

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

My business partners and I are excited to introduce ourselves. We are longtime growers, landowners, and constituents in the Santa Maria Valley and regularly do business in Guadalupe. We strongly endorse the new Cannabis Ordinance that your board will be voting on next week, but we believe that it would be in the best interest of the City of Guadalupe to amend section 9.22.48 of Ordinance No. 2021-494, specifically the section that prohibits all cultivation within city limits. Indoor grows within city limits would offer environmental and equitable economic advances to the city and its constituents.

Allowing indoor cultivation would decrease vehicle miles traveled by both employees and by other cultivators who would need to bring their product to a processing center. Further, an indoor grow would allow for the utilization of innovative clean energy technologies. Solar panels and water recycling centers are regularly used for such projects and could help Guadalupe become more carbon neutral.

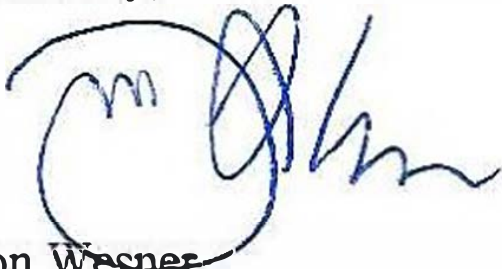
Indoor cannabis grows will also promote economic growth in the City of Guadalupe. An indoor grow will offer high paying jobs, cannabis workers typically earn 50-100% higher wages when compared to retail and food services, to residents. Employees will have shorter work commute times and will be able to cultivate inside, thus improving quality of life for our community members.

Indoor cultivation centers are compatible with the Guadalupe community and concerns such as odor, increased crime, and poor aesthetics can all be mitigated with indoor cultivation. Carbon scrubbers are an industry standard that mitigate odor, security personnel will be hired to oversee operations, and landscaping will be put in place to help beautify not only the site, but Guadalupe as a whole.

Finally, indoor cultivation centers could offer increased tax revenue to the city. If allowed, the city could potentially collect an increased per square foot property tax on these facilities.

I personally do not yet have an indoor cultivation center, but I have friends in the industry that run top of the line indoor cultivation centers. If you are available I would love to schedule a meeting with you to discuss the opportunity. Please let me know if you are interested and if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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