

# CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



June 24, 2019

The Honorable Assemblymember Evan Low  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions  
Legislative Office Building, Room 379  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## Members of the City Council

Wade T. Nomura - *Mayor*  
Al Clark - *Vice Mayor*  
Fred Shaw  
Gregg A. Carty  
Roy Lee

Re: SB 67 (McGuire) Cannabis: Temporary Licenses - OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Evan Low,

On behalf of the City of Carpinteria ("City") City Council, we support the position of the Santa Barbara County ("County") Board of Supervisors and respectfully urge your opposition of SB 67 (McGuire), which would extend temporary licenses issued by the Department of Food and Agriculture until September 15, 2019 if the licensee submitted an application and fees for an annual state license for the identical premises and activity before the licensee's temporary license expired.

The City's entire northeastern boundary abuts the County's agricultural lands in the Carpinteria Valley, which has become a hotbed of industrial cannabis cultivation. Much of the City's shared boundary is characterized by residential housing developments and other sensitive receptors, including a high school, located immediately adjacent to large-scale greenhouse and packing facilities. The City is deeply concerned about the ongoing harmful effects of unregulated cannabis cultivation and is relying on the County's local program to alleviate and hopefully abate the impacts being experienced by its residents in the Carpinteria Valley. SB 67 would undermine the County's ability to implement and enforce its local permitting program as the state extension would discourage applicants from abiding by the County's requirements. The County currently has 1,200 temporary licenses that will expire by September 15, 2019 which, if permissively extended, could exacerbate the conflict between impacted communities and the industry.

The City is aligned with the County and urges amendments that would make Track and Trace mandatory for temporary licenses and require renewed local authorization for the state extension to apply.

Should you have questions about the City's concerns, please contact City Manager, Dave Durlfing, at (805) 755-4400.

Sincerely,

Wade Nomura  
Mayor, City of Carpinteria

Cc: The Honorable Senator Mike McGuire, Author  
Members, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions  
The Honorable Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
The Honorable Assemblymember Monique Limón, 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
City Council Members  
Dave Durlfing, City Manager