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Subject: Cannabis in Corralitos

We are residents of Corralitos and have real concerns for the impending proliferation of cannabis greenhouses in this part of Santa Cruz Co. There have been projections made that this "industry" will bring 7,100 new jobs to the area which we find both hard to believe and if true, frightening.

The impact of this kind of traffic could potentially create havoc on our already badly damaged and poorly maintained county roads.

The safety for many of us who walk and ride bikes here daily is already a huge challenge that we tackle continually.

As the "trim season" arrives, the addition of these employees in their cars on our country roads will become very treacherous and a threat to the quality of life we all moved here for.

As homeowners who have had to follow county ordinances regarding "ag zones" and not being allowed to infringe on them, we find it more than ironic that these growers will be allowed to come into our existing neighborhoods and infringe on our "zones" of peace, safety and comfort.

We acknowledge that these cannabis greenhouses are already here and more are poised to come.

We are asking that our concerns about the tremendous amounts of water consumption, electrical consumption, pesticide runoff into the Corralitos Creek and the threat to our wildlife such as owls and hawks by rodent poisons be taken seriously.

Just WHO will be enforcing and HOW OFTEN will the enforcing be done for the required licensing, fire engine roadway access AND the required water tank installations?

As in many cities there is a designated number of alcohol licenses that can be issued, the number of Fast Food restaurants became an issue in the city of Watsonville a number of years ago. So in turn, the number of these cannabis licenses must be regulated.

Our water tables in South Co. already are overdrawn and have salt water intrusion.

Will there be a minimum acreage set for these greenhouses?

Undoubtedly there are many growers anxiously awaiting January 2018 in anticipation of financial gain, but at what cost to our environment and to our Corralitos neighborhoods.

We ask that you consider and ask yourselves, what if this was YOUR neighborhood?

We feel these are justified and very real concerns.

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