

# Concerned Carpenterians

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No, that was not *The Onion* but rather the *Coastal View News* posting a photograph of Carpinteria's School Supt. Diana Rigby, along with staff and three school principals, cavorting in a marijuana farm, donning the uniforms and hats of the pot facility!

The only thing missing is the group flashing a “thumbs up” sign. What were they smoking?!

[http://www.coastalview.com/cannabis-growers-pledge-k-for-middle-school-counselor/article\\_e9f2dc20-ce94-11e9-a82f-1ffc99f38b28.html](http://www.coastalview.com/cannabis-growers-pledge-k-for-middle-school-counselor/article_e9f2dc20-ce94-11e9-a82f-1ffc99f38b28.html)

If that doesn't make you ill, there's a video where they agree to accept \$189,000 from the pot growers for a counselor - just as the cannabis vaping scandal claims young lives throughout the country.

*Yup, it's a full service operation. First they sell you the drugs, then they get someone to fix you.*

**You can let them know your feelings at the school board meeting Tuesday at 5:30 at Carp City Hall Council Chambers.**

Seems the Carp Growers, who are growing marijuana closer to Carpinteria & Rincon High schools than any other school in the USA, are concerned about “the optics” and orchestrated this highly publicized gift, seeking to normalize drug use among educators. Go figure!

Meanwhile, the family of Canalino School principal, Jamie Persoon, is one of the cannabis growers - which just happens to border the high school. Also, it appears that the Carp School Board is busy packing the board with pro-cannabis recruits, some with family members who are marijuana activists, and who, naturally, see and smell nothing! - that everyone else

smells. We congratulate board member Rogelio Delgado who has consistently fought and voted against accepting cannabis gifts.

In 2017, Rigby wrote the Board of Supervisors insisting on 1000 foot boundaries for cannabis citing “safety” and as stipulated by Federal law. [see attached] NOT the 600-750 feet as negotiated by Sup. Das Williams. But when asked recently about her position on cannabis surrounding she replied to resident Joan Esposito, “Das [Williams] is my guy.” At present, pot growers around the HS are violating even the 600 ft buffer of state law with a gimmicky, illegal measurement of premise to property line.

This gift from marijuana growers is an egregious breach of the school’s charter, as well as state and federal laws - never mind fundamental morality and ethics.

**Lesser violations have been cause for resignation. This money must be returned and Ms. Rigby’s apology and resignation submitted.**

Attached: Federal & State statutes; letters from Supt. Rigby & SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis

**21 U.S. Code § 860. Distribution or manufacturing in or near schools - (a.) Penalty**

Any [person](#) who violates [section 841\(a\)\(1\) of this title](#) or [section 856 of this title](#) by distributing, possessing with intent to [distribute](#), or manufacturing a [controlled substance](#) in or on, or within one thousand feet of, the real property comprising a public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school or a public or private college, junior college, or university, or a [playground](#), or housing facility owned by a public housing authority,

**California Health and Safety Code 11362.768.** (b) No medicinal cannabis cooperative, collective, dispensary, operator, establishment, or provider who possesses, cultivates, or distributes medicinal cannabis pursuant to this article shall be located within a 600-foot radius of a school. (c) The distance specified in this section shall be the horizontal distance measured in a straight line from the property line of the school to the closest property line of the lot on which the medicinal cannabis cooperative, collective, dispensary, operator, establishment, or provider is to be located without regard to intervening structures.

**Diana F. Rigby**  
Superintendent

**Maureen Fitzgerald**  
Chief Business Officer



**Board Members**  
Maureen Foley Claffey  
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Jaclyn Phuong Fabre  
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## Carpinteria Unified School District

September 10, 2017

TO: County Planning Commission  
FROM: Diana F. Rigby, Superintendent  
RE: Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Medical Marijuana Status Determination  
and Termination of Exemption Ordinance Amendment

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I am writing this memo in response to the County Planning Commission meeting on 9/13/17 on behalf of the Carpinteria Unified School District. As the new School Superintendent, I am responsible for student and staff safety in our schools, including Carpinteria High School which is located on 4810 Foothill Road surrounded by cannabis growers and greenhouses. As currently reported by the Carpinteria High School Principal, Gerardo Cornejo, the air quality in the high school classrooms is compromised by the strong objectionable cannabis odors originating from agricultural operations located on properties in the unincorporated County area in close proximity to 4810 Foothill Road. As a high school school, we are considered a "sensitive receptor" and it is proposed in the Code Draft that a 600' radius is sufficient to protect our students and staff from the dangers or nuisance of the cannabis activities. I strongly recommend that you investigate a more effective distance (such as the 1000 ft. proposed in SLO County) to ensure that the cannabis activities are not interfering with nor compromising the safety of our students and staff at Carpinteria High School.

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