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Erin Lavery (ebrockavich.sf@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

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Sent:

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:46 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Deny Exxon trucking project - Upcoming Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to deny this dangerous project as recommended by the Santa Barbara Planning Commission.

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The recent oil spill off of Orange County underlines the severity of these risks. In addition, ExxonMobil's facilities were the largest sources of air pollution in the county and contained dangerous and toxic materials in an area that has burned by wildfire twice in the 6 years since the facilities have been shut down. We were fortunate that oil and dangerous gases were not present at the site during the recent Alisal fire, which burned onto ExxonMobil's property.

It is not just that the trucking routes are along sections of road with above average accident rates, there have been specific and recent instances of oil tankers on this route spilling oil into rivers and starting fires. In fact, on October 11 -- the same day as the Alisal fire -- an oil tanker crash near Orcutt caused a fire in Eucalyptus trees.

Thank you for denying this dangerous and unacceptable oil trucking project.

Sincerely,

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From:

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Sent:

Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:47 AM

To:

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Subject:

Do the right thing for Carpinteria Citizens

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As a long time resident of Carpinteria, I am deeply concerned about the lack of understanding of the long term effects of cannabis replacing food producing land for recreational and medicinal marijuana. There is less and less land for growing food crops in the state of California. Big food corporations are having to raise food in Mexico and transporting tomatoes, green beans, squash and so many produce items if just look at the place of origin labels in the produce section of the grocery store.

The climate and FLAT ground in the Carpinteria Valley allows many crops to be grown. Over the years the fertile ground in the valley has moved from walnuts and lima beans to today's avocados and a few row crop farms. Due to the lack of federal and state intervention the floral industry was ruined by the Mexican cartels. The cartels used flowers or fish to ship cocaine and marijuana into the United States through bogus wholesale floral companies in Florida. Drug sniffing dogs could not find the drugs which were hidden in fish and boxes of roses. How could they with the strong scent of fish or fragrant flowers. The Cartel killed the flower industry in Carpinteria.

Some of the flower growers had extended themselves by taking out loans to pay their employees. Many just gave up as flowers from South America were selling below market price as the real product coming from South America was drugs.

Please do not repeat history and let Organized Crime take over legitimate avocado ranchers and some honest flower growers who have not fallen to the ease of renting out their property for millions of dollars and not have to do anything. Do not let Organized Crime cruise the streets of Carpinteria in their black Escalades that are seen around town. Do not let the labor force get paid at least \$18 an hour to pick marijuana buds and leave restaurants, small stores and businesses unable to match marijuana growers pay for employees.

The so called taxes that the county believes they will get from higher permit fees and taxes really forgets those of us who have to live here and do not want Marijuana green house tours, the economy going to a cash one like in Humboldt county to hide drug money and organized crime and criminals roaming around Carpinteria.

Please follow the guidelines that Montecito and the north county are attempting to curtail the marijuana industry.

At least restrict the growing of marijuana at least 1,500 feet from residences, schools and other child day care institutions.

Sincerely, Marsha Ota

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:

Marsha <kdqrm7@cox.net>

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Cannabis odor

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I have lived in Carpinteria my whole life and my family has farmed open field crops since the 1920's. My grandfather grew peas, peppers, string beans and many other crops. As the times have changed our land now has avocados and organic field crops. None of the crops have ever produced the horrible, nauseating smell of Cannabis that have never produced the awful, horrible, nauseating at times, smell of Cannabis that permeates my home which is located between Casitas Pass Road and Linden. When driving through or to friends and family homes between Foothill and the freeway, the smell is there also. It seems like the smell from the nurseries growing Cannabis have not done anything to stop the smell.

Please help the citizens of Carpinteria live lives that are not surrounded by skunk smell. Please vote with the Coastal Commission's recommendations to increase the ban in rural populated areas to at least 2 miles of Cannabis growing and their other recommendations.

Cannabis growing with its smell and increase of crime related incidents is not good for Carpinteria especially with property values as fund for Carpinteria Unified School District is tied to property taxes. The education of students K-12 is truly affected by decreased property taxes. Please vote for the Coast Commission's recommendations.

Sincerely,
Marsha Ota
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From:

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Monday, February 19, 2024 8:49 AM

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Horses in Buellton Need Rescue

By Danielle Loveall, S.B. Thu Feb 15, 2024 | 1:55pm

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Here we are, another atmospheric river winter and over 200 horses are still trapped, standing and forced to lay down in a urine- and manure-saturated mud pond at Rancho Jonata in Buellton.

The mud is not good for their hooves. With uncovered hay bins, they are also forced to eat soaking wet hay that quickly goes moldy. At night, when temperatures go down to freezing, they are standing and have to lay on ice. This business has a barn and couple pipe corrals, but it does not move the horses into shelter or install an inexpensive carport cover in the corral where they are kept prisoners. It is an abuse of animals to have too many horses crammed into a small corral, exposed to extreme heat without shade in the summer to freezing cold and soaking wet in the winter.

There seems to be no way to address this extreme animal cruelty until Santa Barbara County's Board of Supervisors gets laws in place to make this illegal. It breaks my heart to see these horses suffering day after day and year after year. We need to stand up as community and rescue these horses that are in plain view along the 101.