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Thu, May 21, 2026 at 7:50 AM

Submitted on Thu, 05/21/2026 - 7:50 AM

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**First Name**  
Kate

**Last Name**  
Dougherty

**Email**  
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**Question/Comment**  
I support opening a dispensary in Sutter Creek. The extra tax revenue will help all of us.

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Thu, May 21, 2026 at 3:11 PM

Submitted on Thu, 05/21/2026 - 3:10 PM

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**First Name**  
Suzanne

**Last Name**  
Houck

**Email**  
[Redacted]

**Question/Comment**  
Hello SC City Counsel members,

This is just re iteration of what I shared last Monday night and also at the Amador County Board of Supervisors last Tuesday morning. Although the board will not be voting on this issue they unanimously stated they oppose Embarc coming to town. This is also what I shared on the Nextdoor news feed. We hope to rally many people for the meeting on Monday, June 1st, who will voice their opposition to the Embarc dispensary opening up in our town. This would be a terrible decision...and one that no amount of money will be able to fix!

Suzanne Houck  
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Sutter Creek

Hello to all who live in Sutter Creek and Amador County. My husband and I spoke last Monday at the SC City Counsel and Tuesday at the Amador County Board of Supervisors meeting in opposition to the proposed Cannabis shop that could open in Sutter Creek. As it stands now 3 counsel members are voting yes to open and 2 are against it. If it is voted in, our community as we know it now, will be adversely effected in so many ways. Please read what I shared with the SC Counsel and the Jackson Supervisors below. The SC City Counsel last meeting on this agenda will be on Monday, 6/1/26, at 6pm which will be the last time we can voice our concerns. We would love to see a large turnout from people in Sutter Creek and Amador County who oppose this dispensary from opening (all our surrounding cities will be impacted by it as well by a yes vote). Anyone wanting to voice their opinion will get 5 minutes. If you love Sutter Creek, our community and Amador County come out on 6/1/2026 at 6pm and voice your concerns and let the City Counsel know you absolutely do not want this cannabis shop opening.

This is what I shared with the SC City Council and Amador Board of Supervisors.

My name is Suzanne Houck and I live in Sutter Creek along with my husband Ron Houck.

In regards to the proposed cannabis dispensary being invited to set up shop here in Sutter Creek I would first like to share our own personal experience with the dangers of cannabis use.

6 years ago we invited our youngest son to come home and live with us while he worked on getting his life on a good track. One of our conditions for him live with us was that there would be no drug use of any kind in or out of our home. During the eight long months he lived with us we endured a constant barrage of angry disrespectful verbal attacks, assaultive behavior and very combative conduct. We feared him in our own home. After living with us for eight months we discovered drug paraphernalia on our back deck and realized our son had been vaping liquid THC in a bong the entire time he had been staying with us. He did a very good job concealing his use from us. We confronted him and he denied it but we had the proof. We decided he needed to leave and a great fight ensued between him and my husband. He would not leave...he was in an unstoppable rage...he was throwing things including his computer screen...and he was taunting my husband, trying to provoke him into physically fighting him. It was horrible and very frightening. He did finally leave our property that day and thankfully without involving the police.

When we looked at the progression of his terrible behavior and how it had escalated during the 8 months he was with us, we became convinced that his heavy use of vaping THC was the reason for his violent and erratic behavior.

We love our small community...and we love how safe it is...which was at the top of our reasons for moving here 10 years ago. We have done a bit of research on what happens to small communities where cannabis dispensaries open shop.

These are just a few of the legitimate concerns that would effect our community adversely:

There are risks of increased impaired driving...especially among our youth ... and especially on our two lane rural roads.

The normalizing of cannabis use among our youth will only heighten disciplinary issues in our schools and in public.

Cannabis use disorder (CUD) is a mental health condition characterized by the inability to control cannabis use despite the negative effects it has on your health, relationships, and responsibilities. It is an officially recognized substance use disorder in the medical field that can range from mild to severe (which is commonly referred to as addiction)

Cannabis shops have been known to reduce property values in many areas similar to ours. People want to live here because of our safe and quiet rural climate.

Sutter Creek should not say yes to what has been proven to be a bad decision in many small towns. If you decide to move forward with this plan, the expected monetary gain for Sutter Creek will not be worth the many grave consequences that will befall our very special little town that we call...home...and...this decision will be on your watch.

Please listen carefully to all those who are in opposition to this dispensary...and for the many reasons why saying yes to this happening would be a very regrettable decision and one that we will not recover from.

I vehemently oppose this dispensary opening up in Sutter Creek. Please come out Monday, 6/1/2026 at 6pm and say NO!  
Thank you, Suzanne Houck

I'm also including again from an entry above on Nextdoor.

"Revenue from a cannabis dispensary will not be enough to mitigate the negative impacts such a business will have on Amador County mental health resources, law enforcement, DA's Office, the jail, Sutter Amador Hospital, ER, and the students in the Amador County Unified School District, just to name a few."

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Submitted values are:

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**Last Name**

Lorenzo

**Email**

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**Question/Comment**

Please, please vote NO!!! The financial gain is not worth ruining what makes Sutter Creek so unique and special. This would be a huge mistake.