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Subject: Cannabis/ Right to Farm

Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara

Re Cannabis Amendment

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My family and I have lived in the Carpinteria Valley for more than 30 years. My son grew up in a healthy beautiful environment that we cherish. I think I am writing for many who do not communicate on this issue including fellow senior citizens, school children, busy parents and busy people. The issue of the commercial growing of cannabis in our neighborhood is extremely important to me and my neighbors. I have never been more involved in any community issue like I have this one. I have attended countless neighborhood meetings, appeared before the Planning Commission, your Board and had meetings with Supervisor Williams.

Before you is the recommendation by your staff regarding the cultivation of cannabis. My family supports that staff recommendation. We believe that cannabis not be permitted to receive protection from Right to Farm. Your staff has determined for good and valid reasons that the cultivation of cannabis should not be afforded the same nuisance protections as other agricultural crops. The heartening finds in their report represent someone downtown listening to the residents and recognizing that it is highly likely that is it going to be me, my neighbors, the principle at the high school, Cate School and the churches who will be enforcing the regulations regarding this new industry. We need to have every tool available to do so.

We believe that the revenue sources created by the new industry of cannabis as also outlined in the recommendation are important, modest by many standards but mandatory as there will be resources required to adequate register and supervise the cannabis growers. (Some local growers we know are a front for the national weed industry.)

To conclude, please adopt the Staff recommendations. Without your doing so, we will be left with next to nothing to attempt to preserve the quality of our life here in the Carpinteria Valley.

Thank you.

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