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Good Afternoon,

Attached, please find my letter re Das Williams as potential candidate to serve on the CA Coastal Commission. I sincerely hope that my comments do not fall on deaf ears and that the rumors I have heard that 'Das is the Shoe-in' are untrue. Please feel free to share my letter with others that may have an influence on this outcome.

Sincerely,

Renée O'Neill

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose the appointment of Santa Barbara County Supervisor, Das Williams to the Coastal Commission. My personal experience with Supervisor William's development and oversight of cannabis regulations, in SBC, has demonstrated to me and many others that he has failed to uphold the laws to 'Protect Public Health, Safety, Welfare and the Environment.'

The Coastal Commission's letter states: **"The Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and regulation of environmentally-sustainable development, rigorous use of science, strong public participation, education, and effective intergovernmental coordination."**

Das William's letter of qualification claims to, "...have long been an advocate for pragmatic approaches to protecting our coast and ensuring genuine equitable access to the coast for all Californians." Will he support or oppose the California Coastal Commission's recommendations to discontinue motorized recreation on the Central Coast Oceano Dunes? For decades, visitors have been allowed to race their 4X4s, dirt bikes and monster trucks, abusing 1,500 acres of dunes and six miles of beachfront, which have put people and federally protected wildlife at great risk. Will he advocate for offshore oil drilling, too?

It appears that making money, regardless of devastating impacts, is the only thing that many politicians genuinely care about. As a result of Das William's number one project objective to, "Develop a Robust Cannabis Industry," he has put our communities, school children, environment, scenic lands and legacy agriculture at great risk. He has created an ongoing crisis that has and will continue to negatively impact Santa Barbara County for years to come. I sincerely doubt he has any "...deep understanding and respect for the Coastal Act..." any more than he has demonstrated having a deep understanding and respect for Santa Barbara County. His oversight of cannabis has earned us the disgraceful reputation of being the 'Cannabis Capital of the CA,' boasting one of the largest cannabis sites in the World (emphasis added). This does not speak well of Das William's intentions or his claims to respect anything.

In June 2020, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury filed a scathing report identifying numerous issues and providing detailed evidence in the analysis of what appears to have been a very corrupt and incompetent process in developing cannabis regulations in Santa Barbara County. The Grand Jury's investigation and subsequent report examined the formation and passage of cannabis ordinances, which validated our extremely negative experiences with this failed process. These regulations resulted in devastating, real-world-consequences that we have been subjected to and forced to live with, in our various neighborhoods.

In addition, there is an ongoing US Attorney's Investigation, under the Equal Protection Act, due to heavy concentration of cannabis in Das William's district, surrounding Carpinteria High School and their athletic fields, which have had a substantially, negative impact in this region.

Das Williams has failed to protect Santa Barbara County, our beautifully unique lands and put our residents at great risk, I have no confidence in him, **"protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations."**

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O'Neill