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Public Comment-Group 3

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From: David M. Slay <david@slay.la>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:27 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Dianne Pence
Subject: Tuesday April 21, Cannabis Appeal



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for the **Santa Barbara West Coast Farms, LLC Cannabis Cultivation Appeal**, to the Clerk of the Board

To: The Clerk of The Board
Fr: David & Gale Slay, Slay Estate & Vineyard
6635 E. Highway 246
(The house that had the big boat there for years)

Please include this email into record please.

My family bought a Sta Rita Hills property and home with the hope of building a small family winery and vineyard in one of the most prestigious wine regions in the world in 2017. Although new to the area I have been a chef and restaurateur and have for the past 30 years counted this area as a favorite on our wine list. I value what so many before us have built and have for the past 12 years sourced fruit that we proudly attach our name to until we are fully grown at our vineyard.

The beauty of the hills, vineyards and farms going through 246 the past few years are some of the greenest and prettiest due to the rain we have received only to be ruined by the stench of cannabis. We have guests and families with kids that ask what that horrible smell is and explain.

A simple thing like opening the windows is overcome by the smell. That short drive from where we are to Buellton is wretched and we wonder what it is doing to the organic produce we are growing for our restaurants and wonder why the growth this year is so different.

We have been asked to participate, to lease our property, use our barn and be paid good money by some in the cannabis industry. No amount is worth it. We built our name, our restaurants and our brand on values, honor and an ethical way to do business and never letting money being the deciding factor. And no better time in our history of America is it time for us to realize what a beautiful country we have and a beautiful Santa Barbara County. Please don't let it be ruined for this.

Thank you,

David Slay
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From: Marshall Miller <mmiller@thornhillcompanies.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:02 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Read Into the Record my 250 word statement -Item # 4 SRVAG

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Regardless of whether Cannabis is a good industry for Santa Barbara County long term. The science of terpenes and its ability to impact flavor profile of grapes is not settled science. No one can definitively speak to whether there is a consequence or not. Anyone who definitively asserts it a problem or not-a-problem is speaking from a position of advocacy for a special interest.

The legalization of non-THC hemp in combined with new legal permissions for research of federally funded Universities (e.g. UC Davis) to study these terpenes means better data can inform decision making. This requires patience at the policy making level.

Given the lack of definitive data, the precautionary principle should guide your decision making on this topic. Given time, research will answer this question. In so many other contexts, Santa Barbara County has utilized the precautionary principle to protect our community.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to not make decisions that can't be undone when further information in the future will provide much greater illumination. This entire conversation had been framed in the language of Yes/No. I believe the appropriate framing is Now/Later. Choosing later is a choice for better science and better public policy.

-Marshall Miller, Vice President – Miller Family Wine Company

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