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Dear Board of County Supervisors,

I write you this letter to OPPOSE any cannabis dispensary in Old Orcutt or Northern Santa Barbara County, period. I was particularly disturbed by how the Old Orcutt Market was quietly and secretly purchased in April by drug lords. I have known the the owner Mark Steller since we were in DeMolay together in the 80s. Mark and his wife are outstanding members of the community. The Market is also a key landmark and provides an essential service to the community. They also market local goods line wine that otherwise would be hard to come by.

A drug den on Clark blocks from a school on the main street to Orcutt is a bad idea. The fact is drug dens bring crime with them and are not suitable for small communities like Orcutt. Marijuana is also leads to an increase in DUI an cause mental health issues. This is not the message we as a community we want to send to those visiting for wine tasting, antiques and tri-tip, a drug den on the corner of our picturesque town. I oppose any effort to open drug dispensaries in Orcutt and North SBCO.

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