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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment at the April 23, 2024 meeting where cannabis odor is one of the discussion items.

We understand the purpose of the meeting is to evaluate a number of factors, including ongoing odors from Cannabis growers. As a school in the Carpinteria Valley, we wanted to share our experience as part of this evaluation.

Over the last several years, we have seen very little decline in the odor we smell on our campus.

We understand there are ongoing discussions about the kind of odor mitigation/elimination strategies that should be used, the timing of implementation of these strategies, and the ability to accurately monitor odor levels. The assumption that has been articulated in previous hearings is the decrease of community complaints about cannabis odor is signaling a decline in odors in the area.

We are taking this opportunity to go on record with our experience that there has been little to no reduction in odor on our campus and the surrounding roadways over the past several years. We were much more diligent about reporting odors initially (2019-2022) as it was our understanding that this was a key metric that the County was going to use to measure the scope and impact of the odor issues on residents. Given little to no change in the odor levels over an extended period of time, it would appear to the typical resident that diligent reporting has no impact on odor management. This methodology is not effective in measuring the change or impact in odor levels in the surrounding area and the assumption that a decrease in reporting indicates a decrease in odor would be inaccurate.

If the County is going to use community reporting as a measurement for efficacy of odor management, a much more targeted methodology would be needed as the "report any time you smell it" methodology has gone on for so long with so little change in odor there is little confidence that reporting has any impact whatsoever in County decision making. In addition to affecting those on the campus, these odors are an ongoing source of concern for our parents, who are entrusting us with the care of their children.

Please know we appreciate the challenges odor management presents, and we would ask that the Board of Supervisors require investment by the growers in the mitigation factors that start inside the growing structures and control odor at their property line.

Thank you for your consideration,

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