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December 4, 2013 County of Santa Barbara Planning Commission Item No. 2

Dear Ms. Harris,

It is the City of Carpinteria's understanding that the Van Wingerden Greenhouse project contributes vehicle trips to the Santa Monica/Via Real/US 101 intersection within the City of Carpinteria. This intersection operates at low levels of service in the a.m. and p.m. peak hours. The program EIR for the Greenhouse Program certified by the County in 2002 recognized that greenhouse development allowed under the plan would create impacts in the City. As such, a mitigation measure was required to address these traffic impacts. The mitigation measure requires that the County develop a Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in coordination with the City. Unfortunately, that TIP has not yet been prepared and the Van Wingerden environmental document therefore concludes that the mitigation measure has no force or effect. However, impacts from the Van Wingerden Greenhouses Project will occur within the City and need to be addressed. Without any mitigation of this known impact, it is not clear that an Addendum to the Greenhouse Program EIR is appropriate. Therefore, if the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the project, we ask that you include a requirement that the Development Impact Mitigation Fees for traffic impacts be placed in an account that will be directed to roadway and/or intersection improvements within the City of Carpinteria at such time as the TIP is developed. In the interim, we are available to begin work with the County Public Works Department on development of the subject TIP. Please include this e-mail in the Planning Commission's hearing record for this item. Thank you for your consideration.

Charlie

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Director of Public Works/City Engineer
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Dear County Planning Commissioners,

I have a last minute medical procedure I need to attend to tomorrow. Therefore, I cannot attend the meeting concerning the greenhouse expansion for tomorrow.

However, we feel strongly that this application for more greenhouses must be rejected for an array of sensible reasons.

At present there are too many un-permitted ones - that go up with total disregard for the law.

Moreover, this applicant has un-tarped grow fields which literally keep their neighbors awake and alter the nighttime for ALL of Carpinteria.

Please consider requiring them to tarp their grow fields *as every other grower does in the Carpinteria Valley* to prevent light pollution, in consideration for the community, and TO SAVE MONEY for themselves - as 80% of untarped grow fields simply vanish into the atmosphere and not the intended plants.

I am told by other growers in our area that un-tarped grow fields are illegal throughout Western Europe and that tarping them is very inexpensive - costing about \$100-\$250.

Sincerely,
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