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Dear Chair Hart and Supervisors,

Attached, please find my 217-word letter to be read into the record for Public Comment.

Dear Chair Hart and Supervisors,

April 13, 2020

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones, well and that you are staying safe from the effects of the Covid-19 virus.

During these uncertain times, I want to express my concerns regarding the following budget considerations:

1. Please support the Assisted Outpatient Treatment program (AOT), as this pilot program will save the county much needed revenue, in the future. It will reduce the number of incarcerations, taking the burden off our prison system and costly, psychiatric hospitalizations.
2. Please continue to fund and increase staff for Planning and Development and the Sheriff's Cannabis Enforcement Team. There is an urgent need for additional staff to address and enforce on the increasing number of illicit, non-compliant cannabis industry operators. "We the People," appreciate the ongoing efforts these important agencies are accomplishing. We are still awaiting enforcement action on non-compliant growers in Tepusquet Community, who continue to disregard county, state and federal regulations and have multiple violations on their records and are still operating.
3. As long time Fire Associate and Advocate for the Community of Tepusquet, I urge to support Santa Barbara County Fire and our Fire Fighters' ongoing efforts to protect and defend our rural interface communities from wildland fires. They are essential to our county!

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O'Neill