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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Re: Please submit the "Speech" I prepared to accompany my three-minute, "Cannabis Scofflaws..." Power Point presentation (below). As this was limited to two-minutes due to BOS/Speaker time-constraints, I am formally submitting it below, beginning with, "Chair Hart..."

Note Re PRA request: I spoke, "2019" but I wrote and meant to speak, "2016."

Transparency must be required by SBC and BOS. We are very concerned about the misleading and/or undisclosed information re the "truth" about purported Cannabis Revenue. Facts must be made available to the public. Thank You.

Please submit the following "Speech," for my "spoken," Public Comment:

"Chair Hart, Members of the Board,

Tepusquet Community encourages the Board and the County of Santa Barbara to do the following:

Require CUP's for ALL cannabis projects, including dispensaries. This will save money because many projects are not only being Appealed but are being litigated.

Prohibit Commercial Cannabis in ALL EDRN's, and the like! When the ordinance was changed to prohibit cannabis on parcels zoned AG-I 20 that was supposed to include EDRN's!

The Cannabis Industry is, in fact, costing SB County taxpayers more than it is generating in purported revenue. A full cost/benefit analysis would prove this to anyone who cares to know the truth but some supervisors and people are presenting a very misleading viewpoint to the general public.

"In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020, this county lost over \$1.2M dollars in cannabis revenue. SBC neglected to include Attachment "A" in their public budget report. The PRA documents that I requested are attached in my Public Comment (Group 4), which will verify this Fact.

This is a PRA request to require SBC to "be transparent," by including all pertinent documents that disclose the exact, all-inclusive costs/benefits for Cannabis Industry; and by amending any budget reports, after November 2016 that have excluded applicable, critical information. The public has been misled by this county and that needs to be remedied, immediately.

"Is the "Green Revenue Machine," actually, factually worth it? How long will it take to get SBC out of the Cannabis Red Zone?"

In 2017, 95% of Tepusquet Residents signed a Petition to prohibit commercial cannabis industry in our community. Since 2014, non-compliant industry operators have been allowed to run roughshod over our community, unimpeded. As a result of Santa Barbara County's failure to uphold and enforce the regulations set forth by this county and the state, we have been compelled to seek state and federal intervention, on our behalf, to enforce and uphold the laws!

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Renée O'Neill*