despite being fairly warned, the 3 supervisors who do not represent the vast unincorporated County made the decision to vote against our interests, and truthfully, that of the County itself. Please reverse this path towards the least restrictive options for this program. Save the County money it doesn't have, save our lifestyles and businesses.

TheHonorableEve Nasby

Location: 91935, JAMUL

Submitted At: 9:58pm 04-07-26

My opposition to the SECP is based on documented environmental, public health, and safety concerns specific to rural Jamul. We rely on private wells. Cannabis cultivation peaks in water demand when groundwater recharge is lowest. The SECP's Environmental Impact Report includes no Jamul-specific hydrological analysis—a material omission for a community dependent on a limited aquifer. A 2023 study of 6.9 million individuals found up to 30% of schizophrenia cases among young men attributable to cannabis use. The SECP includes no analysis of rural mental health capacity to absorb increased demand. Legalization has not eliminated illegal cultivation in rural Ca. Our limited law enforcement leaves us vulnerable to water theft, unregulated pesticide use, and criminal activity. Reject Program Option A. Require hydrological studies, expanded buffers, and prohibitions on outdoor cultivation, consumption lounges, and assessments of enforcement and public health capacity before permit approval

Elenor Thompson

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 7:43am 04-04-26

Please do not allow the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program to advance. This problematic program has no place in SD County's unincorporated areas; the residents and county Sponsor Groups have spoken out against it; and it poses significant and unsurmountable public safety hazards for the public and our public safety officers (Sheriff, fire, ambulances). In Borrego Springs, we have CA state water adjudication, so cannabis cultivation should be banned, not allowed. There is not water for this!!! Plus, we are a remote, dark sky protected community. County Supervisors should be focused on other forms of economic development for this small group of people they are seeking to employ, and focus on reducing the size of government, not adding more ridiculous and destructive programs of this kind. Do not support the EIR. P.S. Have Sabellico recuse himself for his puppetry supporting this, made evident at his Oct. 17, 2025 appointment (Hour 1:30)

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
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Open Letter to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors

Terra Lawson- Remer District 3/Chair
Monica Montgomery Steppe- District 4/Vice Chair
Paloma Aguirre, District 1/Chair ProTem
Joel Anderson, District 2
Jim Desmond, District 5

March 16 2026

There are over 500,000 residents in the County's unincorporated areas. County Planning Groups are elected by those residents to represent them and advise the County on land use issues. Sponsor Groups are appointed for the same purpose. So it was shocking when the will of these residents was completely ignored at the January 14, 2026 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

At this meeting the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program was presented to the Supervisors by Staff for their direction on three options in the Draft Environmental Report (DEIR). There was also a fourth option which was to discontinue the Program.

Planning and Sponsor Groups have consistently voiced opposition to this Program, which is being forced on all of the unincorporated areas in the County of San Diego.

This program would give those who have convictions and were affected by the war on drugs preferential treatment and grants to start cannabis businesses in the unincorporated areas. It would allow outdoor cultivation, labs, dispensaries, consumption lounges, events and other cannabis related businesses in the entire unincorporated San Diego County.

During lengthy public testimony, documented safety, health and environmental impacts were presented based on CEQA and the County's own DEIR. The purpose of CEQA is to prevent significant, avoidable environmental damage by requiring changes in projects, either by the adoption of alternatives or imposition of mitigation measures.

None the less, the majority of Supervisors not only directed Staff to develop the option that according to their own Draft Environmental Impact Report would have the most environmental impacts, but disregarded the overwhelming opposition to this Program from the residents who will suffer the environmental and safety impacts that this Program will bring.

To be clear, the opposition is not about marijuana itself. It is not about using marijuana. This is legal in the state of California. Most of the Planning Groups are not opposed to dispensaries. This is about two separate issues. 1. Equity for those affected by the war on drugs and 2. Land use and the negative environmental impacts on the residents who live in some of the most beautiful land in our State. Land use and the negative impacts are our concerns.

The opposition is about the land use issues which would allow outdoor marijuana grows; large commercial cultivation close to residential areas. The extremely harmful environmental impacts have been documented in other regions which have legalized cannabis cultivation. It is also about the potential rise in crime, health and safety issues that have also been well documented, as well as the dangers that consumption lounges and events (impaired drivers) will bring to the rural and semi rural towns.

Planning Groups supported a reasonable alternative that would only allow indoor cultivation to help environmental and health concerns; greater buffers/setbacks with more sensitive locations like parks, trails and churches. It would remove the consumption lounges and events which are the most damaging to public safety (impaired drivers). Incredibly, the majority of Supervisors completely ignored this alternative. This reasonable compromise would substantially lessen the programs land use and safety impacts and would meet most of the basic program's objectives.

However, it appeared that the majority of Supervisors had already made their decision and their only concern was for those affected by the war on drugs, not the residents who live in the areas that will be affected.

Supervisors, there is still time to revise your direction and establish your goal of a Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. We are not being unreasonable. We are simply asking for more environmental and public health and safety guardrails to protect the half a million residents, especially the most vulnerable children and seniors who live in the beautiful unincorporated San Diego County.

Respectfully,

Fallbrook Community Planning Group
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From: [JIM MENDELSON](#)
To: [LUEG, PDS.PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: [External] E-Comment for the April 10, 2026 SECP Agenda Item
Date: Monday, April 6, 2026 6:36:40 PM

Dear San Diego Community Planning Commission,

I am a resident of a SD County Unincorporated Area. I am aware you have been tasked by the SD County BOS to provide a recommendation on the proposed SECP.

From the outset in 2021 I have been clearly opposed to this action which appears to be clearly based on capital considerations:

- 1) Money from taxes and fees - which does not appear to be a profitable reality in other jurisdictions/states where recreational marijuana use has been legalized; and
- 2) Political capital from using social equity (in place of meritocracy) for preferential treatment in licensing of those who have been affected by the war on drugs - the criminalization of marijuana. On close analysis, this goes well beyond individuals penalized for infractions/misdemeanors for simple possession to also favor felons convicted of moral turpitude crimes of marijuana sales, transportation, furnishing to minors, etc.. Do we really want to license former state prisoners for these key positions of responsibility, or is this an attempt to garner potential votes in place of common sense?

It appears that all are taking a blind eye to the clearly established evidence of the psychotic impacts of cannabis usage; as well as ignoring the environmental and safety impacts that will be fostered on our unincorporated communities. What other benefit to these 50,00 residents is there other than those who elect to use marijuana products will have them more accessible than their nearest *In & Out*?

I emphatically urge you to listen and not ignore the Community Planning Groups from each of the affected unincorporated communities. In the strongest possible terms I ask you to recommend the County BOS not certify the PEIR finding and adopt Alternative 1 (no project).

If you do not consider the welfare and best interests of the residents concerned, as described by the local Community Planning Groups in lieu of the politics involved and take this course of action, I ask that you recommend the adoption of Program Option C in lieu of Option A.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my input.

R/

Jim Mendelson

Fallbrook Resident
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949.210.9967

From: [Peggy Brown](#)
To: [LUEG, PDS.PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: [External] Cannabis in Unincorporated SD County
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2026 5:03:24 PM

San Diego County Planning Commission:

I live in Fallbrook, and have concerns about the broad range of cannabis operations you seem poised to impose on us. I know that our Planning Group spent many many volunteer hours trying to fine-tune a proposal which would accommodate the reality of voter-approved legal cannabis while also protecting our environment, children, safety and peaceful enjoyment of our homes.

Sadly, the fruits of their labor were tossed to the side as the Board of Supervisors majority considered only their favored community: those previously convicted of drug use violations.

No one wants to deny former offenders a second chance. But we fear that the extensive opportunities that cannabis might provide to those few will be environmentally damaging through water quality and soil erosion and will pollute the air we breathe. Our unincorporated areas do not have the resources to deal with increased crime which could result.

Another unintended result could easily be an attracting of farm labor away from food production to this higher-priced product. Fresh local food will move further out of reach as costs continue to escalate in San Diego County.

My request is that the work of the Planning Groups be taken seriously, actually read and considered, for the sake of all of us living in the unincorporated areas.

Thank you,

Peggy M. Brown

From: [Lianne Lange](#)
To: [LUEG, PDS.PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Cannabis
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 10:53:33 AM

On Tue, Apr 7, 2026 at 10:52 AM Lianne Lange <liannela23@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for response. I would love for you to pass on my views which is spelled out below

Many thanks

Lianne Lange

To: Valley Center Board of Supervisors / Planning Group

From: Lianne Lange

Date: 7th April 2026

Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Cannabis Cultivation in Valley Center

Dear Members of the Board and Planning Group,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the establishment of cannabis farming within the unincorporated community of Valley Center. As a resident who moved here specifically for the rural lifestyle and peaceful atmosphere, I believe that introducing industrial-scale cannabis cultivation is not "progress" for our society, but rather a direct threat to the health, safety, and character of our town.

My opposition is based on several critical concerns that directly impact our quality of life:

- **Public Health and Air Quality:** Cannabis cultivation is known to emit biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs) and strong odors that can significantly degrade local air quality. For residents suffering from asthma and other respiratory conditions, these emissions and potential airborne allergens like cannabis dust and mold spores present a genuine health risk.
- **Crime and Public Safety:** The high value of cannabis crops makes these facilities targets for criminal activity, including theft, burglary, and even violent crime. There is significant concern that such operations will attract an element that is incompatible with a family-oriented rural community, increasing the burden on our local law enforcement.
- **Impact on Property Values:** While some studies suggest commercial land values might rise for investors, the presence of large-scale grows can negatively impact residential property values due to nuisances like odor, increased traffic, and perceived safety risks. Many neighbors fear being "priced out" or seeing their most significant investment devalued by industrial operations next door.
- **Preserving our Rural Identity:** People move to Valley Center to escape industrial and urban congestion. Large-scale cultivation—often involving high-intensity lighting, security fencing, and heavy water usage (up to 6 gallons per plant daily)—destroys the "backcountry" feeling we have worked so hard to preserve.

The residents of Valley Center have repeatedly voiced their desire to keep our community free of this industry. I urge you to listen to these voices and reject any

proposals for cannabis farming that would compromise our environment and the future of our families.

Sincerely

Lianne Lange

Contact: liannela23@gmail.com

Phone: 858-220-1735

On Tue, Apr 7, 2026 at 9:41 AM LUEG, PDS.PlanningCommission
<PDS.PlanningCommission@sdcounty.ca.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your comment. For ways to voice your opinion or participate in the upcoming hearing for April 10th, please view the attached participation instructions! You can also email your opinion/comments to this email, and I will forward them to staff and the Commission on your behalf.

Georgina Gaines, Planning Commission Secretary
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-----Original Message-----

From: Lianne Lange <liannela23@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2026 8:39 AM

To: LUEG, PDS.PlanningCommission <PDS.PlanningCommission@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Subject: [External] Cannabis

I want my vote to count AGAINST any cannabis farming in Valkey Center. How do I go about making my vote count ?

Lianne Lange

Sent from my iPhone

From: [steve](#)
To: [LUEG, PDS.PlanningCommission](#)
Cc: [STEVE BROWN](#)
Subject: [External] Cannabis Proposal
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2026 1:48:26 PM

My name is Stephen Brown. I am a resident of Fallbrook and I am an elected member of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. I am contacting you regarding the cannabis program proposed for the unincorporated areas of San Diego. Members of the Fallbrook Community Planning group spent months if not years carefully reviewing the cannabis proposal directed by the BOS and carefully drafted modifications to the proposal to protect public safety, be environmentally sound, and minimize negative impact on the community. It appears that the BOS totally ignored the constructive recommendations made by the group. The Fallbrook Planning Group historically has tried to work with PDS and tyhe BOS to seek compromise rather than categorically object to projects under consideration. We would ask the same of the PDS and the BOS. I am personally very opposed to any accommodation for previous violators the laws in place at the time. It is like someone getting absolved and rewarded for having gotten a speeding ticket when the speed limits were educed to 55 mph because the law has changed and the speed limit is now 65mph. The fact is that the law that existed was violated and people were punishe3d accordingly. I respectfully request that you review the recommendations submitted by the Fallbrook Community Planning Group and consider adopting them in recognition of the desires of the affected communities and their voting constituents.

Stephen Brown



Valley Center Community Planning Group

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March 23, 2026

To The San Diego County Board of Supervisors
Terra Lawson- Remer District 3/Chair
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Joel Anderson, District 2
Jim Desmond, District 5

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

There are over **500,000** residents in the County's unincorporated areas. County Planning Groups are elected by those residents to represent them and advise the County on land use issues. Sponsor Groups are appointed for the same purpose. So it was shocking when the will of these residents was completely ignored at the January 14, 2026 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

At this meeting the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program was presented to the Supervisors by Staff for their direction on three options in the Draft Environmental Report (DEIR). There was also a fourth option which was to discontinue the Program.

Planning and Sponsor Groups have consistently voiced opposition to this Program, which is being forced on all of the unincorporated areas in the County of San Diego.

This program would give those who have convictions and were affected by the war on drugs preferential treatment and grants to start cannabis businesses in the unincorporated areas. It would allow outdoor cultivation, labs, dispensaries, consumption lounges, events and other cannabis related businesses in the entire unincorporated San Diego County.

During lengthy public testimony, documented safety, health and environmental impacts were presented based on CEQA and the County's own DEIR. The purpose of CEQA is to prevent significant, avoidable environmental damage by requiring changes in projects, either by the adoption of alternatives or imposition of mitigation measures.

None the less, the majority of Supervisors not only directed Staff to develop the option that according to their own Environmental Impact Report would have the most environmental impacts, but disregarded the overwhelming opposition to this Program from the residents who will suffer the environmental and safety impacts that this Program will bring.

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To be clear, the opposition is not about marijuana itself. It is not about using marijuana. This is legal in the state of California. Most of the Planning Groups are not opposed to dispensaries.

This is about two separate issues. 1. Equity for those affected by the war on drugs and 2. Land use and the negative environmental impacts on the residents who live in some of the most beautiful land in our State.

The opposition is about the land use issues which would allow marijuana grows; large commercial cultivation close to residential areas. The extremely harmful environmental impacts have been documented in other regions which have legalized cannabis cultivation. It is also about the potential rise in crime, health and safety issues that have also been well documented, as well as the dangers that consumption lounges and events (impaired drivers) will bring to the rural and semi rural towns.

Planning Groups supported a reasonable alternative that would only allow indoor cultivation to help environmental and health concerns; greater buffers/setbacks with more sensitive locations like parks, trails and churches. It would remove the consumption lounges and events which are the most damaging to public safety (impaired drivers). Incredibly, the majority of Supervisors completely ignored this alternative.

It appeared that these three Supervisors had already made their decision and their only concern was for those affected by the war on drugs, not the residents who live in the areas that will be affected.

Supervisors, there is still time to revise your direction and establish your goal of a Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. We are not being unreasonable. We are simply asking for more environmental and public health and safety guardrails to protect the half a million residents, especially the most vulnerable children and seniors who live in the beautiful unincorporated San Diego County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dori Rattray", written in a cursive style.

Dori Rattray - Chair
Valley Center Community Planning Group

Planning Commission Hearing

Meeting Time: 04-10-26 09:00

eComments Report

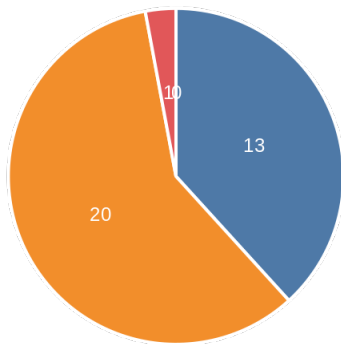
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Planning Commission Hearing

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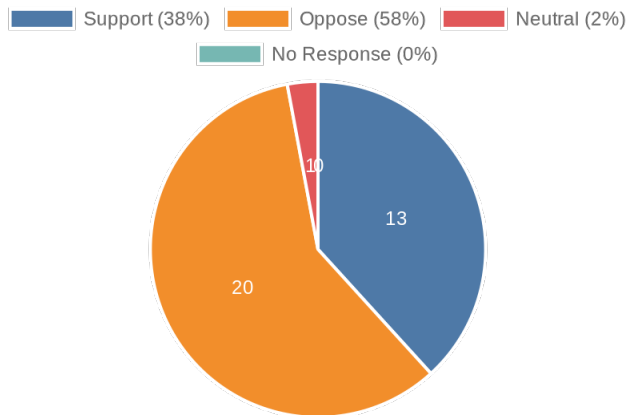
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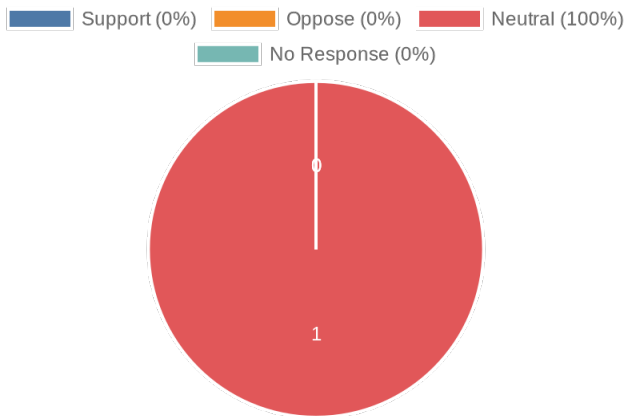
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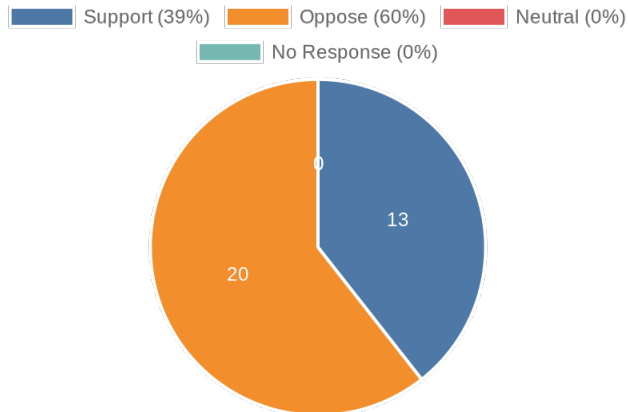
How Howard

Location: 93114, San diego
Submitted At: 3:00pm 03-30-26

How can people rename Ceaser Chavez Holiday, his name on public building (if any). He can't defend himself. Are people taking the word of certain persons about his actions long ago. Think of the children involved his family

Agenda Item: eComments for 1. Socially Equitable Cannabis Program Final Program Environmental Impact Report; PDS2021-POD-21-001, PDS2022-ER-22-00-002; Proposed conformance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (D. Elkurdi)

Overall Sentiment



Leilani Francisco

Location: 91913, chula vista
Submitted At: 7:41am 04-10-26

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Jael Francisco

Location: 91913, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 7:37am 04-10-26

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Andrea Thompson

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 7:15am 04-10-26

The existing 5 cannabis facilities are sufficient for the County. The unincorporated areas don't have infrastructure or services for cannabis expansion. It will strain the rural areas. Impaired driving on winding roads - no ride share services. Cultivation in rural neighborhoods will destroy the character and the smell alone will decrease property values, really hurting the people who already live here. Other jurisdictions have been devastated by similar programs. County needs to learn from others mistakes and SAY NO to harming our beautiful unincorporated area and it's 500,000 residents

Jose Alvarez

Location: 92102, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:10am 04-10-26

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Greg Doud

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 11:24pm 04-09-26

The SECP process has been a disappointing endeavor for the unincorporated communities, who in good faith and effort, have put forth countless and meaningful/fair suggestions and supporting data about the programs definitions which have seem to been ignored in favor of the financial beneficiaries. Data from similar programs in California that face significant financial, environmental and legal challenges failed to persuade our BOS. The FEIR explicitly identifies Option 4 as the superior alternative. Yet, the BOS voted to advance Option A based on policy objectives for social equity and market access. The BOS is sacrificing unincorporated residents quality of life. How can any future effort put forth by the county that requests community input be taken seriously if our voices are simply ignored. Do the right thing, and show that real considerations and evaluation of ALL feedback is taken into consideration when you make your recommendation to the Board.

Theresa PolettoDerry

Location: 92028
Submitted At: 10:37pm 04-09-26

I am totally opposed to allowing cannabis growers in unincorporated areas of San Diego County. Don't ruin rural communities with an industry that is incompatible with our cultural standards.

Sarah Anaraki

Location:
Submitted At: 10:10pm 04-09-26

I support the measure. It will help cannabis users, safe access instead of having to drive to other neighborhoods it would also give tax money to the needed areas.

Barbara Gordon

Location:
Submitted At: 9:07pm 04-09-26

I am opposed to the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. The impacts of more marijuana in the back country will be significant. Marijuana growers use pesticides and fertilizers that contaminate soil and drain water resources. Cultivation and processing of marijuana generate significant order and waste. I urge you to listen to the planning groups and the community who are not asking for nor do they want more marijuana businesses.

Carol Shrider

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 8:57pm 04-09-26

I oppose cannabis growers in the unincorporated area of San Diego County in and around Fallbrook. It would be totally inconsistent with our rural & residential community.

Orolie Gubser

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 8:40pm 04-09-26

I oppose the growing of cannibus in the rural area of Fallbrook

Kelly McCormick

Location:
Submitted At: 7:51pm 04-09-26

As a public health educator and youth mentor, I urge you to give weight to planning groups in the unincorporated areas that have voted to oppose this measure. As representatives of their communities, their voices should matter. Land use choices can have profound consequences on community safety, health, and culture.

Madison Rapp

Location:
Submitted At: 7:49pm 04-09-26

I am against the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. We have to look at the real-world outcomes. In states like Colorado, Oregon, and here in California, expanding cannabis licensing has not eliminated illegal markets—it has often expanded them. That means more problems, not fewer. In unincorporated areas like Fallbrook, the impacts are especially concerning: strain on limited law enforcement and emergency services, increased impaired driving on rural roads without rideshare options, and serious environmental risks to groundwater and watersheds. Our rural zoning and infrastructure were never designed to support this kind of industry, and the consequences will not stay contained—they will affect neighboring communities as well. I urge you to reject this and prioritize the long-term health, safety, and character of our communities.

Kathy Giovannetti

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 7:47pm 04-09-26

This is a no-go for me and my friends and family. We need to be firm on what is right, not cave to the whims of those who want choice, even when it's wrong. NO!

Young Milton

Location: 92028
Submitted At: 7:06pm 04-09-26

I oppose the SECP proposal and related amendments. Evidence from other jurisdictions indicates cannabis expansion rarely eliminates illicit markets and instead often heightens public safety risks, especially in rural settings with limited infrastructure. Impacts include greater road dangers, strained emergency services, enforcement burdens, and localized nuisances/violence—without proportional benefits in many cases.

Cheryl Hurley

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 6:36pm 04-09-26

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Public Correspondence

Lori Hunt

Location: 92061, Pauma Valley
Submitted At: 6:20pm 04-09-26

Honorable Planning Commissioners:

I oppose the SECP proposal and related amendments.

I understand a cannabis project is being proposed in Valley Center, and these amendments could make that possible. With my background in city management and community development, along with eight years volunteering at a drug coalition and currently substitute teaching in local schools, I strongly believe this type of project is not appropriate for our rural northern San Diego County communities.

While I recognize the need for county revenue, these amendments could open the door to projects that create extenuating circumstances such as strain small water and sewer district systems, increase public safety needs and concerns, and negatively impact precious public and essential services.

Rural families and children deserve thoughtful protection. PLEASE

Please vote no on the SECP amendments.

Hung Tran

Location:
Submitted At: 6:03pm 04-09-26

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Ann Riddle

Location: 92106, San Diego
Submitted At: 5:44pm 04-09-26

As a home owner in unincorporated SD County, I oppose County's Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. Our Planning Groups do not want them. Only the out of town 'addiction for profit' pot businesses will benefit, the young adults and families that live out here, will not . Pot products are primarily highly concentrated THC items that created hallucinatory and intoxicated experiences. Why would we normalize that existence for our residents. Why would we want to spend precious County funds on something else that is smoked or vaped or dabbed, creating poor health outcomes. Is this County about good health or favoring and underwriting a business that brings poor health outcomes.

Lori Francisco

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 4:53pm 04-09-26

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Melissa Caruso

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 4:38pm 04-09-26

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Chris Warner

Location: 92110
Submitted At: 4:28pm 04-09-26

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kathie morris

Location:
Submitted At: 4:14pm 04-09-26

We are in opposition of the SECP. To many unknown, understudied variables for small unincorporated areas to handle. Such as : Crime, lights, smell, water use, noise, emergency personal in the event of an emergency, extra cars/trucks on our roads, etc. Please take into consideration your local elected officials who have done extensive research and agree that this will not be feasible for our town. At the very minimum halt this from moving forward until further studies can be done.

Trevor L

Location: 92114, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:53pm 04-09-26

The proposed Socially Equitable Cannabis Program is a smart and balanced step forward for San Diego County, especially with the level of review required under the California Environmental Quality Act. It creates a clear, regulated path for cannabis businesses, which helps reduce illegal operations that often cause more environmental damage and operate without oversight. At the same time, it puts real protections in place for things like water use, air quality, and neighborhood safety. What makes this program especially important is its focus on social equity—giving people who were disproportionately affected by past cannabis laws a fair chance to participate in the legal market. Overall, it's a practical approach that supports local economic growth while still taking environmental and community concerns seriously.

Stephani Baxter

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 3:47pm 04-09-26

Halt advancement of the SECP in its current form. The County's recent direction disregards over five years of thorough research and public input from Community Sponsor Planning Groups, undermining the integrity of the public process. Evidence from other jurisdictions shows cannabis expansion often fails to eliminate illicit markets and instead brings increased environmental harm, public safety risks, and strain on already limited rural infrastructure, EMS, law enforcement and Code Compliance. In unincorporated areas, these impacts—including odor, noise nuisances, pollution, threats to groundwater, increased impaired driving on rural roads, and incompatibility with A70 and A72 zoning—would irreversibly damage community character, economy and resources. At minimum, this program should be PAUSED to allow for a transparent, data-driven reassessment that meaningfully incorporates community input before moving forward.

Katie Poponyak

Location: 92024, Encintas
Submitted At: 3:07pm 04-09-26

I have worked in the far reaches of the unincorporated parts of San Diego County visiting group homes and foster youth. The residents of all of those communities Planning Groups have told the Supervisors they do not want marijuana businesses or farms. They don't want the smell, the crime, water hoarded or the intoxicated drivers on their narrow twisty roads. The only folks pushing this are trying to make a quick buck and taking advantage of a community that they do not live in.

Joshua Caruso

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:56pm 04-09-26

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Gregory Goodwin

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Barry Herzberg

Location: 92116, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:22pm 04-09-26

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Kelly Hayes

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:50pm 04-09-26

As a licensed attorney, I've worked with many cannabis businesses throughout California but specifically within the San Diego Region. I support the County's Socially Equitable Cannabis Program and request further revisions be made to the County's Ordinance related to Temporary Cannabis Events. Specifically, the Planning Commission should direct staff to:

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J Taylor

Location: 92004, Borrego Springs
Submitted At: 8:02am 04-09-26

I'm against it for the following reasons: Cannabis dispensaries have to be well lit all night for security. Borrego Springs is a dark sky community.

Cannabis dispensaries require 24 hour security because they attract thieves.

Cannabis is a gateway drug which leads to drug addiction.

Cannabis causes psychosis in young adults.

Driving while "high" on cannabis in Borrego Springs would be extremely dangerous. Banner Grade and Montezuma road are curvy, narrow and steep. It is proven that cannabis users can't negotiate carved roads.

Cannabis cultivation requires water which is limited in Borrego Springs. Water in Borrego Springs is controlled by statewide water adjudication.

Cannabis cultivation smells like dead skunks. Borrego Springs residents and wildlife would suffer from the well-known stench.

Cannabis is an invasive species that could impact the fragile, sensitive wild flower blooms, native habitat.

State law requires cities to vote on Cannabis in their town.

Lynne Malinowski

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 3:37pm 04-08-26

As a resident of the unincorporated area of the County, with our 500,000+ population whose planning and sponsor groups oppose this program as approved by the BoS at their January meeting, I also am opposed. We live and have agricultural businesses where the impacts of this program will be harshly felt. The problems cited in other California jurisdictions will be replicated here. Despite being fairly warned, the 3 supervisors who do not represent the vast unincorporated County made the decision to vote against our interests, and truthfully, that of the County itself. Please reverse this path towards the least restrictive options for this program. Save the County money it doesn't have, save our lifestyles and businesses.

TheHonorableEve Nasby

Location: 91935, JAMUL
Submitted At: 9:58pm 04-07-26

My opposition to the SECP is based on documented environmental, public health, and safety concerns specific to rural Jamul. We rely on private wells. Cannabis cultivation peaks in water demand when groundwater recharge is lowest. The SECP's Environmental Impact Report includes no Jamul-specific hydrological analysis—a material omission for a community dependent on a limited aquifer. A 2023 study of 6.9 million individuals found up to 30%

of schizophrenia cases among young men attributable to cannabis use. The SECP includes no analysis of rural mental health capacity to absorb increased demand. Legalization has not eliminated illegal cultivation in rural Ca. Our limited law enforcement leaves us vulnerable to water theft, unregulated pesticide use, and criminal activity. Reject Program Option A. Require hydrological studies, expanded buffers, and prohibitions on outdoor cultivation, consumption lounges, and assessments of enforcement and public health capacity before permit approval

Elenor Thompson

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 7:43am 04-04-26

Please do not allow the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program to advance. This problematic program has no place in SD County's unincorporated areas; the residents and county Sponsor Groups have spoken out against it; and it poses significant and unsurmountable public safety hazards for the public and our public safety officers (Sheriff, fire, ambulances). In Borrego Springs, we have CA state water adjudication, so cannabis cultivation should be banned, not allowed. There is not water for this!!! Plus, we are a remote, dark sky protected community. County Supervisors should be focused on other forms of economic development for this small group of people they are seeking to employ, and focus on reducing the size of government, not adding more ridiculous and destructive programs of this kind. Do not support the EIR. P.S. Have Sabellico recuse himself for his puppetry supporting this, made evident at his Oct. 17, 2025 appointment (Hour 1:30)