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Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for the chance to give community and county feedback for the implementation and roll out of the new guidelines for cannabis cultivation within Santa Cruz county.

I have been a resident in Santa Cruz for over 40 years and a home owner in 3 of the county districts. I have lived in "residential" and "mixed use" zoning areas.

In order to protect the safety, health, welfare and home values, it is extremely important that the cannabis cultivations be kept in areas that are strictly zoned commercial agriculture. This will follow the current guidelines of agricultural land use and prevent problems associated with allowing the commercial operations in neighborhoods that are mixed land use. Variances should not be given in any mixed land use areas for the use of any cannabis grows, no matter the size.

In doing this, the county can insure that health problems associated with smell, odor, dust, noise from machinery and public safety are not compromised. Also, property values in residential areas will not be affected. Cannabis cultivation should be treated the same way that other large agricultural projects and zoned accordingly. Also, water usage ( including ground) should be monitored in the same way that other growing operations are monitored.

Please make sure that commercial cannabis cultivation is limited to only commercial agricultural land use zoning.

Thank you for this consideration,  
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