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Ramirez, Angelica

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From: Leigh Johnson <rj.leigh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 7:48 AM
To: Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Cc: larryf@lagunafarms.com; lbridley2nddistpc@gmail.com; jparke@aklaw.net;
michael@igsb.com; Villalobos, David
Subject: Santa Rita valley Ag uphold appeal
Attachments: appeal of the Santa Rita Valley ag cannabis.pdf

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Please review attached

Thank you,
Leigh Johnson

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

We urge you to uphold the appeal of the Santa Rita Valley Ag cannabis cultivation project and protect the character and unique charm of Santa Barbara County. The county we and many worldwide consider God's country is losing its allure and cannabis is playing the major role in this devaluation. Once considered the American Riviera we are quickly becoming known as Cannabis County. The beautiful rolling hills of vineyards, grazing land for grass fed beef, and the bread basket of the world is becoming ground zero for all things cannabis. Right to Farm protects farmers and their allowance to provide food for the country. Much of the country is experiencing disasters and cataclysmic weather events that earn names such as "bomb cyclones" "snowmageddon" and "rain-bombs".



Rain microburst also known as a rain bomb; bounces off the city of Phoenix, Arizona

While these type events happen throughout the world we typically are spared. Lessons from history have taught us to appreciate the fertile land and protect it. When wheat was the cash crop of the late twenties; many throughout the country tilled up the land. The prairies and most the undeveloped country was planted with wheat; when the rain didn't follow and the wells were exhausted the top soil blew away. The thirties were black blizzards that swept dirt from Texas to Nebraska. Land speculators, investors and politicians pushed emigrants and inexperienced farmers to plow everything in sight to plant the high valued wheat. The drought cycle destroyed crops, land and livelihoods. Top soil from the Mid-West ended up on naval carriers docked in the Atlantic. The Great Depression was made worse by the DustBowl.



1935 DustBowl approaching Stratford, Texas

The disasters of the past are staunch reminders that decisions made in haste with only monetary gain can exasperate conditions. The equilibrium of an environment can tip out of control causing a chain reaction of events. While this cautionary dance is usually prevalent in Santa Barbara County history; it's being compromised by an over bearing crop that is not typical of the local landscape. The Sta.Rita appellation that was promoted and developed to be world renowned is being compromised. We must protect our local vineyards and wine makers as they have established world class wines that rival the best. Not only is a billion dollar industry being jeopardized the beauty and character of the county is being forsaken. The PEIR earmarks the obvious from the California State EIR but doesn't adequately protect our diverse microclimates, eco variety and environmental individuality. The ability to revert after buildings are constructed and asphalt over-takes the natural environment is and will be impossible. If not physically than fiscally an irreparable casualty.

It's possible for Cannabis to be grown responsibly in the county but we implore the supervisors to adopt regulations and re-evaluate the ordinance. Cannabis cultivation should occur only in areas where neighboring agriculture and residents aren't jeopardized. Best practices are not being employed by the vast majority of conforming – nonconforming cannabis operations and the neighboring residents, farms and businesses are suffering. The aromatic nuisance as well as visual and audible are staggering in comparison to typical agriculture. Financial burdens are just being revealed with agricultural incompatibility; but the quality of life of neighboring residents is known and increasing. We often wonder how the daily stress has not caused casualties or been linked to casualties especially in areas of high clusters of cannabis cultivation. Areas such as Carpinteria, Tepusquet, Santa Ynez, Buellton and Lompoc are being overtaken by cannabis cultivation and the proposed permitting of cannabis activity. Neighborhoods, wineries, and farms of varying agriculture are being compromised as is the natural resources. Undeveloped land is being gobbled up to erect hoops and permanent structures and often industrial applications not suited for rural areas. The industrial cannabis factory settings are quickly being disguised like sheep in wolves clothing on unsuspecting residents. Cannabis compounds proposed in bucolic AG1 and Ag2 areas are not harmonious with the industrial applications. The land use permits that follow the property are unsettling and a three year timeframe with reconsideration is urged. The industry in its infancy of legalization has not established itself as typical in any sense and the

temptations are too great to adequately give credence. Security is a bigger issue than realized by most; fear is abundant in small rural communities.

Anticipation and optimism is being spoke of within communities since appointing new assistant CEO Barney Melekian. The sheriffs cannabis compliance team, a few in the planning department, and the genuine consideration and diligence of the planning commissioners has given us hope for future quality of life in the county. While not having experience in front of the Supervisors; we are cautiously optimistic while urgently appealing to their compassionate enactment of more strenuous cannabis regulation. Please consider the revisions of Attorney Marc Chytilo and The Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible cannabis, and the approval of appeal by the Pence's and Pence Winery. Also please consider concerns of agricultural compatibility with local vineyards- wineries and traditional farming. We are asking that businesses, residents in Ag 1 EDRN'S or dwellings in neighboring Ag2 properties are protected from cannabis industrial and cannabis commercial. Please fund the planning department as requested by the Planning Commissioners so they can continue with staff and public input.

We ask that proposed projects will not be detrimental to the comfort, convenience, general welfare, health, and safety of the neighborhood and will be compatible with the surrounding area.

Your time is appreciated in theses matters;

Sincerely;

Leigh and Ronnie Johnson
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Lompoc

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Ramirez, Angelica

From: fnemerson <fnemerson@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 6:29 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Letter for BOS, March 10, Santa Rita Hills Appeal
Attachments: WEWSantaRitaHillsAppealBOS31020.docx

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Good morning,

I have attached a letter for the March 10 hearing of the Santa Rita Hills appeal. Thank you.

Nancy Emerson
WE Watch

WE Watch, P.O Box 830, Solvang CA93464

March 7, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: WE Watch, Nancy Emerson, President
RE: Santa Rita Hills Cannabis Land Use Permit Appeal



WE Watch is concerned about the cumulative impacts of outdoor cannabis cultivation west and southwest of the City of Buellton. We ask that before you take action on this appeal you look carefully at the County's interactive map, which shows the cannabis cultivation applications under consideration or approved. You will see that there are far more applications in this wind corridor than anywhere else in the Santa Ynez Valley and that all or most of them have some form of outdoor cultivation.

If all are allowed to cultivate the proposed acreages, odor will be a major problem for those living on nearby agricultural lands, for the residents of Buellton and for winetasting.

In addition to this project, on at least one and possibly the two other projects appealed in this corridor, the County Planning Commission significantly reduced the amount of acreage where outdoor cultivation would be allowed. This deals with the cumulative negative odor and air quality impacts of outdoor cultivation on both AG-I and AG- II. The Commission reduced this project to 12.75 A. from 37 A. on a lot size of 42 A. The applicant's request is now back to 32 A. (86% of lot size). The Commission's 30% of lot size was generous compared with other counties' regulations.

Though the applicant removed the proposed new processing buildings, please ask whether any of the existing buildings will be used for on site processing. If "yes", what types of processing will be used, how will the building be made airtight?

Please hold on action until the Planning Commission can make its recommendations regarding odor control, where we are asking that it include a "fair to all growers" outdoor cultivation acreage limit on each application. Also, conflicts over damage to legacy farmers' crops and to cannabis plant product are still unresolved, are an issue in this appeal and are another reason to delay a final decision or support the appeal.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: John Patterson <john.patterson@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 6:56 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Nikki Valko; John Patterson
Subject: Support Appeal of Santa Rita Valley Ag Cannabis Cultivation Project
Attachments: March 8 2020 letter to BOS re Pence Appeal_Patterson.docx; ATT00001.htm

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March 8, 2020

Re: Pence Appeal. Santa Rita Valley Ag. 19APL-000000-00032

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We strongly urge you to please support the appeal.

John Patterson & Nikki Valko Patterson

Ranch Owners and Farmers on Santa Rosa Road, Buellton

7222 Santa Rosa Road, Buellton CA 90402

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March 8, 2020

From: John Patterson <john.patterson@me.com> & Nikki Valko Patterson <nikkisvalko@yahoo.com>
Subject: **Support Appeal of Santa Rita Valley Ag Cannabis Project**
To: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors – Santa Barbara County <sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>

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John Patterson & Nikki Valko Patterson

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for John Patterson, and the signature on the right is for Nicolette A. Valko. The signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ranch Owners and Farmers on Santa Rosa Road, Buellton
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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Renee O'Neill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 5:07 PM
To: sbcob; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg
Cc: Miyasato, Mona; Melekian, Barney
Subject: Letter to BOS re Pence Appeal
Attachments: Letter to BOS re Pence Appeal, 3-10-2020.docx

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Dear Clerk and Supervisors,

Attached, please find my letter supporting the Pence Appeal of the Santa Rita Valley Ag Cannabis Cultivation project.

Best Regards,

Renee O'Neill

To: The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
From: Renée O'Neill
Re: Supporting Pence Appeal

3-8-2020

Blair Pence may be the official “Appellant” on the Santa Rita Valley Ag cannabis cultivation project but “We the People” and everyone who is impacted, either directly or indirectly by this industry, echoes all recommendations to support this appeal, as well as other appeals. We strongly support Attorney, Marc Chytilo, the Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis and those who advocate for responsible cannabis. It’s *high time* for the board to take responsibility in reining in the pot industry that developed, unimpeded, due to imprudent regulations. The biggest mistake of all – allowing legal non-conforming growers to continue operating before affidavits were validated.

There are more applications in process than are currently allowed under the regulations. Cannabis operators continue to plague our communities and county with their illicit, non-compliant practices. I, personally, have not witnessed them being “Good Farmers or Good Neighbors.” They continue violating county, state and federal ordinances. They fail to obtain required permits and drag their feet through the process to avoid paying taxes. They blatantly disregard public health, safety and welfare of residents by failing to contain offensive odors/chemicals/terpenes and subjecting communities to commercial traffic, criminal activity and other problems.

In order to remedy this, the BOS must un-tie the hands of Planning and Development and our Sheriffs, who struggle to shoulder the burden of BOS’ misguided support for a “Robust Cannabis Industry” and blatant disregard for “Public Health, Safety and Welfare.”

Santa Barbara County is overwhelmed with countywide problems that occurred due to adopting imprudent regulations. I’m sure it is costing the county *way more revenue*, trying to remedy mistakes and stuff Pandora back into her box, than it is for the profits generated by industry revenue. Has anyone examined what it has the cost county taxpayers for years of cannabis-related hearings, meetings, appeals, enforcement, litigation, etc.? We can be certain that the expense far exceeds the revenue, especially considering the fact that the majority of cannabis operators fail to pay taxes.

In regard to the Santa Rita Hills project, cannabis is incompatible with the existing vineyards, which have proven to generate more revenue than cannabis industry. In addition, growers are destroying scenic lands, the environment and our way of life. As I have said from the outset, this industry belongs in industrialized regions, where it can be monitored, regulated, enforced and taxed.

Tepusquet residents have witnessed, first-hand, the devastating impacts where illicit cannabis growers have continued to operate unhindered, despite multiple county, state and federal violations identified in their county records. We have been told to “be patient...” for too many years. We continue to wait (*not so patiently*) for the county to remove the Bad Actors. We continue to urge the Board of Supervisors to ban cannabis industry in all EDRN’s and adjacent communities.

“We the People,” voted to legalize and decriminalize marijuana. By allowing *more* cannabis production than is *responsible* or necessary, you are inadvertently promoting Black Market Industry. We implore you to uphold the appeal of the Santa Rita Valley Ag cannabis cultivation project and protect the Public Health, Safety and Welfare of your constituents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O'Neill

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis <info@sbcountycoalition.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2020 5:22 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support Appeal of Santa Rita Valley Ag Cannabis Project

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

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In particular, we share the appellants concerns about the significant visual impacts along the scenic inner-rural Highway 246. The project is an industrial cannabis production operation near a gateway corridor called out in the Santa Ynez Valley Plan, and in close proximity to NINETEEN ADDITIONAL huge cannabis cultivation projects. Some of you may recall the dozens of years, meetings and iterations that Plan went through before its 2009 adoption, and the fervent desire of residents to preserve their unique communities to the greatest extent possible; the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan is anchored by this excerpt from the opening paragraph:

"The oak-studded Santa Ynez Valley, nestled between two towering mountain ranges in central Santa Barbara County, boasts an enviable quality of life for its residents. Still-friendly small towns with unique individual character are linked by scenic rural roads featuring bucolic views of farms, ranches and pristine natural areas. ... night skies still dark enough for stargazing, clean air, ample recreational opportunities and abundant natural resources. The rural charm, comfort and beauty of the Valley, that has remained relatively unchanged for so long, . [[SY Valley Plan Overview, pg 1](#)]"

We do not believe the plan ever envisioned the kind of large-scale industrial marijuana production sites currently proposed along Highway 246- including the Santa Rita Valley Ag project. Nor is the "checklist" adequate to appropriately review a project of this scale and impact. Elements of this project- including a 78-ft wall of privet, development of structures, and significant lighting clearly conflict with the General Plan policies for parcels in the Valley Gateway. The impacts are further exacerbated by the immediate proximity to vineyards, and the emerging evidence that cannabis terpenes are absorbed by wine grape

berries. The significant risk of harm to the County's vineyards- and accompanying economic benefit- far outweigh the claimed benefits of cannabis tax revenue. The risk can be mitigated by locating cannabis projects away from vineyards, and other existing "legacy" agricultural projects.

The other factor we wish to highlight is "**Cumulative Impacts of Project Clusters**", detailed on Pg 16 of the Appellant's letter. As detailed in the letter, there are currently nineteen (19) pending outdoor cannabis cultivation projects totaling 610 acres in the Santa Rita Valley area *averaging thirty acres each*. For perspective, Sonoma County has capped cannabis cultivation projects at one acre. The PEIR did not come close to examining the tremendous impacts from such uncontrolled, dense cultivation. The Board must acknowledge and address the precedential significance of these project clusters-- (similar issues arise in the Carpinteria Valley with the clustering of "mixed light [greenhouse]" cultivation on Ag-1 parcels in an extremely small geographic area surrounded by residences and schools). Clearly the PEIR did not identify or analyze the cumulative impact to existing agriculture and other sensitive receptors.

For these and all the reasons outlined in the appellants letter, we urge you to uphold the appeal of the Santa Rita Valley Ag Cannabis Cultivation project. If approved, the project would violate CEQA and set a precedent that would fail to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Sincerely,
SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Anna Carrillo <Annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 4:55 PM
To: sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Adam, Peter
Subject: Support Appeal of Santa Rita Valley Ag Cannabis Cultivation Project

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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Carrillo
March 8, 2020

I support the appeal and have found the information in the appellant's letter from Marc Chytilo's office very informative.

Though I'm a 47 year resident of Carpinteria, I feel that this appeal points out many of the same problems the residents and schools are currently facing here in Carpinteria. Pence Winery, a thriving business that has taken many years and lots of capital to create, just like Carpinteria's avocado groves, will be potentially ruined because of new neighboring cannabis cultivation sites.

The PEIR's Agricultural Resources never took into account the requirements of legacy agriculture and currently both the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission are currently discussing making modifications to the Cannabis Ordinance. Two years ago when the PEIR was adopted no one knew about the possibility of cannabis taint on the wine grapes, the taint from the vaporized essential oils used in odor abatement systems and odors from both cannabis cultivation and processing that affect one's ability to smell wine that is such an important part of the wine experience in the Santa Ynez Valley. Is anyone going to want to visit tasting rooms, buy wine from this area even as the local wineries are trying to create the Santa Rita appellation for wines from this area. You're encouraging a new business while ruining another business that has been here for years.

The requirements of pest management in both vineyards and citrus and avocado groves are both facing issues with the new crop on the block because of pesticide migration. Both Carpinteria and Santa Ynez have problems with inversion layers and their wind patterns so migration of pesticide drift is a real problem. Again this was never properly examined in the PEIR. On Jan. 22, 2019 the Agricultural Advisory presentation to the Planning Commission could not come up with a workable solution for this ongoing problem between legacy agriculture whether in the Santa Ynez Valley or in Carpinteria.

There are significant visual impacts along the scenic inner rural Highway 246. The Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan adopted in 2009 spent many previous years drafting a plan to satisfy residents wanting to protect and preserve their unique community. Does that plan just get thrown out the window?

This project is only one of the proposed additional 19 huge cannabis cultivation projects. The PEIR never considered the possibility of examining the tremendous impacts from such uncontrolled dense cultivation. This overconcentration is the same problem in Carpinteria with our greenhouses clustered so close together with residents living right next door.

Last July 2019, eight months ago, the Board after being inundated with complaints, decided to finally ask the Planning Commission to make some recommendations to solve some of these issues between legacy agriculture, residents and cannabis. The Planning Commission has recently held 3 meetings with a 4th already planned trying to grapple with the problems of all these unforeseen consequences, that were never properly analyzed in the PEIR or if they were the Board decided that though odors were a significant problem, it could be mitigated, but it has not!

Marc Chytilo made the recommendation to the Planning Commission that currently land use permits are permanent entitlements, but there needs to be time limits placed on the land because of future potential issues, new operations, and new technologies.

If you won't uphold this appeal, It only makes sense to follow the recommendations from your Agricultural Advisory Board sent in a letter March 6 to encourage you to continue this appeal and upcoming other ones until the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors resolve amendments to the Cannabis Zoning Ordinance.

If this is not possible please

1. Require release from liability for legally applied crop management materials, tools, and practices

2. Prohibit detectable offsite odor - not leave the property

3. Apply limits on term on the land use permits.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Sharyne Merritt <professormerritt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 2:50 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Santa Rita Valley Ag. 19APL-000000-00032
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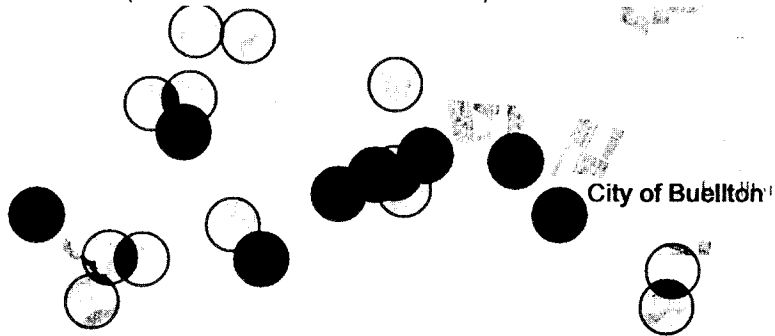
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Please support the appeal.

Sharyne Merritt, farmer within the soon-to-be Cannabis Corridor

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Lillian Clary <mzlil2988@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 1:26 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Lil Clary
Subject: Pence Appeal Public Comment

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We would appreciate your sharing this email with supervisors and adding this to the file of written public comment for the Pence appeal of Santa Rita Valley Ag scheduled for the Board meeting on March 10, 2020.

Thank you.

We are writing this letter in support of the Pence appeal of the Santa Rita Valley Ag land use permit.

Cannabis is not compatible with agricultural crops such as grapes. The proximity of this and other cannabis cultivation sites creates an existential situation for the Pence winery.

The Pence family has invested substantial amounts of love, time, effort and funding to development and continuation of the winery. Suddenly, their entire investment is threatened by a newcomer industry that has bulldozed its way into our community without regard to its impact on neighboring agriculture.

The issue of compatibility with other crops is not detailed in the PEIR.

This project should not be given approval to proceed. Please support the Pence appeal.

David & Lil Clary

Tepusquet Canyon