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Public Comment - Group 7

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**From:** Steve Junak <ranchocebada@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 10:12 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Steve Junak  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Agenda Item #7 (Cannabis) Supervisors Meeting 5 May 2020  
**Attachments:** Cannabis Public comments for BOS 5 May 2020.docx



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Dear Clerk of the Board,

I'm sorry that I was unable to submit this before 5 pm today. I encountered some technical problems at the last minute. I hope that you will still be able to read it into the record at tomorrow's Board meeting.

Thank you!

Steve Junak

4 May 2020

RE: Santa Rita Valley Ag (Cannabis) appeal (Agenda Item #7)

Chair Hart and Honorable Supervisors,

Please do not allow this large Cannabis project to move forward. It could jeopardize the wine industry in an area that has the ideal climate for grapes. It could also have negative impacts on neighboring agriculture that is compatible with the wine industry.

Why is Santa Barbara County rushing to permit such large Cannabis grows when their impacts are not fully known? The PEIR did not anticipate grows of this size. You are essentially experimenting with the quality of life and the health of neighboring residents, and jeopardizing the economic viability of a well-established agricultural industry.

Please put a moratorium on approving large Cannabis grows until their impacts can be more fully studied. Require a CUP for all Cannabis projects. No other county in California is allowing grows of this size.

There are still problems with the Cannabis Ordinance that need your attention, including the large size of proposed projects such as this one, the lack of per parcel acreage limits, the uncertainty associated with current odor abatement techniques, inadequate rules about buffers to protect neighboring residents and agricultural activities, the granting of permanent land use entitlements before unintended consequences to neighborhoods become apparent, and the potential cumulative impacts caused by the clustering of Cannabis projects in scenic areas like the Lompoc and Santa Ynez valleys.

The Santa Rita Valley Ag project is too large and is too close to the City of Buellton. It's too close to existing vineyards and wine tasting rooms. Please uphold the appeal and DENY this project, or significantly reduce its cultivation area.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Steve Junak

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**From:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: Letter re Agenda item D7 scheduled for 5 5 2020 BOS - Santa Rita Valley Ag, Inc.

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**From:** Leigh Johnson <rlj.leigh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:57 AM  
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Attn.: Clerk of the Board  
Please include our statement in the hearing today and for file.

re Santa Rita Valley Ag, Inc.

Dear Honorable Supervisors;

We ask you to deny the LUP sought by Santa Rita Ag

Please consider the cumulative effect of these industrial cannabis grows on the local wine industry and those affected.

We live in God's country and we want to protect its future and keep it sustainable. We are responsible, residents that live and spend locally.

For our local food bank. We just made a 500 dollar donation in the name of responsible residents of God's Country.

Thank you,  
Leigh & Ronnie Johnson  
Cebada Canyon