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Dear staff,

Please include the attached letter to the BOS in the record for the BOS Agenda 3/24/20, Item 20-00230.

Thank you. I appreciate all you are doing to continue service to the Board and to all of us constituents at this difficult time.

Nancy Emerson, WE Watch

*WE Watch, P.O Box 830, Solvang CA93464*



March 20, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: WE Watch, Nancy Emerson, President  
RE: Long Range Planning FY20-21 Work Program, Ordinances

WE Watch has followed Long Range Planning's FY 2019-20 and FY2020-21 reports and proposals. Here is a question and some recommendations.

**Question:** To what extent, if at all, has Long Range Planning received cannabis income to reimburse for the unexpectedly heavy and sustained workload on Cannabis Land Use Ordinances amendments this past year?

**Recommendations:**

1. The critical Long Range Planning ordinance task is to develop the information Planning Commission and BOS need as quickly as possible so you can complete needed regulations to the Cannabis Land Use Ordinances. This will relieve the current unbearable burden on residents and legacy farmers in certain areas and make sure similar problems do not occur in other areas. Done well, it will provide more certainty regarding regulation for the cannabis industry. Hopefully, it will prevent continuous appeals. Please provide funding from cannabis income for this work.

2. If you include work on a Farmstay Ordinance, please expand its scope to be an Agricultural Tourism Ordinance. Many promising, creative ideas emerged from discussion with stakeholders about agricultural tourism that go beyond farm stays. It would be a shame not to consider varied ways tourism can help agriculture develop long-term economic sustainability. This is especially important for small family farmers.

**Thank You:**

Since 2011, WE Watch's Save Our Stars group has urged development of a countywide Outdoor Lighting Ordinance to better protect the night skies and neighbors. We understand work on this ordinance is now ongoing and look forward to its completion as time allows.