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Public Comment

From: Laura Williams <lmw64@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Williams, Das; sbcob
Cc: Billy Williams
Subject: Cannabis Retail Shop

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Dear Supervisor Das Williams and all members of the Board of Supervisors,

As homeowners on Sand Point Road, we respectfully ask that you vote **NO** on the following proposals:

1. A Cannabis Retail store on Santa Claus Lane.
2. A Coastal Development Permit to allow North Starr Holdings, California LLC to cultivate 14 acres of Cannabis at 3804, 3890 and 3892 Via Real, Carpinteria.

We are adamantly opposed to both.

First, the traffic/parking issues are already extremely dangerous on Santa Claus Lane. Many drivers use the Lane as a freeway entrance and are speeding while young children are crossing the Street. We have seen many incidents that were “close calls” and downright frightening. The Beach has traditionally been a place where families gather and enjoy the beauty of Coastal Santa Barbara County. A cannabis shop near where children play and go to surf camp, have a hamburger at Padaro Beach Grill, while Mom and Dad go to Porch for some home goods, is perverse. We need safety on Santa Claus Lane, not the risk of impaired drivers.

Second, the smell of the cannabis greenhouses where it is cultivated is repugnant. It is as if the neighborhood has been overrun by angry skunks. Additionally, the lighting the growers use is distracting and impairs the beauty of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh, an ecological treasure.

In closing, spoiling the safety and beauty of our Carpinteria community is disturbing and just plain sad. Please preserve our values and vote **NO**.

Very truly yours,

William and Laura Williams

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From: CHRISTOPHER KLEVELAND <chriskleveland@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Williams, Das; sbcob
Cc: P Aoyama; Gordon Krischer
Subject: Cannabis Store Application, Santa Claus Lane

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Supervisor Williams and All Board Members:
August 24, 2020

My wife and I own a home at 841 Sand Point Rd which is near the entrance of Sand Point Road and also the proposed location for a cannabis products shop. We are very familiar with the neighborhood and walk it frequently, patronizing the shops and enjoying its funky nature.

The east end of Santa Claus Lane where the Pot Shop is proposed is home to small, locally owned businesses that cater mostly to families: Boutiques, gift shops, small restaurants, burger joints and surf shops. The beach is very popular 7 days a week, and children are always present. I am bringing this to your attention because I cannot believe anyone familiar with the area could consider it appropriate for this proposed use.

This is not the place for a store for people wanting to buy or sell drugs. I'm not going to candy-coat the description or the purpose of the outfit; to distribute drugs to the public for the purpose of getting stoned. That's what they do. It seems we have gotten into the habit of using dumbed down words and fancy pseudoscientific expressions to soften the reality of what we are dealing with. Think for a moment, why do we need to make it more palatable? It is a drug. It impairs one's ability to function physically and to make good rational decisions. It may be fun, but fun comes with responsibilities.

THERE IS A KID'S SURFING ACADEMY IN THE SAME BUILDING as the proposed Pot Shop. Their front doors are feet apart. Do you as a Board want to set that as a precedent for appropriateness? I think not.



I strongly encourage you to VOTE NO on this one. I cannot speak for other residents on Sand Point Road or Padaro Lane, but I have not yet met one person who thinks this is a good idea. Indeed, I have met quite a few citizens who are dismayed and disappointed and even angry that this is even being considered.

Please deny this application.

Thank you for your time,

Chris Kleveland
Vice President, Sandyland Protective Association

Patricia Aoyama
Homeowner