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Katherine Douglas *Public Comment - Group 1*

From: Sheri Noble <sherinoble2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 7:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment 2/24 Board Hearing #26-00135

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Dear Supervisors,
Please read the following during public comment on this item on the 2/24/2026 Agenda:

As a resident of Solvang, I appreciate that the matter of unlawful food vendors is being discussed and hope that action is agreed upon during this meeting.

The Health Department's letter to the board is very clear regarding serious health issues: contaminated meat, fire hazard, environmental concerns (grease and other waste at site), traffic and safety hazards, and Notice of Violations (NOV) delivered that have no teeth to enforce, especially when vendors refuse to provide basic information, such as a name. This faux enforcement requiring overtime pay of potentially overworked health department workers appears to be a waste of taxpayer money if our sheriff or fire department do not enforce basic health and safety ordinances. I request that those with the job of law enforcement be held responsible to doing their job.

The unlawful food vendor in Santa Ynez on the corner of Highway 246 and Refugio Road, sits a few feet from an elementary and middle school. The wooden gym walls and pine trees are only feet away from an open flame. My granddaughter attends this school, and at during various evening events, I have watched the workers light these flames, pour fuel into flammable containers with the same gloves used while serving food, and regularly view the remnants of waste left behind. **The open flame law must be enforced.** Isn't this ordinance also enforceable by our fire department? I would like to know why our fire department does not enforce these laws to prevent potential fires?

I am not sure why the health and safety of our children and community is being ignored. **I respectfully ask the board to approve the proposed pilot program as well as the requiring deputy presence during these enforcement practices.**

Respectfully,
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From: SkyRiver <skyriver@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2026 8:33 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Roadside food vendors

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To the members of the board of supervisors:

The public health and safety is directly imperiled every time an illegal roadside food vending stand is erected on the Caltrans easements along Highway 154. They normally appear after dark, and are an (un) attractive nuisance, at a minimum, and commonly an immediate threat to life and limb.

Their presence is the sole reason a new amount of illegal stopping and turning and reckless driving is taking place — usually at highway speeds — because prospective customers make last second decisions to patronize them without any warning to those other drivers sharing the road. No directional signals are utilized before their patrons make sudden braking and/or reckless u-turns. This is exactly the kind of reckless driving that the state and county has spent millions of dollars to reduce accidents by installing the two recent 154 roundabouts. So why are we now offsetting the life-saving features of these two costly roundabouts with the Reckless driving caused by this attractive nuisance?

As a 33 year long resident, during which period dozens of people have been killed on highway 154 between highway 246 and 101, this most recent development of illegal vending by food purveyors must be stopped.

Any interest the State has in this food purveyor ordinance written in Sacramento cannot supersede the rights of this county's residents to be safe while driving on local roads which are no longer safe when these illegal food stands pop up on the shoulders of our highways - highways which are used multiple times a day by almost all the local residents.

Wendy Tillman
Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Andi Green <turquoisepink.alg@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2026 2:49 PM
To: Joan Hartmann; Meighan Dietenhofer; Gina Fischer; sbcob
Subject: Unlawful Vendor SYV (Joan Hartmann)

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Dear Joan, et al,

This is Andi Green, a resident of Harry's House, at 890 N Refugio Rd #1205, Santa Ynez, CA 93460. I met you and Meighan at your office in Solvang on October 29, 2025 (and again at Harry's House Friendsgiving in Nov 2025) and we discussed the concerns I have had regarding the ongoing unlawful at Hwy 246 & Refugio Road for the past 2+ years.

My experience has been from August 2023 when I moved into Harry's House to Present 2026. As you will see from the photos and videos that I'm sharing with all of you from my Google Photo Drive, this is still an ongoing every day issue with this particular vendor, rain or shine. I've also included another unlawful Vendor that is located in Buellton on the corner of Hwy 246 (Mission Blvd) McMurray.

In reading Joan's email and invitation to Tuesday's meeting on Feb 24th, she outlined her concerns, which I can validate relate to because this particular vendor has disrupted my life on a daily basis.

I noticed this vendor soon after I moved into my beautiful new home in Santa Ynez, where I was so excited to enjoy the peace and quiet and fresh air and amazing environment. Then one night I heard loud Mexican music playing all night until late and the smell of smoke in the air. At first I didn't think anything of it until it continued every day. A couple of my neighbors would periodically ask me if I wanted a taco next door. Huh? Where? No, I said. Then I discovered this vendor cooking on Hwy 246 next to the bus stop. Oh no!

From August 2023 to present day, this particular vendor has decided (and allowed) to build their restaurant every night on Hwy 246 (corner of Refugio Road) next to the bus stop on the outside of the Christian Academy. During this time there has been loud music playing all night, bright lights, excessive traffic & people and noise, the continuous smell of smokey spiced meat that pumiates into the air for hours into the night and into the morning as well as into my home where I have to shut all of my windows and balcony door at 4:30 PM and turn on my air conditioner or heater. And often, the smell still seeps into my home and wakes me up in the middle of the night. And in the morning I still smell meat. Yuck!

On October 9, 2026, I noticed a lot of noise across the street on Refugio Road where the Christian Academy is, and as I looked out of my window, I noticed that a white van was being emptied with equipment, followed with a pop-up tent with bright lights and a table and a propane tank and burner and then people cooking and then a lot of smoke in the air, etc. Oh my goodness! What is going on?!? So I went out on my balcony and took pictures took out my camera and then called the Sherriff's Department at 6:45 PM and spoke to Detective Woodill, and this is what he told me after I wanted to file a complaint.

He told me that Gavin Newsom passed a law about a year, year and a half ago, and that law enforcement cannot touch vendors. Police can't do anything since it's a public ordinance. He reiterated that the law has been in affect for over a year, a year and a half. Vendors are protected by law. He did agree with me that the vendors dump trash, oil, put smoke in the air, they produce health hazards, etc., and we both wondered whether the Christian Academy is aware that the vendor is cooking on their property? And if they are dumping trash in their trash cans which are open and not locked?

Detective Woodill told me that I needed to contact the "Public Health Department" and the "Board of Supervisors". So I researched both and came upon Joan Hartmann as the representative of both. Then I received an email from Joan inviting the community to come and visit her in Solvang, which I decided to go and meet her in person to discuss this issue.

This particular vendor and others in the Valley as well as Santa Barbara County are creating the following:

- Toxic smoke into the air from propane tanks, which impedes on the environment as well as what we are breathing. Health Hazard!
- Fire Hazards, Propane tanks creating safety risks in public area.
- Dumping grease, oil onto the ground as well as trash and from people.
- Cooking meat and distributing unsafe food that is not properly refrigerated and stored in unsanitary containers.
- Open Falafel Meat Station! (NEW) Food safety risks to public. Health Hazard!
- Excessive Traffic & People on a highway and residential street.
- Excessive Noise throughout evening and late night hours 4:30 - 5:00 PM til 1:00 AM. Disturbance!
- Not on sidewalks! They are next to the bus stop between "For Sale" cars (which is another issue) and/or on Refugio Road on a residential street.
- No hot water!
- No grease disposal! Where are they disposing the grease?
- Sanitation issues! How are they cleaning their grill, etc.?
- No Dumpster! Where are they dumping their trash?
- Not paying City or County Taxes!
- No License or Permit to Sell or Cook!

The other concern I have is that we have had a mountain lion sighting in our neighborhood, and my feeling is that they smelled meat 🐾 and were on a hunt for a meal.

They are obnoxious and a nuisance and unfortunately this situation has disrupted my life so much that it has triggered my PTSD, anxiety, and migraines.

Note:

This particular vendor is here every day, rain or shine. On Jan 13, 2026, we had a storm and I opened my balcony door at 6:45 PM to hear the pouring rain and get fresh air. It was a warm rain, however, I started to smell meat and smoke and I looked outside and the vendor was across my street on Refugio Road in the

pouring rain. Are you kidding me!?! The only reason he's on Refugio Road is because Hwy 246 is muddy. I believe I have a picture.

On February 19, 2026, (last week) on my way to a church event at 5:15 PM, I saw the vendor setting up on Hwy 246 and it was raining. And when I drove home between 8-8:30 PM, it was still raining and I pulled over to take pictures of them cooking.

Please notice there is a "Falafel" Meat Station on the right side of the table. This is new!

I know the KEYT did a news report on the SB Crackdown on this issue last year but noting has been enforced yet.

I would like to see, enforcement from the police!

Post "No Parking" signs along Hwy 246 and Refugio Road. This would apply to For Sale cars that park along the hwy and block the road along the walkway for pedestrians forcing us to walk next to traffic.

Make it known among the city and county that this is unlawful.

No selling for other vendors of any kind. I've spoken to another vendor who was selling farms goods without a permit on Hwy 246 next to the bus stop.

Thank you for letting me share my experience with all of you. This has been overwhelming for me since moving here, especially feeling like there's no hope of any resolution of this matter.

I hope to be able to participate in the live meeting on Tuesday, February 24th.

Please let me know if there is anything else that you may need from me. I'm always happy to help.

With kind regards,

Andi Green
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Please click on my Google Photos Drive shared file for my photos of this vendor.

P.s. If there is ever an opportunity to discuss another topic, I would like to know how to stop ID theft of Social Security number theft. My daughter's has been stolen 3 times and my son-in-law's has just been stolen. All during times of unemployment made by illegal farm worker's who are employed in the Central Coast and Modesto. This happened to my daughter the first time 15 years ago. EDD files a claim against them for back pay and they have to file a police report and appear in court to fight their case against fraud that they did not commit. This is a serious topic that I'm interested in tackling as well.

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