



City of Buellton

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Appeal of Castlerock Family Farms II, LLC Land Use Permit

Chair Hart and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

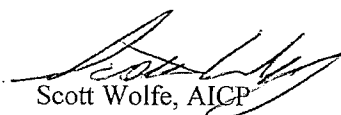
The City of Buellton has previously gone on record with its position on the approach to be taken by the County with regard to the permitting of cannabis cultivation operations. The City's position is one which has been consistent for some time, is NOT anti-cannabis, but is unapologetically protective of the quality of life of Buellton residents, as well as the future viability of our established tourism-based economy.

The City recognizes the complex nature of the cannabis issue and the effort that the County has put into the development of the new regulations to help mitigate impacts of these cultivation operations. However, as has been conveyed to the Board of Supervisors previously, the odor impacts of the existing cannabis facilities are undeniable (though identification of the "offending operation" is difficult at best). Strong cannabis odors are frequently experienced in various parts of Buellton, with only a couple cultivation operations currently to the west of the City. The Board of Supervisors has recently approved additional cultivation acreage, and is considering the appeal of the approval of the Castlerock Family Farms II application. With impacts already being experienced, it is apparent that the only way to prevent additional impacts is to stop approving additional acreage of cannabis cultivation west of the City.

Buellton respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors consider the cumulative effects of the amount of acreage to be cultivated with cannabis with regard to the odors that Buellton's residents will be subjected to when these operations are all underway. The City is concerned about the impacts to existing wine and tourism industries and the subsequent impacts to our local economy, but of primary importance to the City of Buellton and its City Council is the protection of our residents' quality of life and the ability to enjoy their homes without being subjected to extreme levels of odor. We request that the Board of Supervisors uphold the appeal of this Land Use Permit.

The City of Buellton has always valued the cooperative relationship between the City and the County, and hope that this relationship will continue into the future through mutual respect and understanding of each entity's concerns.

Respectfully submitted,


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