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Public Comment

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Supervisor Gregg Hart
 Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Hart:

The citizens of Orcutt strongly urge you and the County Board of Supervisors to require a conditional use permit (CUP) for all cannabis projects including dispensaries in urban zone districts, especially in the Old Town Orcutt area. Retail cannabis already requires a CUP in the OTR-14/GC Zone, and we request that this requirement be extended to all zoning in the Orcutt Planning Area.

Cannabis dispensaries impact communities and have a strong potential to adversely impact neighborhood compatibility. Citizens have the right to voice their opposition of support of such projects, and only the CUP discretionary process provides the appropriate venue for this input. A land use permit process does not allow for adequate public input due to limitations in noticing. A CUP process ultimately will give you and the decision makers the most accurate appraisal of community opinion so as to make the best informed decision.

As the principal of Orcutt Junior High School, just blocks from Old Town, I whole heartedly oppose this endeavor. I know there have been talks that the site of Old Town Market may be a processing warehouse doesn't make me feel any better. From the start of school through October, Orcutt Junior High had 13 vaping suspensions of students who were in possession and many under the influence of cannibus vapes. These are 12-14 year old children. And this is without a dispensary in Old Orcutt. Nothing good will come of this for the children of Orcutt. I urge you to deny Dayspring's permit request.

Respectfully,

Kelly Osborne
 Community Member
 Orcutt Junior High Principal