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Public Comment - Group 2

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From: saldg@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 7:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: 12/7 Item D4Cresco



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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to state that I have been a resident of Carpinteria for almost 30 years. I have had many friends and acquaintances who were growing cut flowers, but now are now producing cannabis. These growers have always contributed generous financial support to programs benefiting the youth and education of our town. As a long time educator, I have seen students benefitting from these contributions. Now these growers are able to contribute even more to the education our students. These same growers are using the greenhouses to continue their production, thus keeping major housing projects from invading our small town. They have hired many locals providing them with steady salaries and benefits. This has kept the transient movement of students and workers low. I appreciate that Cresco Farm care enough to reinvest in the Carpinteria community by providing the cleanest and safest production of their product. They try to listen to the concerns of the neighbors, and to quickly act on those concerns. I hope that all the producers continue in their efforts while contributing to our small town.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sally D. Green
Former Principal, Canalino School

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From: Julie Hathaway <tikiju63@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 8:28 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Case No. APL-00000-0000 48 DENY THE APPEAL

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I am writing today in support of the Cresco farm on Foothill Road. My son works at this farm as a Propagation Supervisor, and his position has allowed him to make a living while doing what he loves. As a parent, and retired from working for the Carpinteria Unified School District, I believe legal cannabis is safely farmed and a benefit to the area. Our family the Romeros, date back 200 years to this region, and we are happy to see a plant that will keep the farmers afloat.

Cresco has worked with the CARP Growers to find the safest and best solutions for odor mitigation, and was the first farm to publicly commit to the transition to indoor carbon scrubbers for their greenhouses. Not only that, but their farm is redirecting employee traffic from a new entrance on Via Real, reducing traffic on Foothill Road. This is the type of farm we need to support as they take seriously neighbor feedback.

Cannabis is the cleanest crop in California, using sustainable practices like a closed-loop watering system that will never interfere with nearby creeks or ocean runoff. There is also significantly less pesticides in the air, as these farms do not use any harsh chemicals in accordance with the law.

As a supporter of Carpinteria farms and legal cannabis, please deny the appeal against Cresco.

Thank you,

Julie Romero Hathaway

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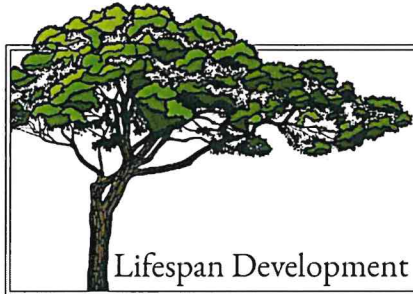
From: Roland Rotz <docrotz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 8:54 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cresco D4
Attachments: Cresco appeal.pdf

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Dear Clerk,
Please include my letter of support for Cresco's hearing.

Thank you,
Dr Rotz

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To the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County,

I am a local businessman in Carpinteria practicing as a clinical psychologist for nearly 25 years. I served as the Chairman of the Board for the Carpinteria Valley Chamber of Commerce, am past president for the Rotary Club of Carpinteria, and currently serve on the boards for the Rotary Club, The Lynda Fairly Carpinteria Art Center, and The Alcazar Theatre. My family and I treasure the charm of this "Mayberry by the Sea" community. While there have been changes over the years, the important things have stayed the same in our quiet town- a focus on family and the opportunity for all residents to have a bite of the apple that provides for a wonderful life in Santa Barbara County.

With the recent change from cut flowers to cannabis, this industry has been able to provide career opportunities with benefits and living wages to the agricultural workers who were not afforded these privileges with the previous crop. While I have no reason to require cannabis use for myself at this time, I appreciate the professionalism of the industry and have seen the community benefit from farms like Cresco which have actively supported educational opportunities for our youth and investing in the development of our community where we call home. In my capacity as a board member on several non-profits in town, I have found Cresco in particular to be a strong force in supporting this community. Their sincere desire to be actively giving to various venues is frequently reinforced when I see their presence at Chamber of Commerce mixers, community events and their sponsorship of programs that nurture the kids who represent our future.

Understandably it is important for the cannabis farmers to control the odor and preserve our quality of life for all our neighbors. I see evidence of the farmers response to odor control when I read about the weather monitoring stations placed throughout the valley, the open dialogue with residents, and innovative technology tested to combat offsite odors. Our Rotary Club of Carpinteria had the opportunity to tour the Cresco farm and regardless of anyone's personal stance with cannabis, we could see the desire to share and educate us, the quality inherent in the professional working agriculture, and the fact that it is our neighbors who have made this their livelihood.

Now that cannabis has found it's home here in Carpinteria, I believe we have seen how these farmers just like earlier flower growers, avocado ranchers, lemon growers, and lima bean farmers can work with us to support the wellbeing of our community and its residents. Cresco has led the way in setting an excellent example of cooperative and collaborative farming and is the gold standard for the Carpinteria Valley. I ask that you permit Cresco to continue operating in this valley.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roland Rotz".

Roland Rotz, PhD

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From: PAUL EKSTROM <paulekstrom@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item 21-01096 Claffey Appeal

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Honorable Supervisors,

I urge you to SUPPORT this appeal. Odor is not improving in Carpinteria Valley, please read the odor complaints received by Keven De Los Santos. The number of complaints will surprise you, even though most residents don't bother sending them in as they feel it is meaningless. The "vapor phase" systems are a failure and are not considered "best available" practices anymore.

The requirement of "best available" with odor control needs to be updated with sealed greenhouses as the minimum standard with true filtering systems. To date, it appears carbon filtration is the best available for now. Why is it not required?

I would like to know why the cannabis stink in Carpinteria Valley is not being thoroughly investigated and enforcement is so lacking?

In addition, the Arroyo Paredon Creek is too close to this project.

There are many reasons to SUPPORT the Claffey appeal.

Respectfully, Paul Ekstrom, Carpinteria resident for 50 years.

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From: Beth Cox <beth@gcelandscapes.com>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 11:00 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Grant Cox
Subject: Agenda item D-4, Case No APL-00000-000048- Please Read Into The Record
Attachments: Cresco Item No. 18CDH-00000-00031 20RVP-00000-00058- Board of Supervisors.pdf

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Dear Clerk of The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Attached please find a letter in support of the above referenced matter. I would appreciate it if you could please read the letter into the record at the December 7. 2021 Hearing.

Thank you and Happy Holidays to you!

Best,

Beth

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***Re: Agenda item D-4, Case No APL-00000-000048
In Favor of SB County Board of Supervisors approving Cresco Labs***

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

As a Carpinteria resident, mother and local business owner, I am a huge supporter of the Cresco Labs Cannabis Cultivation Project. I ask that you please take a strong stand and end this "debate" about cannabis farming in Carpinteria and approve their Cannabis Project.

Cresco is incredibly active in volunteering and giving back to so many of our nonprofits in our community of Carpinteria, such as Girl's Inc., The Boys & Girls Club, Rotary of Carpinteria, just to name a few. They were an integral part of the immediate efforts of a getting innovative to assist our small businesses and restaurants through our pandemic by way of the 93013 Fund, wherein they volunteered and assisted with purchasing of meals from our struggling restaurants, through programs like Keep the Lights On, Senior Meals, and the Food Bank weekly Drive Thru. It was through these comparable interests within our community, that Cresco was introduced to our company and utilized our expertise in landscape design and installation of native plants for their property, as well as procurement of large specimen trees.

Cresco approached our Landscape business for consultation on what would be best for landscaping the surrounding property as they were extremely mindful of utilizing native plants, as well as restoring the environmentally sensitive habitat along the Arroyo Paredon bridge. The first part of their landscaping plan, which was installed earlier this year, included multitudes of 48 in., 60 in. and 72 in Quercus Agrifolia Trees, as well as two 36 in. Sycamore Trees. Cresco is incredibly sensitive to the community, and those that neighbor their property, and were insistent on procuring these mature trees to screen the property.

Carpinterians are tired of not knowing whether the county will allow our local farms to operate into the future. California cannabis is the nation's cleanest crop, and beneficial to promote similar farming practices in the Carpinteria Valley. As you very well know, in an economy where tax revenues have dried up, the success of this industry is important to our community and our county. Cannabis taxes are vital to county operations. There is not another group in Carpinteria that cares as much as the farmers have shown they care over the last year and a half through this pandemic. As so many other farmers in our Valley have had to turn to the next flower in the Agriculture industry, Cresco is no different and will be responsible, dependable, and committed community Cannabis farmers.

Please do not allow fears of cannabis override sensible policy. Do not provide incentive for cannabis farms to leave Carpinteria, and please approve Cresco projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Beth Cox, J.D.

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Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item D-4, case no 21APL-00000-00048

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I am writing to show my support of the Cresco Labs project in Carpinteria. Cresco Labs has been an amazing addition to our community. The non-profit organization I work for has been fortunate enough to not only receive their financial support, which is an investment in the children of Carpinteria and Summerland, but they have provided employees to assist with our fundraising efforts.

Cresco is the only farm in the Carpinteria valley that has created a position for positive community engagement, which organizes farm crews and employees to do important service work in our town.

Cresco is earnestly working around the clock to find the safest and most effective odor control for their farm, and they were the first farm in the South County to publicly commit to carbon scrubbers placed inside their greenhouses.

Please consider approving the project and ensuring that our community will continue to have businesses that support our local kids, projects, and non-profits for the years to come.

Sincerely,

Pam Werner
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Subject: Agenda item D4 - Cresco

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Clerk of the Board:

I'm writing in support of Cresco's application.

For the past 20 years, I've been fortunate to be a Carpinteria resident and proud to be active in the local nonprofit community. Over the past 20 year much has changed including our local agricultural community. Today we have a growing cannabis industry. During the past 3 years, Cresco has become a true asset to your community by investing and supporting our local nonprofits and youth organizations. We all appreciate the work they do in the community!

Smell abatement continues to be a problem in the industry. I believe that by combing technology with regulation this problem will be solved. Cresco is a leader in this area. They were the first farm in the South County to commit to placing carbon scrubbers inside the greenhouses thus providing the safest and most effective odor control systems for the farm.

Thank you, Barry Enticknap

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Subject: Agenda item D4 - Case #21 APL-000000-00048

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Hello,
I am writing today to show my support of the project at the Cresco farm in Carpinteria. This farm has committed to state-of-the-art odor control with internal greenhouse carbon scrubbers. This is what the community of Carpinteria has been asking for.
The improved landscaping along Foothill road is a welcome addition, not to mention the native landscaping and environmental remediation on the property along the creek. Cannabis is the cleanest crop in California, using sustainable closed Loop watering systems which do not interfere with runoff to local creeks and the ocean.
As a local Carpinteria resident with family that has lived and farmed Carpinteria and Montecito since the 1800's, I feel that this crop is important in allowing farmers and land owners to remain productive.
As a supporter of farming in Carpinteria, please deny the appeal and support farmers with a genuine interest in responsible operation.

Thank you for your consideration,
Allison Shepard Van Wingerden