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Public Comment - Group 1

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**From:** Jason Rodriguez <jason@thefoodliaison.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2022 5:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Hearing March 1 — Support Glass House Project  
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Please see attached letter in support of Glass House Farms Project.

Thank you!

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February 25, 2022

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

In my previous life I was in law enforcement, however since 2013 my wife and I have owned and operated The Food Liaison in Carpinteria. I was appointed to Carpinteria's Architectural Review Board in 2019, we are local homeowners, and our daughter attends school here in Carpinteria. I say all this to make the statement that we find Carpinteria the most perfect place to work, live, and raise a family.

Over the years I have witnessed firsthand Graham Farrar stay committed to his promise to the community of Carpinteria... The promise that his cannabis farm will never impact Carpinteria negatively. In fact, his business, Glass House Farms, has benefited Carpinteria in more ways than I could list off in my public comment time limit here today.

I admire Graham. He strives to be a leader of innovation in his industry and utilizes technology to improve multiple aspects of his business. For example, the project in front of you today represents the best-in-class for odor control and cutting-edge engineering built for eliminating odor. He listens to his critics and provides a solution... This is the next step towards eliminating odor.

Another improvement this project represents is its ability to reduce vehicle trips and reduce the carbon footprint of cannabis farming. This project gives Glass House Farms the ability to process crops following harvest, something every agricultural business needs to do. One of the many other benefits in keeping the packinghouse in-house and in-county is that the tax revenue also stays in-county.

Graham and the Glass House family are to be trusted and honored. I speak for myself and my entire family when I say they are all a treasure for our community. I urge you to approve the Glass House project.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Jason Rodriguez*

JASON RODRIGUEZ, CO-OWNER/CFO

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**From:** Villalobos, David  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 8:28 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: NO to Cannabis Coup of SB on Tuesday

**From:** A.L.Bardach <albardach@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2022 12:37 PM  
**To:** Frapwell, Jeff <jFrapwell@countyofsb.org>  
**Cc:** Williams, Das <DWilliams@countyofsb.org>; Hartmann, Joan <jHartmann@countyofsb.org>;  
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Hey guys,

Do the right thing for once ! No one expects any altruism but consider that the stink of your Cannabis Coup will follow you for some time...And not just El Das.  
Thank you Joan Hartmann for what you do to help...Please do more.

As you all know, you can end The Weed Wars of SB tomorrow simply by amending your widely-reviled Cannabis Ordinance:  
by limiting and downsizing Caps, imposing MANDATORY ODOR CONTROL enforced by the County, ending open grows near the \$3 billion wine vineyards, banning clear cutting of Carpinteria's avocado orchards. And HALT all Processing near residents and schools, **esp Carpinteria High, which could now qualify as an EPA Superfund Toxic Site.**

You're backing a losing business down to \$3 million last year- pennies in a county budget -while threatening our lucrative wine and avocados industries and fomenting misery across the county.

You've had thousands of letters urging NO, hundreds of odor complaints, if not thousands. Condemnation from the cities of Carpinteria and Goleta et al....  
All met with a resounding yawn from **The Cannabis Cowboys. The BOS was once respected; Sadly, not now.**

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- **NO to Gutting THE Cannabis CAP :** Item A-4 is the County's second reading of its plan to exempt processing (the smelliest part of the cannabis process) from the cannabis cultivation acreage cap. It would have the effect of allowing further proliferation of both processing and cultivation in Carpinteria Valley in excess of the 186 acre cap. In Carpinteria there are currently already 20 (!) different sites with processing permits (10 of which aren't even yet in operation but soon will be). The existing processing is

already causing a huge nuisance. Removing processing from the cap of 186 acres should not be considered for Carpinteria, as WE are already suffering from incredibly dense cannabis activities here.

• **NO to APPEAL of Huge Processing Facility Near Beach:** Item 5 is Sarah Trigueiro's (local resident) appeal hearing of G&K's (Farrar's) proposed new 25,000 sq. foot warehouse located adjacent to Arroyo Paredon Creek at 3480 Via Real, in addition to his existing 8.17 acre cannabis project at 3561 Foothill Rd. County records show that Farrar's two Carpinteria properties are first and second for the most cannabis odor complaints filed by residents since 2015, with 285 and 252 complaints each. Last year, 100 members of Concerned Carpinterians signed a petition against this processing project.

- Carpinteria does not need more density of cannabis and processing activities, particularly when the grower has a poor track record. There are already 20 cannabis projects permitted or in the pipeline in the Nidever Rectangle area alone (between Nidever and Cravens, Foothill and Via Real).
- The County has been unable to enforce even its own meager controls that were supposed to protect residents. Case in point – there have not been the required quarterly industrial hygienist inspections for the existing greenhouses on the site to ensure the odor control system is effective in preventing noxious fumes in residential zones. Planning officials cannot identify the source of odors when there are so many projects next to each other – and as a result, there has been no effective enforcement.
- Additionally, the fumes from this location have been a significant nuisance in La Mirada, the Polo Condos and Santa Claus/Padaro areas – even at the beach. There are significant Coastal Act considerations here, given that this project affects an ESH (environmentally sensitive habitat), the Arroyo Paredon coastal feeding creek and impacts residents' and visitors' ability to enjoy the coastal zone.

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**From:** Gail Herson <devesi@me.com>  
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**Subject:** 3-1 Board of Supervisors meeting items A4 and 5

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And so it happened that in the glorious County of Santa Barbara, the cannabis growers came to the rulers and said "We want more acreage! Exempt cannabis processing from the caps!"

And the rulers looked around and they saw people suffering. They wept to see that children couldn't learn because their schools were surrounded by malodorous cannabis plants. They saw people sickened, headaches, wheezing and eyes tearing, as the odors filled their homes and cars. They saw countless violations and no enforcement. They saw the purveyors of the fruit of the vine closing their tasting rooms, the industry laid to waste. Precious avocado groves, the prized fruit of the kingdom, being torn down to make room for behemoth processing plants. The rulers saw that despite the increasing bags of gold of the growers, the county tax coffers were not full. And the old grandmothers could not smell their roses above the skunky odor and wept that their paradise was laid to ruin.

And the rulers looked at each other, their hearts melting in compassion, and they proclaimed "Enough!! Our people are suffering and we have the power to make it better! We will not exempt the noxious processing from the caps! Today we will draft a new cannabis ordinance that is enforceable and fair to all and from this moment we will enforce the violations!"

And the people praised their benevolent and compassionate rulers and rejoiced! The town criers proclaimed the rulers' benevolent legacy with word of the rewritten ordinance and bards sung of their bravery and goodness! And enforcement reigned across the land!

The children danced in joy and opened their textbooks; the sickened could breathe freely; the County tax coffers overflowed with fair and accountable taxation; the wine poured fragrant! The old grandmothers smelled their roses and showered the benevolent rulers with flower petals.

With an open heart,  
Gail Herson  
An old grandmother of Carpinteria

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**From:** Jeff Theimer <Jeff@axiomadvisors.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 11:37 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg; Mike Lazaro  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Hearing March 1 — Support Glass House Project

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Please submit this public comment on behalf of a Carpinteria resident, Michael Lazaro. Best, Jeff

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Honorable Chair Nelson and Supervisors,

As a long time Carpinterian and past "Carpinterian of the Year Award" recipient, I have appreciated the generosity and professionalism Glass House Farms and their employees have shown our community. Glass House has consistently demonstrated a willingness to invest, lead and solve problems. The proposed processing facility on their current farm which lacks that infrastructure is just that; an investment that will keep money in the County and feature state of the art odor abatement technology systems. Graham and the Glass House team have earned my respect with their actions. I urge you to deny this appeal and allow their team to set an example for all cannabis operators in the County.

Mike Lazaro  
Carpinteria, CA

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**From:** merrily peebles <merpeebles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 11:41 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; ateve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg  
**Cc:** Elaine Dietsch; Bradley Anna; Carillo Anna; Sarah Trigueiro; Robertson Nanci; Geiger Beth; Evan Turpin; Jim Mannoia  
**Subject:** 3/1 appeal of G and K and Dropping cannabis processing from the cap.

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

G and K Processing Factory:

Once again I am asking you to address the needs of those of us who are trying to preserve the character and quality of life of the Carpinteria Valley. I am pleased to remind you that I am not alone, the city of Carpinteria agrees with me. When will you join the City of Carpinteria to help the residents and Carpinteria High School? To say another processing plant is needed to stop some trucks from going to Lompoc is not acceptable. All of this product will be driven somewhere sometime. There are currently at least 21 different operators who have already received their CDPs that include processing in their approved permits. Of these, 10 new CDPs issued are not yet operating. And 4 more are in the pipeline. **25 is excessive in this small valley.** G and K smells today and everyday and we are not happy to hear this processing factory will have vapor pipes around 25,000 square feet besides filters. Vapor is harmful to children, residents and wildlife.

Gutting of Cap:

Please do not do this. People live in Carpinteria Valley too, not just cannabis facilities. Nothing has been enforced, even for those with business licenses. Its not too late.

Thank you,

Merrily Peebles  
Carpinteria

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**From:** Renee ONeill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 11:44 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das  
**Cc:** Villalobos, David  
**Subject:** Public Comment re A-5

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Please submit my note in support of Sarah Trigueiro's Appeal of G&K Farms.  
I support all residents' letters and comments that support the appeal.

The county is already unable to monitor and/or enforce odor regulations.  
Adding an additional 25,000 square-foot processing facility to this already inundated region, is a slap in the face to Carpinterians who have born the brunt of living with incompatible conditions in their neighborhoods, due to excessive concentration of cannabis industry.

The county is well-aware of the number of odor (and other) complaints filed against G & K Farms. They have a long history of being non-compliant. So, why on earth would the board even consider approving this monstrosity?!?

As I recall, Das Williams specifically voiced his irritation with not only non-compliant growers but growers that have continued to drag their feet through the licensing process, in an attempt to avoid accountability, pay taxes, etc., as well.

Unless and until the county is able to determine which growers/sites are the 'culprits,' by identifying exactly where cannabis odors are emanating from, the county should be extremely prudent before adding to the burden of residents.

*Respectfully Yours,*

*Renée O'Neill*



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**From:** Judy Dean <judycathryndean@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 12:21 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; ateve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg  
**Subject:** Item 5: Appeal of G&K facility

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The very last thing Carpinteria needs right now is more cannabis activity! We are already awash in cannabis stink every day. This project is particularly inappropriate given that it has been the source of the most odor complaints to the County.

My husband and I are neighbors of the G&K operation in Carpinteria. We live east of the project on Cravens Lane, and are thus subject to the emitted cannabis odors and other pollution from this site almost daily, depending on wind direction.

The cannabis odors and air pollution from vapor phase are a clear nuisance for the surrounding pre-existing neighborhoods (EDRNs like La Mirada). They can cause and exacerbate asthma. They routinely cause watering eyes, cough, sneezing, and sometimes headache.

The effects of these pollutants on wildlife and habitat have not been adequately studied, and the project is in immediate proximity of a "protected" riparian zone.

Since the operators are already in business under provisional licensing we know very well the nuisance they are causing. There is already an over-concentration of cannabis activities in this area of Carpinteria Valley, with the odor often experienced on the freeway and at the beach.

I urge you to uphold the Appeal of this project.

Judy Dean MD

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**From:** Valerie Bentz <valeriebentz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 2:22 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; sbcob; Williams, Das; ateve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg  
**Subject:** Please do not approve processing facilities around carpinteria cannabis growing

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Dear County Supervisors,

This is just a way for big cannabis to do more harm to our community and our environment. Please do not approve this measure.

Thank you,

Valerie Bentz

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**From:** anna bradley <annaberit@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 1:33 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; ateve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg  
**Cc:** Carillo Anna; Sarah Trigueiro; merrily peebles  
**Subject:** 3/1 appeal of G and K

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

G and K Processing Factory:

G and K smells every day. I say every day. And I say again, every day. I have stopped submitting odor complaints for a duration now because it is so exhausting with little result. Why do we continue to reward this business with further permits when it blatantly has stopped trying to accommodate any real change request from the effected residential population.

In addition, has anyone determined why their trees that front their warehouses on Foothill are continually sick? Any passerby could observe and ask the same question. What health risks are up with that? Is it the result from the organic odor masking solutions?

Please slow the train down and think about the complicated effects of these permit decisions on our small community. Please no more cannabis development in the Nidever-Cravens zone and further all of the Carpinteria Valley until real change is exhibited. Let's solve our problems first.

Thank You,  
Anna Bradley  
Carpinteria

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**From:** Anna Carrillo <annacarp@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 2:09 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Item #5, 21APL-00000-00032, 19CUP-00000-00062, 20AMD-00000-00003, 19CDP-00000-00157 G&K, 3561 Foothill Rd./3480 Via Real

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To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Carrillo  
February 28, 2022

I am writing to urge you to uphold the appeal of this project and deny this project.

1. This project will be a huge processing facility near the beach, residents. A 25 foot tall 25,000 sq. foot new building is not appropriate for this location.
2. It is on the Arroyo Paredon Creek and there are not enough protections in place for this creek. There are 4 other cannabis operations along this creek. It is very pristine at Foothill Rd., but by the time it gets to Via Real on its way to the beach, it is no longer so.
3. Unfortunately, this parcel has received 252 odor complaints. This is one of only 2 fully permitted cannabis projects in the Carpinteria Valley and though there have been way over 3 complaints per 365 days, nothing has been done. When the original permit was issued in 2019, an amendment was added by the Planning Commission that during the first year of operation there would be quarterly inspections by an Independent Industrial Hygienist to verify that the odor apparatus was installed and not noticed in residential areas. It may have been mechanically checked but P&D has not been able to identify the source of the odor issues for nearby residents of La Mirada, the Polo Field, and Padaro Lane EDRNs. I had been told that once the 3 other nearby permits were issued P&D would be able to identify the source, but that number is **now at least 7 other permits in that area that have already been issued and still there is no way the source can be identified. One can not identify the source when projects are next to each other.**
4. Because of the lack of proper odor control (one definitely smells it driving or biking by), this operator should be not be allowed to add something more to his 8.17 acres cultivation project without better improved odor management on the cultivation side and current processing occurring in Greenhouse #5.
5. The odors from the cannabis and the Ecosorb are very offensive to many people and are known to cause health issues for some. It's not fair that cannabis odors cause local residents not to be able to enjoy opening their windows or sitting outside their homes or use the beach for their recreation.
6. If the county isn't capable of identifying which operation is the source of the odor problem, then how is the neighbor who has to instigate the complain even know whom to call. It's one thing if there's only 1 cannabis operation in the area but with at least 7 so close together all bunched up on the flat area below La Mirada, it's an impossible situation that at the present time can't be solved. Also I'm not sure if the residents of La Mirada, the Polo Field, and Padaro Lane are included in the 1000' notification area.
7. This large warehouse would be visible from the public Toro Canyon Ridge Trail, part of Toro Canyon Park.

8. It is not appropriate to build a new warehouse on prime agriculture land. This is converting agricultural lands into non-agricultural uses.

9. There will be 50 new employees if this project is approved. Having only 1 van/shuttle isn't sufficient for the increase in traffic expected.

10. Please deny this project since there is no way the following required finding can be made: this project **"will not result in detrimental impacts to the health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare of the neighborhood" (from modified OAP 5/20/21) and is compatible with the surrounding area.**

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Anna Carrillo

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**From:** Mike Lazaro <mlazaro1231@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** Jeff Theimer  
**Cc:** sbcob; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg  
**Subject:** Re: Board of Supervisors Hearing March 1 — Support Glass House Project

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Thank you, I wholeheartedly support this project

Sent from my smart phone please excuse any typos

On Feb 28, 2022, at 2:37 PM, Jeff Theimer <Jeff@axiomadvisors.com> wrote:

Please submit this public comment on behalf of a Carpinteria resident, Michael Lazaro. Best, Jeff

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**Subject:** 186 Acre Cap in Carpinteria and Appeal of G & K Warehouse

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To: Board of Supervisors  
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As to the proposed 25,000 sq ft G & K warehouse it should never have been approved. The existing smell that permeates the air on Foothill and Via Real from the cannabis sites that are already operating in that corridor are inexcusable. The County has been unable to enforce even its own meager controls that were supposed to protect residents and therefore there has been no effective reduction of the noxious fumes in the residential zone which surrounds these currently operational sites. Logic would lead one to believe that if County planners cannot identify the source of odors when when they attempt to identify the culprit that there are indeed too many projects next to each other in a confined area.

The removal of the 186 Acre Cap and the rejection of the enormous G & K Warehouse should be what you support.

Thank You,  
Elaine Dietsch

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