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**From:** Maureen Brennan <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:09 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Public comment not on today's agenda

I had a meeting crunch and had to leave the chambers this morning. I hope I'm not too late to add this to Public comment. Thanks.

Maureen Brennan  
Rodeo CA

Contra Costa Co., 2 years ago, pre-pandemic, voted to declare a Climate Emergency. And, it's true. We are in a Climate Emergency. It's time now, to put some teeth into that statement.

It's an opportunity really. We do not need 2 more drilling sites in Contra Costa per Bob Nunn and his venture companies. Two years ago, I observed a meeting of the CA State Lands Commission, and a woman down near Santa Barbara gave a presentation about removing one oil drilling site, one site, that cost close to a million \$\$\$. In Contra Costa we have 120 capped drill sites +/-; two more is too many.

Most important, is to look to the future of the General Plan. Yes, in the 60's and 70's Contra Costa included oil drilling/exploration as a land use possibility. No more. Today is today. We need to re-think this.

We live in earthquake country, these wells shift, and they leak. It's real. The General Plan should reflect the future of the County in the next 20 years. Please do the right thing, and exclude oil exploration in the new General Plan.

Thanks.

Maureen Brennan

Rodeo CA

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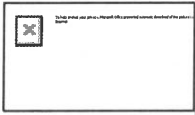
**From:** Steven Chow <[redacted]@shrynegroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 7:47 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** ITEM D.2 Letter of Support - Weed for Warriors Project  
**Attachments:** Weed for Warriors letter of support CoCo County Vape Ban Repeal final.pdf

Good Evening,

On behalf of Weed for Warriors Project, I'd like to share this letter with the Board of Supervisors regarding Item D.2. on the 12/6/22 agenda.

Weed for Warriors Project, a social justice organization supporting holistic rehabilitation for veterans through community-based projects, proactive care advocacy, cannabis education and compassion.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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December 6th, 2022

Dear Contra Costa Board of Supervisors,

The Weed for Warriors Project is respectfully asking the Board of Supervisors to repeal the countywide ban on the sale of cannabis electronic smoking devices and cannabis e-liquids containing tetrahydrocannabinol or any other cannabinoid, otherwise known as “cannabis vapes.”

Founded in 2014, the Weed for Warriors Project aims to allow Veterans the freedom to use medical marijuana as a recognized medical alternative to harmful psychiatric drugs without any discrimination or unjust actions against the individual. Veterans represent 7% of the American population, yet account for 20% of the national suicide rate. An estimated 22 veterans commit suicide per day. Access to medical cannabis in all consumption forms is key to reducing suicide and promoting a better quality of life for veterans. The current countywide ban on cannabis vapes harms veterans by limiting our access to much-needed medicine. Furthermore, prohibiting the sale of state-compliant, legally manufactured, and tested cannabis vaping products has failed to make our communities safer and has unnecessarily harmed thousands of cannabis patients in the County.

With respect to vaping cannabis, it is important to understand that the vaporization of state-compliant cannabis is the safest of all cannabis consumption methods. This is because cannabis vape manufacturers can remove the hazardous material that would arise from smoking cannabis and provide a product that contains less than 1/1000th of the hazardous substances associated with smoking of cannabis flower. Prohibiting the sale of electronic cannabis vaporizers has only negatively impacted the cannabis patients of the County by denying them access to products that can aid in the healthy delivery of their medicine. In addition, cannabis vapes are often the preferred method of cannabis consumption for veterans. Many veterans and most medical patients are renters and live in housing that prohibits the consumption of cannabis flower, leaving cannabis vaping as the most effective and one of the only delivery methods for medicine. By taking away the ability to purchase cannabis vapes, you are taking away the ability for veterans to access their medicine and safely administer medicine in their homes.

The Weed for Warriors Project urges the Board of Supervisors to repeal the ban on the sale of state-compliant cannabis vapes in the County. The reactionary response to the vaping epidemic was done hastily with good intentions but has harmed thousands of patients and a new industry in the County. The County must do its part in combating the illicit cannabis marketplace and



support the rights of patients to access safe, tested, quality cannabis products. A ban on legal cannabis products only supports the illicit cannabis marketplace and reinforces the propagation of dangerous, illegally manufactured cannabis products in our communities. As men and women who have bravely served our country, we are only asking for the ability to safely access medical cannabis, including cannabis vaping products.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sean Kiernan  
CEO, Weed For Warriors Project

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**From:** Jacky Vera <jackyvera11095@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 6:17 PM  
**To:** John Gioia; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor\_Burgis; SupervisorMitchoff; District5; Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Agenda Item D2

Hello,

As a resident of Richmond, I am against Ordinance No. 2022-28. Alcohol and other drug prevention programs are underfunded and understaffed in our community and county. By banning the sale of vapes we are limiting the exposure and accessibility to these products for our kids. I am disappointed in our county. Prevention providers were given less than 24 hour notice, staff are currently on holiday, and our youth are in finals and in school during this time. I hope that the Board of Supervisors will think about our youth and their health.

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**From:** Jacquelyne Vera  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 6:05 PM  
**To:** John Gioia; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor\_Burgis; SupervisorMitchoff; District5; Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Agenda Item D2

Hello

The West Contra Costa Alcohol Policy Coalition is in opposition of Ordinance No. 2022-28. We worked hard to create and uphold Ordinance 2019-34. The coalition was given less than 24 hours to mobilize our community and members. The community has stated that they do not want the sale of vapes and non-flavored cannabis vaping products. Youth are accessing these products. By preventing the sales of vapes we are protecting our children. I hope that the Board of Supervisors will work with us to help us prevent our youth from accessing cannabis products and vapes.

Best,  
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