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**From:** Arthur Welchman <arthur\_welchman@my.uri.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 3:55 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory  
**Subject:** Public Comment D2 and D3  
**Attachments:** Carpinteria Cannabis.docx; ATT00001.txt

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I would like to submit the following as my public comment on the matter of cannabis cultivation in Carpinteria.

Regards,  
Arthur Welchman

Dear Das Williams, Gregg Hart, Joan Hartmann, Peter Adam, and Steve Lavagnino:

I am writing to you to express my concern over the recent proceedings in the town of Carpinteria regarding to cultivation of cannabis, and the negative tone taken by many town residents in response. I do find it most troubling that the majority of the negative pressure that cannabis is facing in this town is built on false propaganda, and even worse information. As indicated in the 2019 Carpinteria Valley Economic Profile: tourism in town has not declined, home values have risen since the introduction of cannabis, and there has not been a spike in crime. All these facts point to a quite a different landscape than that which is being portrayed by the detractors of the cannabis industry.

Another claim that I would like to address that is possibly more troubling to me is the false information being circulated on negative health and environmental effects of cannabis culture. The complaints of allergens from cannabis are simply unfounded because cannabis plants that are used in cultivation in Carpinteria are dioecious, meaning that they are female plants and therefore do not produce pollen. Pesticides, miticides and fungicides have all been proven to have adverse effects of the health of individuals and may even proliferate for generations through reproduction, but there are none of these compounds used on cannabis today. This is due in part to the incredibly stringent testing requirements of the state of California that results in cannabis product being cleaner than nearly all of the agricultural resources we consume on a daily basis. I am not a health professional, but I do have a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and I have worked as a biologist working of contract research testing pesticides and pharmaceuticals for the largest such company in the US (Smithers-Viscient). I can guarantee that any cannabis consumed from a licensed grower who is following the guidelines set forth would be cleaner than avocados grown in Carpinteria.

I am just one of many individuals proud to live in Carpinteria and work in cannabis for all the profound health benefits that it provides to an incredible range of individuals that are suffering from an ever-expanding range of ailments. My journey in cannabis started partly due a condition that my significant other suffers from known as gastroparesis, meaning that her stomach is partially paralyzed. We have tried numerous pharmaceutically prescribed "solutions" to no avail and have made many adjustments to her diet (gluten-free, dairy-free, liquid diets) and none of them have provided any relief. The only solution we have found over the last 6 years is cannabis to help build appetite and suppress pain from her condition. Without cannabis, she would be lost in daily struggle and would not be able to be the wonderful person she is.

It is my hope that you will see as so many others have in recent years that the stigmas of the past need to stay where they are, in the past. Cannabis farmers create jobs, create revenue to the town economy and has brought in charitable donations. I believe that we need to begin looking towards a future that embraces cannabis and allow the facts to guide decision making, not propaganda or social influence.

Best Regards,

Arthur Welchman

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**From:** Matias Requena // Buena Onda <matias@buenaondasb.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Public Comment D2 and D3

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Dear County Supervisors,

I support the cannabis industry and the county's regulations surrounding this new industry. As a local business owner, I can't help but find the industry's contributions to our community, **under appropriate regulation and enforcement**, as anything but positive.

The cannabis industry continues to contribute in a positive way to the Carpinteria community in the form of jobs, economic vitality, increased property values, philanthropic giving, tax revenue and sustainable farming techniques which will preserve the agricultural character of our community. Cannabis farmers are also improving our quality of life by paying extraordinarily **high local taxes**, which provide valuable tax revenue.

They are also **supporting small local businesses** by using their products and/or services which provide revenue streams to new business emerging in the county.

We can't ignore the potential benefits this industry presents to our community and must not let ourselves be misled by biased opinions around a stigmatized crop, held to standards much higher than that of any of agricultural product. It is crucial now for us to cooperate with one another so we are able come to a harmonious solution that allows the cannabis industry to continue to grow, and with it, our county's prosperity.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jon Kono <konoandsons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 4:21 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Cannabis support

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

I am an avocado grower in Carpinteria and I would like to send my support for the cannabis industry and the work of the supervisors and staff in developing the regulations to guide this new industry. Cannabis is a new form of agriculture in our valley, and we can work together to keep agriculture a major factor in our economy here. The crop will help continue the support from agriculture to the city in many ways. I think the cannabis growers are addressing the concerns of the people in a responsible and timely manner and that the ordinance you have set up need to be enforced and not manipulated again by the opposition groups. Let the industry move forward and see how the growers perform. Cannabis is already a highly regulated crop. Please allow the regulations and ordinance to go into effect and not more delays.

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**From:** ffk9@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 4:32 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** 996 Fredensbog Canyon Road

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear SB County Board of Supervisors, I would like to again go on record as STRONGLY APPOSING the approval of any type of permit for the development of a marijuana farm at 988 Fredensborg Canyon Road. Case number 18LUP-00000-00458, Steven Decker, parcelnumber 137-140-033

This appears to be Mr. Decker's second run at the same permit to develop his rural residential property into a marijuana factory.

I am an immediate neighbor and property owner, at 996 Fredensborg Canyon Road. The current condition of Mr. Decker's marijuana grow houses is unsightly and unsanitary. The addition of a giant grow house will be in my immediate line of sight... and smell.

Mr. Decker is also the Well Master for the shared well for our property. Since April of this year, Mr. Decker has manipulated our well water to the point that at times NO WATER came to our property for domestic or landscape use. I have called the Building Department, TWO private well companies, the Fire Department and finally the Sheriff's Department to have the issue put on record. As recently as July 5, the water valve was again manipulated to almost no flow by mister Decker.

Mark Dubose from Aquatrek came out to assess our water. He noted several 'issues' with Mr Decker's 're-design' of our well equipment. Some of these issues were confusing even to an expert well technician. It is obvious that the 'improvements' that Mr. Decker made to our shared well is in anticipation of his enlarged marijuana grow house. When Mr. Dubose was at the property he was concerned for his safety. He has had both verbal and physical abuse in the past from Mr. Decker.

Dave Vianella from County Grading Inspection also came out to my property on an unrelated issue and was confronted and harassed by Steven Decker as Mr. Vianella walked my property.

Deputy David Ashley came out at my request and was confronted and harassed by Mr. Decker to the point where Deputy Ashley suggested I hire an attorney so we would have a record of the harassment and legal advice.

Mr. Decker also manipulated the water flow to a second neighbor, Jane Hobgood. Mrs. Hobgood is close to 90 years old and the caregiver to two adult family members, one with special needs.. Mrs. Hobgood called me to say at times she had no water for showers, laundry or basic domestic needs. Mrs. Hobgood also indicated that she was "afraid to confront Mr. Decker because she did not want him to retaliate against her and make things worse." At this point, I called Adult Protective Services to have them check on Mrs. Hobgood's welfare. Harassment and intimidation as well as possible fraud were all considerations. I do not know the outcome of their investigation but I spoke to Vicky Johnson with SB County Adult Protective Services and she was going to follow up.

It has also been brought to the attention of the County Environmental Health Services that Mr. Decker has an **unpermitted septic installed** to service the large trailer that his son is living in on the property. Not only is living in a trailer on property not allowed, but adding an unpermitted septic is also illegal. Belinda Huy is investigating this issue. Mr. Decker has admitted to ELEVEN people living on property and added workers on a regular basis. The water he will need is from a PRIVATE WELL that is shared by four families. Between the number of people on his property and the illegal septic system, our PRIVATE WATER WELL is now out of compliance with State Regulations.

The illegal septic system along with the warehouse that Mr. Decker intends to build are less than 100 feet and UP HILL from our well, cistern and water supply. The potential of contamination from septic and the chemicals

required to grow marijuana leaching into our water supply is obvious. It will all flow downhill into our drinking water supply. The risk to our health is to great to gamble on.

My point is this... If Steve Decker can not currently be trusted to follow the basic legal guidelines with his current property, how do we expect him to follow any guidelines going forward? The fallout from issuing him a permit to enlarge his marijuana farm in a rural yet neighborhood area is a laundry list of potential problems. WATER use, health and safety of neighbors, traffic, noise, odor, CRIME and the, visual eyesore of a 15,000square foot metal building plus accessory buildings to name just a few.

The first photo is an aerial of the 4 properties that share the well. The second photo is a small portion of what I have to look at from my front yard and the location that the marijuana warehouse will be located.

I appreciate you time and consideration.

Respectfully, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Sampson and David Norcott  
owners, 996 Fredensborg Canyon Road  
805-423-2525

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**From:** Kaelana Organista <kaelana@goheadwaters.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 4:34 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Public Comment D2 and D3

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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for the cannabis industry in Santa Barbara County. I have the pleasure and the privilege to work for a cannabis farm and thriving business in Carpinteria, and would not be where I am today without this industry, this community, this plant, and these people.

The Cannabis industry in SB County continues to contribute in a positive way to the Carpinteria community in the form of jobs, economic vitality, increased property values, philanthropic giving, tax revenue and sustainable farming techniques which will preserve the agricultural character of our community. I see firsthand how hard our farm works to improve sustainable practices at the farm – better than any other crops previously cultivated in the area. Cannabis does not use pesticides, which is better for our community’s health, including our schools and residential areas. This industry is still so new – there is much progress to be made. The only way to move forward is to continue to regulate, learn, and invest in better technology and practices. We have the opportunity to lead the way in our small but mighty community of Carpinteria.

I grew up in Carpinteria. This community is of utmost importance to me and I would never vouch for anything that I thought would just profit an industry but harm the residents. I spend the greater part of my days at the cannabis farm and I don’t have any adverse side effects of the smell of cannabis. I can attest that the odor smelled outside of the farm has greatly improved – only because we have invested as a community to make it better. Odor control works and the vapor phase technology is not only safe, but the same exact technology has been proven effective in mitigating odors emissions from other industries.

Many varieties of plants produce odors, some particularly offensive, but haven't seen nearly the backlash faced by the cannabis industry. It saddens me that the stigma remains for this medicinal plant with so many uses for various conditions and ailments. I understand it is a difficult hurdle to overcome traditions, especially ones that have been a part of this community for so long, but I urge you to continue to support the further regulation of this new industry, as there is so much to gain from it.

I support the work of the county board of supervisors and staff to review land use permits and business licenses and make sure all farmers are playing by the same rules. Regulation and oversight by the county is the answer, not prohibition.

Best Regards,

Kaelana Organista



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**From:** Brandon Zoldos <brandon@goheadwaters.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 5:15 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Support of Cannabis

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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today as a supporter of cannabis throughout Santa Barbara County. As a proud Carpinterian and employee of a cannabis business I strongly support the industry and the new opportunities that sustainable cannabis has brought to our community and my life. The local cannabis industry has positively contributed to our community through pesticide free farming, the generation of tax revenue and the hiring of many local residents.

The fact remains, that cannabis is here and will continue to be a major crop in Santa Barbara County. Further regulations by the county to review business licenses and other vetting processes seems like a logical solution. I support these regulations to strengthen this industry and make sure that all parties are adhering to these protocols.

As mentioned, I am born and raised in Carpinteria, and am fortunate to still call it home. Through my connections and relationships in Carpinteria I have a unique perspective, looking at this from both sides. However, I still support cannabis in the Carpinteria Valley and so do the vast majority of citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration



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**From:** Tyler Luedtke <luedtket@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 5:51 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** dbovanich@countyofsb.org; sbcob; jlinton@countyofsb.org; delliot@countyofsb.org; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Cannabis meeting

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Dear board of supervisors,

I am writing you in concern of possible changes being made in the county of Santa Barbara for cannabis grows. First, I would like to say that cannabis is not a drug, and years of disinformation have put a negative light on a natural, and ever so powerful plant. I first hand have seen the benefits of cannabis use with my father using cannabis to help with his treatment of Pancreatic Cancer.

This plant has also brought a way for people to earn an income at a very fair pay rate, and helped them put food on the table for their families. When I smell cannabis, I don't think of it as a negative smell, I think of it as the feeling of freedom to put what our own personal choice of medications into our bodies. As a minority of people demonize a plant for its smell, and for its use, these people are not trying to stop the sales of the much more dangerous substance of alcohol.

I ask you to think about what the future holds for not just the state of California, and the city of Santa Barbara, but for the country of the United States of America and I know that cannabis is the future for this country moving forward.

Thank you for your time,

Tyler Luedtke  
Cannabis Employee in Santa Barbara County

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**From:** Hugo Martinez <serts\_1r@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 6:08 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Public Comment D2 and D3

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Dear Honorable Board of supervisors,

The cannabis industry continues to contribute to the Carpinteria community in a positive way in the form of jobs, economic vitality, increased property values, philanthropic giving, tax revenue and sustainable farming techniques which will preserve the agricultural character of our community. In the community many people are affected by companies closing down in the agriculture business and residents of Carpinteria losing their jobs. Cannabis agriculture is now playing a vital role in the community, cannabis farmers are providing higher paying stable jobs for local families which also include benefits and a chance to build a career for young people like my self. There's no use of lights and water is recycled reused and captured, no pesticides are used its grown organically, which is better for our communities health including our schools and residential areas. Cannabis farmers are held to much higher standards than other crops, including compliance with CA Department of fish and wildlife and water board. Cannabis also helps in many ways in the community such as financial and for medicinal purposes from my personal experiences in the community it is helping my family as well as many others have an opportunity not only for a better life but a sustainable one. It also helped my mother live her last moments of her life a little better by easing her pain from her stomach cancer. Cannabis helped her be able to retain food down a little better and made her feel at ease with no chills aces or fevers. I truly believe that cannabis farmers are doing the most terrific job in the agriculture industry one that aids and impacts peoples living and way of life in the most positive way. It also goes beyond that, cannabis farmers really touch the communities lives by improving the quality of living. I can firmly attest that cannabis industry is helping so many people my self included in the community and how much we as a community need the cannabis industry to keep thriving and preserve the agricultural character of our beloved community of Carpinteria. Cannabis farmers are really respectable and sensitive to people and to their community, they show a lot of gratitude to employees by providing excellent and extremely safe working conditions and helping employees reach work duties in the most compassionate and caring way, and uplifting work morale, promoting mental health and stability. It makes for a better work environment and people in the community loving their job. Cannabis farmers follow strict rules and so do their employees it is all a team effort to preserve our future in the cannabis agricultural industry that has become a huge part in our way of life in our community of Carpinteria.

Best regards,  
Hugo Martinez

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**From:** Nicole Seib <nicolejseib@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 6:08 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Support Cannabis industry

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I am writing to express that I support the cannabis industry as well as the programs to regulate this industry.

There has been so much hard work and effort put into ensuring that business owners in the industry run their businesses ethically. I am a non-cannabis smoker who transitioned into the cannabis industry because I wanted to be a part of the movement to provide safe products to the public. Knowing I am a part of something that can help others stay safe and buy from a reputable company is important to me. This will help reduce the black market industry of sellers who could potentially lace or provide moldy product to people to ingest harmful products.

Another reason that I support this growing industry is legal jobs for people. We have fallen on tough times in our generation and have seen high unemployment rates. Seeing a new industry that is already popular to many, gives a sense of hope to many that there will be more jobs and a boost to the economy.

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**From:** Philip van Spronsen <Philip@glasshousefarms.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 7:24 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa  
**Subject:** Public Comment D2 and D3

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Santa Barbara board of supervisors,

My name is Philip van Spronsen. I moved to the United States from Holland about 15 years ago. Like many other Dutch people in this area I ended up working in horticulture, in and around greenhouses. The only difference being that I'm working on the greenhouses and not on the plants. I've always been able to make a living for my wife and kids and I. A few years after I started working here I started noticing that the flower industry was doomed to fail. People don't buy much flowers anymore and I slowly watched the greenhouses in Carpinteria fall apart. No profit usually means little budget for maintenance. This was very troubling to me because I understood that at this rate the new generation would not want to go into the greenhouse business their families had started. Seeing that Ivan, Sofie, David, Alex (all van Wingerden), Johnny Brand (just to name a few) decided to stay in the family business and try to make it work with a different crop is great. The greenhouse industry in Carpinteria is alive and well.

Seeing what cannabis has done to the state of greenhouses in Carpinteria can not be denied. Companies are investing again and the whole community benefits. Every store or contractor in town I talk to says the same thing, they are all busier. This new industry is not only creating jobs inside greenhouses but also reaches well beyond. The guy selling greenhouse supplies, the lumberyard downtown, the sandwich place on the corner, hotels during the off season.

Growing up in Holland, cannabis has been "legal" for sale for as long as I can remember. Legal meaning that you can buy without getting arrested it but it is to this day illegal to grow it. This causes a huge underground unregulated supply chain to support the demand. Every week you read another article of a home grow being busted right in a residential neighborhood. You have an excellent opportunity to control and regulate this industry in California and now is the time to get together and make it work.

Personally I think the odor problem that is being floated is exacerbated. Im a cyclist and ride the foothills and roads around Carpinteria on a weekly basis. There is absolutely never been one cyclist that decided to not go through Carpinteria over odor control and we are breathing in twice the air the average Carpinterian breaths in. Coming up from the Lions club you sometimes smell something but most my fellow riders don't really even notice since its so vague if them notice it at all. In Holland there is a saying "over smaak valt niet te twisten". It means something like "you can't argue over taste" which I think applies to smell as well. What I suggest it that we first find out who is not doing any odor control. If one person farts in an elevator everyone points at each other. Odor control can be done right judging by the fact that you have a whole neighborhood in Holland being surprised if their neighbor gets busted. Its not an odor control problem as much as an odor control challenge.

I do like to state the following since I love working for Glasshouse farms. We have a great team of people working for us that are employed year round and all get great benefits and paid time off. This is absolutely

unheard of in agri/horticulture. We even got paid the afternoon off to go voting if we so choose to. Cannabis companies are in a position where they can pay decent wages and can create very pleasant work environments for their workers. We are just one of them but Im sure there are over a thousand people directly involved in this industry in Carpinteria alone.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Elson, David <David.Elson@unitedwestaff.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 7:27 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Letter of support for cannabis industry  
**Attachments:** Board of Supervisors.docx

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Attached is a letter of my support for the cannabis industry. We are a local staffing agencies and our Santa Maria office is able to put many people to work in this industry. These jobs pay more than other manufacturing and ag related positions so they are truly helping to grow our local economy and support so many local families.

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TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FR: David Elson, President

RE: Support for Cannabis Cultivation and Farming

Our company provides essential services in the region in career resources, HR consulting, safety training, and recruiting.

Over the past several years, we have developed a collaborative relationship with major cannabis farmers and auxiliary businesses in Santa Barbara County.

We feel very fortunate that this emerging industry has become a consistent customer and consequently has contributed to our progressive growth and economic bottom line.

Throughout the years, our company remains steadfast that economic prosperity is a two way street - where everyone benefits.

We are very confident that cannabis cultivation and farming in the County has been a viable economic engine that our business, employees and their families will benefit. The jobs this industry has created are truly benefiting local families since they are paying more than the average local wages.

We all win when businesses work together to be successful and have a commitment to economic growth.



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**From:** Dion G <dion.gutierr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 8:18 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; lpolowman@co.santa-barbara.ca.us  
**Subject:** New Doc 2019-07-08 20.05.59 - Page 1  
**Attachments:** New Doc 2019-07-08 20.05.59\_1.pdf

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

Thank you for your time and commitment to develop a working set of regulations so that cannabis can grow in Carpinteria's defunct and empty greenhouses, as cut flowers have not been profitable for some time.

I am writing to express my support of the new industry for all the benefits it brings to the Carpinteria area. Since cannabis has been grown here, there has been a steady creation of year-round jobs, which is rare for the agricultural industry. Now, greenhouse staff can support their families all year long, and don't need to worry about finding employment once their growing season is over. Carpinteria has had difficulty bringing year-round job creation to this area, and it's invaluable for the working class families who want to stay in Carp and not be forced to move to Ventura.

Thank you again for all you do, and I hope you will realize the exponential benefits that cannabis brings to the Carpinteria economy.

Sincerely

Dion. M. Gutierrez

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dion M. Gutierrez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and "G".

Maintenance Supervisor

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**From:** Courtney Zalewski <courtneyriot@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2019 8:59 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Culver, Mollie; Plowman, Lisa  
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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today as a member of the Cannabis community and an employee of a state licensed distributor, manufacturer and hopeful cultivator with an open application for an AG-II in the Valley.

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Thank you for your time,

Courtney Zalewski

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please find the attached letter of support submitted for your consideration. United Staffing is a key vendor to several cannabis related industries in the County and we are providing this letter of support to demonstrate the significant positive impact that this industry has had by way of creating and supporting hundreds of jobs in the County.

Thank you for your consideration.

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### Letter of Support

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
FROM: United Staffing Associates, LLC ("United Staffing")  
DATE: July 9, 2019  
RE: Support for Cannabis Cultivation and Farming

To Whom it May Concern:

Our staffing agency, like many others, provides essential services throughout the County and California in the areas of career resources, human resources consulting, safety training, recruiting and payroll services.

Following the recent legalization of commercial cannabis production, United Staffing has developed a collaborative relationship with cannabis farmers and auxiliary businesses in Santa Barbara County.

We feel very fortunate that this emerging industry has become an important customer and consequently has contributed to our growth and economic success. United Staffing's cannabis clients help support hundreds of jobs which in turn represent a significant impact on the surrounding communities where these workers live and support their families.

United Staffing urges the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to support the cannabis cultivation and farming industry.

Respectfully,

William Hills  
VP & General Counsel