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From: Campbell Office <office@campbellranches.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 11:49 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Mosby
Attachments: Clerk of the Board.pdf

Good morning,

Please find attached a letter in regards to the Mosby project being heard on February 11th.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Bob Campbell
805-736-5451

County of Santa Barbara
Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board



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I hereby request that this letter be entered into the official record

I am writing to you to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the zoning changes and CUP application of Mr. Mosby that is before you. I have outlined my concerns below.

1. The property in question, along with neighboring parcels, is made up of prime agricultural land and being farmed in high-value row crops. If there is any question about the quality of the soils or the economic viability of the land, it is easily answered by a quick visit to the area.
2. The Santa Ynez River provides a perfect, natural buffer between the urban uses within the City of Lompoc, and the agricultural uses along the Highway 246 corridor. Allowing a commercial operation such as the one being proposed only invites and encourages the very well-known and documented conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses.
3. Mr. Mosby, in recent years, has filed complaints against neighboring farmers with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office on several occasions. Please see attached documentation of the complaints and the findings of the investigation. Allowing a land use that will host hundreds of people at a time will only compound these kinds of complaints and conflicts.
4. I'm sure you will hear pleas by many about the needs for expanding recreational uses. The City of Lompoc has plenty of available land that is more easily accessible to its citizens to accommodate these kinds of needs. Make no mistake about it, this is a first attempt by Mr. Mosby and some members of the Lompoc City Council to move urban uses across the Santa Ynez River into this rural farming area.
5. If, in the same location, the property owner would have approached the County regarding conversion of agricultural land to a recreational use, the answer would have been NO. The fact that you are even considering approval of a current zoning violation on viable ag land to a non-ag use is incomprehensible. This proposal flies in the face of long-term planning goals of protecting viable agriculture by both the City of Lompoc and the County of Santa Barbara, as recognized by your Planning Commission in their 4-1 vote to deny the project.

Please consider the long term consequences and impacts to the neighboring farmers and ranchers, including myself, and deny this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Campbell".

Bob Campbell