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**From:** Peggy Brierton <pbrierton1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Resending for clarification BOS Agenda Item 3



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Dear Board of Supervisors.

I urge you to continue the appeal Pence Appeal until after the Planning Commission has made their recommendations to you for amendments to the Cannabis Ordinance. This also supports the request by the Ag Advisory Committee.

However, if you do not postpone I support the Pence appeal of Santa Rita Valley Ag Cannabis Cultivation and urge you to do the same.

With Respect,  
Peggy Brierton  
Buellton resident

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**From:** Tyler Thomas <tyler@dierbergvineyard.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Letter for Santa Rita Valley Ag., Inc Cannabis Project  
**Attachments:** Sta Rita Valley Ag Appeal - SL and DB.pdf



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Greetings,

I'd like to submit this letter for the record regarding cannabis project before the Board of Supervisors tomorrow.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,  
Tyler

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"Keep fermenting" - Someone

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March 9, 2020

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
RE: Santa Rita Valley Ag., Inc. Cannabis Cultivation Permit

Dear Chair and Supervisors of the Board

I am President of Star Lane & Dierberg Vineyards, LLC, a member of the AAC, and a member of the Board of Santa Barbara Vintner's Association. I represent several interested parties: both wine growers and winemakers. We have several concerns with the upcoming appeals of cannabis projects because, along with other agriculture entities, we believe large scale cannabis grows are not compatible with conventional & legacy agriculture under the current ordinance.

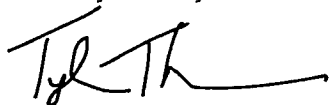
We urge the following actions:

1. Please continue these appeals until the Planning Commission has time to make recommendations to the cannabis ordinance. The PC is pursuing amendments per your direction, are making reasonable progress, and will likely recommend amendments that could impact Santa Rita Valley Ag's operation. Its stands to reason they should be able to complete that work prior to precedent setting grows are permitted.
2. If #1 is not possible, please consider the following conditions to the projects:
  - a. Limit terms of LUP to 2 years.
  - b. Contain odors within the commercial cannabis activity. It is our opinion this can best be accomplished by:
    - i. Capping outdoor grows in Ag II to 10 acres (this would be substantially higher allowance than all other county's).
    - ii. Increase vegetative screening.
    - iii. Adding 3,000 foot setbacks
    - iv. Prohibit onsite drying.
  - c. Require a release of liability for legally applied crop management materials, tools, and practices.

A few facts that drive our decisions:

- In at least two cases SB Vintner members lost tens of thousands of dollars of crop to powdery mildew because they changed legal spray practices due to threatened litigation from a neighboring cannabis grower.
- We've discovered that total wine sales account for ~\$165,000,000 in taxable revenue, and only 13% of wineries account for 55% (\$90+ million) of that total. The majority (85%) of these top 35 wineries are in rural Ag II areas and their business would be significantly impacted by cannabis odors. That will impact county coffers.
- A cannabis grower's (Hacienda project) own study verified the potential for terpene drift to taint grapes. A fine-tooth comb through said study suggest less than 2 weeks times is needed for drift of beta-Myrcene (the principal terpene released from most cannabis strains) to occur.

Thank you for your continued efforts to guide our count,



Tyler Thomas, President, Star Lane and Dierberg Vineyards.

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**From:** merrily peebles <merpeebles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Bardach A. L.; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Pence Appeal before the BOS on 3/9/2020



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Dear Board of Supervisors,

This appeal and other cannabis appeals should be continued until amendments to the Cannabis Zoning Ordinance are finalized. The Planning Commission clearly stated at the meeting last week that the ordinance needed a new direction, including the changing of type of permits needed and better odor control.

Santa Barbara County's wine business is too important to destroy. By allowing 30 acre plots of cannabis throughout the valley the character of Santa Rita and Santa Ynez will be changed. The Board is charged with maintaining and improving our County. The regulations for cannabis now allow for the takeover by greed. Please table this appeal. Thank you.

merrily peebles