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Public Comment

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Hello,

Please see the attached and/or below public comment regarding item 1 on tomorrow's 2/25 agenda for the Board of Supervisors, to be distributed to the Board and entered into the public record.

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Dear Chair Capps and Supervisors:

The Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce, representing businesses from Goleta to Carpinteria, would like to express our support for the approval of Sable's owner/operator change application.

From the perspective of a community organization, we have witnessed Sable's dedication to being a community partner. Upon joining the community Sable wasted no time in reaching out to us, and others, to understand opportunities where they can support our work throughout the community. These actions reflect a company looking to establish roots in the community. Sable has already established a corporate and social responsibility giving program that invests up to \$300,000 annually in our community. Sable has indicated to us that they intend to increase that community investment dramatically as their work in Santa Barbara County continues.

As a business representing organization that prides itself on being the bridge between business and government, it is critical to the Chamber that we all set appropriate precedents for businesses in the County. To us, it is imperative that the County take a position based upon the validity of the request/item before them, as well as basing their decision based upon what is within their jurisdiction for this hearing. In this case, staff and the Planning Commission have both recommended approval *because* the applicant meets the conditions of approval.

Businesses are already struggling with meeting the conflicting Federal, State, and local regulations. Denying this owner/operator change application based upon a desire to prevent operation of the facility would set a dangerous precedent. It would send a message to the business community that your projects/applications can still be denied even if you meet all the legal requirements associated with the project/application. This would understandably discourage future investments from businesses into Santa Barbara County, and even lead to our County losing business opportunities to other regions. This is not a scenario we should risk during such a critical phase of our county's economic development. Please approve Sable's application for an Owner/Operator Change.

Sincerely,

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