



**CARP  
GROWERS**

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February 11, 2022

Honorable Chair Nelson and Supervisors,

SUBJECT: Amend Chapter 50 of the County Code- Licensing of Cannabis Operations

CARP Growers (Cannabis Association for Responsible Producers) is an association of industry leaders who are committed to operating at the highest standards of cannabis farming. We represent 10 member farms who provide jobs for over 1,200 employees in Carpinteria Valley. **We support the proposed amendments to chapter 50 being proposed**, in particular:

**Removing processing activities from the acreage cap**

This change will encourage operators to invest in infrastructure that assists the long-term health of the Santa Barbara County farming industry, providing additional space for activities traditionally ancillary to commercial plant cultivation. It will result in additional operators processing (drying, curing, trimming) in Santa Barbara County and has the potential to substantially increase tax revenues to the County.

**Ownership Changes & Transfers**

Changes in ownership are common in any business. By allowing applicants and operators to transfer ownership rights in excess of twenty percent with a new business license application, the County will further encourage only the best farmers to operate in Carpinteria Valley.

CARP Growers members are committed to the success of Santa Barbara County cannabis. We appreciate these small changes and look forward to working with the County on future amendments that benefit our community.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration,

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President, CARP Growers