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Subject: Concern re potential marijuana dispensary at 4860 Calle Real

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Dear Supervisor Hart,

One of the proposed sites for a marijuana dispensary in the Eastern Goleta Valley is not miles away from my home. My home is within smelling distance of onions being grilled at In and Out Burger which is across the street from the proposed site at 4860 Calle Real.

I do not consider the proposed site to be compatible with my neighborhood. It is a softball distance throw away from being in a sensitive receptor buffer. There are homes right behind the site. Over the past twenty plus years I have lived in the neighborhood where this site has not been used as a commercial/retail establishment.

I have lived through

-In and Out Burger opening their restaurant with the traffic backed up on the northbound Turnpike exit making it impossible to go straight through Turnpike. That issue was finally resolved by a second left turn lane being put in at Turnpike and Calle Real. The good news is that even during the pandemic the restaurant has done whatever was needed to keep cars from blocking traffic while people wait to order their double doubles.

-the Shell station on the corner moving from no alcohol sales on site to beer and wine. There was a noticeable change in foot traffic of individuals having been released from jail heading to solicit money and get a beer at what I call my Shell station. The preferred route before seemed to primarily go towards the liquor store close to El Sueno. John Price and his staff have done a good job at keeping the Shell property as a whole a non-solicitation area.

-a change in activity behind the Extended Stay Hotel which is located next door to the proposed site. It used to be only neighbors taking the walking path up into our neighborhood to some seedy individuals leaving their drug paraphernalia up along the vegetation area and what we in the hood call the forest. I no longer take that route unless it is broad daylight with my eyes wide open.

-Starbucks opening with a drive through at Calle Real and Turnpike. Traffic sucked right off the bat and was made much worse during the pandemic. It drives me crazy when people are lined up on Turnpike waiting to turn on Calle Real to crawl into the Starbuck's lot without caring about blocking the bike path or the crosswalk especially when someone is disabled or pushing a stroller. Gotta get that coffee!!! I have had multiple close calls with individuals suddenly popping into my lane to get around the cars standing still. It's our local version of what the City of Santa Barbara has with Chick-fil-a on upper State Street. The Starbucks lot is under the jurisdiction of the CHP not the sheriffs department. The patrons seem to know the odds of a CHP unit being able to get there for traffic control is rather remote. I have called the store multiple times and get an "oh well" response.

Would you find out for me what was the Planning Department's position was on thinking there would be no negative impact on the traffic flow with Starbucks? Have they done any follow up? I realize the issue is not directly related to the proposed dispensary. However, this is now a compound problem of traffic issues at Turnpike/Calle Real. Sadly San Marcos High School is not in session. School traffic comes with us living close to the high school. I look forward to seeing all the kids and those cars back when it is safe.

Would you also assist me in getting on whatever public notification email list is available regarding the Eastern Goleta Valley cannabis activities?

If you or one of your staff members would like a social distant/mask required 5-10 minute walking tour of the areas described above I am available. I know seeing it can make a big difference. You have my commitment to keep it time effective.

I will go ahead and say right now that I am taking the NIMN stance regarding the dispensary at 4860 Calle Real(Not in my neighborhood).

I appreciate that you and the rest of the Board have a very taxing agenda tomorrow. Thank you for all you are doing with COVID. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Best regards,

Lisa Kenyon

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