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Subject: Public Comment D4

Good afternoon Chair and Supervisors,

I'm writing to you this afternoon because we are highly concerned about item D4 on your agenda tomorrow, which would require cannabis applicants to incur the costs of any appeals, possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars. We urge you not to support this item.

Our objective is to secure cannabis land use permits as quickly as possible, operate in a compliant, responsible manner and be good neighbors. However, some members of the community remain opposed to the cannabis industry and we anticipate there may be numerous appeals of the industry's permit applications, which will further slow the industry's transition to compliance.

Appeals in Santa Barbara County can take years and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in staff time. (Your staff report indicates that appeal costs range between \$250,000 - \$323,000 over the past 4 years.)

It is overly onerous and unreasonable to require the applicant to incur appeal costs; This type of policy will only perpetuate the black market. The cannabis industry is already burdened by the costs of State taxes, local taxes, and other costs of compliance (seed to sale, security systems, etc). Please do not further burden the local industry, by requiring us to incur even more costs.

As we saw in the City of Santa Barbara, every application for medical dispensaries was appealed (under their previous medical ordinance). Similarly, we can expect to see a high number of permits appealed in the County.

Thank you for your consideration,

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