

# Group 5 Public Comment

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de la Guerra, Sheila

**From:** John Thayer <jthayer.speceventmgt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 3:17 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Letter of Support - Graham Farrar Proposal  
**Attachments:** Support Letter Graham Farrar.docx

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August 17, 2019

Dear Honorable Chair and Supervisors

I am a retired police manager with 31 years in public service and extensive experience in the private sector security consulting business. I conducted a safety and security study for Graham Farrar in conjunction with a permit application for a cannabis dispensary in the City of Santa Barbara which was approved.

I am writing in support of Graham Farrar's project at 3561 Foothill Road. One of the reasons I urge you to support this project is because the best way to prevent youth access to cannabis is through legalization, including licensed and regulated cultivation. The County has an important role to play in combatting the illegal market including permitting and licensing compliant applicants for legal cannabis farms.

The illicit market is a serious threat to our youth, and schools, because it creates opportunities for under-age access to cannabis. It is much easier for children and minors to get access to illicit product. Alternatively, all licensed retail storefronts and delivery services are subject to regulations, which require them to verify all customer's government issued identification.

Another example of the benefits of the regulated market for public health and safety are the testing standards for products. Legally grown cannabis must be tested by a third party, licensed testing lab, before it can be released to a retailer licensee for consumption. Required testing includes cannabinoids, processing chemicals, heavy metals, pesticides, microbials, and homogeneity of edibles. This is all important information for consumers to read on labels of legal product. Alternatively, consumers (including youth and teens) have no idea what they are getting when they purchase cannabis from the illicit market.

Finally, licensed cannabis farms are subject to stringent safety measures including video surveillance, lighting, fencing and background checks for all employees. These are important operating standards, which were developed with input from law enforcement, and will ensure these farms are safe places to work. Licensed farms are not open to the public and do not present opportunities for youth access.

In conclusion, I encourage you to permit 3561 Foothill Road and deny the appeal. This is an important step to promote responsible and ethical business practices, protect public health and safety and reduce the expansion of the illicit market.

Thank you

John Thayer  
Santa Barbara

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**From:** Sarah Rochlitzer <sarahrochlitzer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 6:25 PM  
**To:** Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Hartmann, Joan  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Public Comment D2 3561 Foothill Road

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*Dear Board of Supervisors,*

*I am writing to you in support of Graham Farrar's cultivation project in Carpinteria at 3561 Foothill. I've known Graham for many years. In fact, we grew up in Santa Barbara together.*

*This is my 14<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Carpinteria High School and I've been a part of this community for a long time. I'm also a Carpinteria home owner, and our family intends to continue to raise our family here. I have two young kids – one going into Kindergarten and one going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

*I want to make sure that you hear from all sectors of the community in making your decision. Although the naysayers seem to have the loudest voices, there are many people who strongly support the cannabis farmers, and I am one of them.*

*I support Graham because he takes good care of his employees, which means the whole family thrives. When families thrive, children are more prepared to learn in school, and as a teacher and parent, this is paramount. At a time when we are cutting librarians from our schools and making do with bare bones staffing, we can't afford to turn away businesses that will infuse prosperity into our community.*

*At one time the smell was an issue. But it has been resolved and is no longer a problem.*

*I ask you to please support this project and deny the appeal. These farms are not a threat to our family's quality of life, or health and safety. Instead, these farms are helping preserve the agricultural character of the community we love, by keeping the vacant greenhouses in farming.*

*Thank you,*

*Sarah Rochlitzer*

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**From:** Graham Farrar <Graham@glasshousefarms.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 7:25 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Public Comment 8/20 Item D2 3561 Foothill  
**Attachments:** Mike Lazaro Public Comment Aug 20.pdf

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Sent on behalf of Mike Lazaro

Good afternoon Honorable Chair and Supervisors,

My name is Mike Lazaro and I have lived in Carpinteria for many years. I have served on the Board of Directors for the Avocado Festival for 27 years, as well as the Carpinteria Plaza Theater Board of Directors. I also assist with other local events such as the Carpinteria Annual Triathlon, Rods and Roses and Old Spanish Days. I am the Co-Founder of the Alcazar Theater and was awarded "Carpinterian of the Year." I cherish our local community, and believe that the new cannabis industry has potential to greatly enhance our County. I first discovered the medical benefits of cannabis after surviving a brain injury. Cannabis helped me through times of extreme pain and helped me on the road to recovery.

I support Graham Farrar and his proposed project at 3561 Foothill Road. Please vote to deny the appeal.

Graham's project proposal is compatible with our agricultural community in Carpinteria and fits within the framework of the County's cannabis regulations, which were carefully crafted with input from over 30 public meetings. This farm - 3561 Foothill Road - is ideal for cannabis cultivation because it has pre-existing greenhouse infrastructure. No new construction is needed, which will help to avoid unnecessary impacts to the surrounding area. We are really just talking about a crop change from cut flowers to cannabis. The project site is also compatible because it is screened from the public view with landscaping, not near sensitive receptors (e.g. schools), and meets the County's zoning standards.

I have confidence that Graham will operate this farm responsibly and compliantly. Having grown up in Goleta, Graham is invested in our community, and wants to set a high standard for new cannabis farms. It's important that the County support local applicants who are waiting to grow until they receive the required cannabis approvals (licenses/permits).

Thank you for your consideration,

Mike Lazaro

[mlazaro1231@gmail.com](mailto:mlazaro1231@gmail.com)

August 14, 2019

Good afternoon Chair Lavagnino and Board of Supervisors,

Re: Public Comment, Agenda Item D2, 3561 Foothill

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Mike Lazaro  
mlazaro1231@gmail.com

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**From:** Tyler Willson <tylerwillson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 7:47 PM  
**To:** Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob; Williams, Das  
**Subject:** Friends of Shepard Mesa in Support of Appeal on G&K Flowers

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To SB County Board of Supervisors,

There are 8 active vineyards on Shepard Mesa. East end of Carpinteria is quickly becoming a successful wine grape growing region. Keep Cannabis on the west valley, save the east valley of Carp for avocados, cherimoya and wine grapes. We are urging the board of supervisors to SUPPORT the appeal on G & K Flowers.

Stop the out of control pot farms in east Carp valley.

Thank you!  
Tyler Willson



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**From:** Kacey Gritt <kaceycc@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 9:40 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Public Comment D2 Support 3561 Foothill Rd

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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

My name is Kacey Gritt. I have two boys at Carpinteria Family School in Carpinteria, and I also serve as the President of our school's parent group; however, I am not writing on behalf of the school or parent group. I live a few blocks from a cannabis farm. When cannabis odors were strong a couple of years ago, we talked about that impact and what it could mean for children growing up around what used to be considered an illegal drug.

We can barely ever smell it anymore, and as a community the topic of cannabis hardly comes up. In fact, we enjoy being part of changing the way the world views cannabis and supporting the farmers who should be able to continue to grow a successful ag product here.

I recommend denying the appeal against Graham Farrar's proposed farm. We can't penalize responsible farmers who follow all the rules just because a few people don't like cannabis.

I also support the thoughtful regulations imposed on cannabis farming by the county. We've seen the farming industry progress and become established under these strict regulations. If we can bring the prohibitionists around to not being afraid of cannabis, then there isn't an issue at all. It's a positive for everyone if our local farms can continue to do what they do best — grow plants.

Sincerely, Kacey Gritt

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**From:** chris jaimes <cjaimes7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 12:06 AM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Plowman, Lisa  
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Chair Lavagnino and Honorable Supervisors,

My name is Chris Jaimes, and I live and raise my family in Carpinteria. I support Graham Farrar's project and what the cannabis farmers have done to support Carpinteria Valley. I'm a coach for Carpinteria Valley Girls Softball League, so I value the youth in our community. Our team just traveled to the western nationals tournament with sponsorship help from CARP Growers. It was an experience and memory that our team will cherish forever.

We don't live in the past. Cannabis is legal, and will be part of our lives into the future. Our responsible farmers deserve to farm if they continue to follow the rules. I hope our elected representatives continue to make decisions based on current rules, so the farmers of Carpinteria can thrive. A few people in this community are loudly opposed to cannabis. The rest of us don't often petition county supervisors. I personally have liked what I've seen from our farmers and their genuine efforts to be a positive part of the community we share.

Respectfully,

Chris Jaimes

Carpinteria

Sent from my iPhone