

November 26, 2019

Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas St., Suite 6500
Fairfield, CA 94533

RE: Hemp Growing in Solano County

Dear Esteemed Supervisors:

I am the individual who sent the original request for a moratorium on hemp growth, and one of many who currently have a hemp farm operation in close proximity to our residence. As you are undoubtedly being bombarded by emails, letters, and phone calls, I will make this letter brief.

Since I spoke to you at the last hearing several weeks ago, "harvest" operations have been underway continuously all day and night long. Originally there were 3-4 security cars guarding the crop. Now there are anywhere from 15-20 cars, vans, trucks, and equipment vehicles on site. As they harvest all night long, headlights and loud music are prevalent. The security guards at 4:00am are doing donuts in the field and talking loudly with no consideration for residences in the area. During the day large amounts of dust can be seen around the field. Water trucks are supposed to be used to keep dust down. They are not doing this. The stench is still horrible, and uninvited peoples still keep trying to steal product all day and night long. Due to these nuisances and criminal activity that hemp growing brings, there needs to be a permanent moratorium on future hemp growth.

According to the Farm Bill of 2018 (aka Agricultural Act of 2018), hemp is specifically defined (Subtitle G Hemp Production; Sec. 297A Definitions) as "the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant . . . "

Please know that the term *Cannabis* is the genus name for the three main species (*sativa*, *indica*, and *ruderalis*) of plants that include ALL forms of hemp and marijuana. As such, all hemp plants are *Cannabis*.

Agricultural Commissioner Ed King stated in an email dated November 26, 2019 that the "hemp varieties grown off Clark Road [in rural unincorporated Solano County] are all sourced from approved industrial programs and as such are all *Cannabis sativa* L."

According to the Solano County Ordinance No. 2018-1799 passed on October 2, 2018, Solano County now "permanently prohibits all commercial cannabis activities including commercial cultivation, distribution, manufacturing, testing, retail sales and other State recognized license types from being established in unincorporated Solano County." (https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/planning/cannabis_faq.asp).

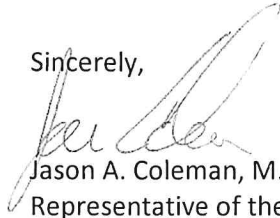
The Solano County Ordinance No. 2018-1799 makes no distinction as to the type of *Cannabis* (*sativa*, *indica*, or *ruderalis* species) being banned, and clearly defines above that "all commercial cannabis activities" are now permanently prohibited. This means that since hemp is also *Cannabis*, hemp is also currently banned in Solano County.

As the Farm Bill of 2018 clearly defines hemp as a subspecies of *Cannabis*, we effectively already have a permanent moratorium on hemp. As such, the hemp farms that were allowed to operate in Solano County this year have violated this ordinance. The fact that *Cannabis* is already prohibited coupled with

the crime and nuisance issues already proven to be associated with 2019's hemp operations should be more than enough reason to enforce the current ordinance.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jason A. Coleman', is written over the printed name.

Jason A. Coleman, M.A.

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