

de la Guerra, Sheila Public Comment - Group 6

**From:** Pierre | LaBarge Winery <pierre@labargewinery.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:08 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reference Agenda Item #7 - BOS Meeting 6/2/20  
**Attachments:** LaBarge BOS Letter 6.1.20.docx



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Dear Clerk of the board,  
Please see attached letter for agenda item #7 in tomorrow's meeting.  
Regards,  
Pierre

# LABARGE

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to urge your support of the Planning Commission's recommendations to require both a CUP for cannabis cultivation and on-site processing on AG-II parcels, and countywide odor control.

I have already seen the toll taken on farmers and residents in Santa Barbara County in dealing with cannabis growing and processing. I believe this issue needs to be cleaned up before it gets out of control and our county is forever overtaken by unpleasant odors, threatened lawsuits, unsightly plastic hoop houses, crop taint, and lying and deceit from these entities.

Thank you for your consideration on this deeply important issue.

Regards,  
Pierre LaBarge IV  
LaBarge Winery

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**From:** Nate Watts <ndwatts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Zoning details

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Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Hart:

As a local teacher in the community, and someone who just moved to Orcutt a year ago, partially to get out of Grover Beach, I saw their Cannabis dispensaries and how they operated already affecting our lifestyle in my former small town. I am writing to 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.

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Thank you for your consideration

Nate Watts

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**From:** John Wheaton <ccsd@thegrid.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:20 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permits

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Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Chair, SB County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Hart.

We, the citizens of Orcutt strongly urge that the Board require a conditional use permit,(CUP), for ALL cannabis projects including dispensaries in urban zone districts, especially the Old Town area.

Thank you for your help,  
John Wheaton

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**From:** Colin Miller <colin@bluepacificbio.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:28 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Amendments to LUDC Regarding Commercial Cannabis Activities  
**Attachments:** Neighbor Letter 6-2-2020 Hearing (003).pdf

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Please see the attached document urging support of the Commission's recommendation to require CUPs for Cannabis Cultivation and other related activities.

Thank you,

*Colin Miller*  
805-965-8180 (o)  
562-818-8234 (c)

June 2, 2020

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, California 93101  
By email to sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

**RE: Amendments to LUDC Regarding Commercial Cannabis Activities  
Departmental Item #7**

Chair Hart and Honorable Supervisors,

We are writing to urge your support of the Planning Commission's recommendations to require both a CUP for cannabis cultivation and on-site processing on AG-II parcels, and odor control in AG-II zones. We support all cannabis cultivation being permitted with a CUP as this step gives the County the necessary authority and discretion to tailor cannabis projects, while affording interested parties access to project documents and a written staff analysis of the key issues to learn about the project, and raise questions and concerns to staff and the Planning Commission *before* project approval.

Public participation is welcomed and neighbor input is recognized as critical in almost any other context – particularly for new industries. This is not the case with cannabis permits where the public cannot comment on a draft permit or have their concerns addressed before projects are approved. The current permitting process forces applicants to work through complicated regulatory issues with County staff without any public input. Without community input before project approval, the community is left in the dark and is thus appealing almost every project – this ultimately takes even more time. If there were more robust public participation and engagement through a CUP and hearing process, better projects would come forth and they would move forward more quickly. Further, if all parties can plan for projects to go before the Planning Commission at the outset, projects will move through the County's process in a more orderly fashion and applicants will have more certainty about that process.

The CUP will also give the oversight and control it needs to integrate this new industry into our community without negatively impacting other industries. It is clear the current process for permitting cannabis operations has resulted in cannabis threatening our existing industries, rather than integrating into our community. The County's current "one size fits all" land use permitting structure has unfortunately facilitated this imbalance. A CUP for all cannabis projects will return the balance by promoting fairness and accountability in the permitting and approval process for all community members.

Thank you for your time and consideration of your community's concerns. Please give us a voice in the County's process to integrate this new industry into our communities and prevent these endless appeals.

Sincerely,

Colin Miller

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**From:** Sara Shiffrar <sara.shiffrar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:33 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** RE: Cannabis Dispensary in Old Orcutt

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Supervisor Greg Hart  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Hart,

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The sale of property that the current Old Town Market is established at and the impending closure of the market is a loss to the community. The addition of a cannabis dispensary will be a complete devastation. Our little town has come so far in the past 10-15 years. It is now a destination for fine dining and wine tasting. The addition of a dispensary will negatively effect the culture of our area and the desirability of the areas around it.

Sincerely,  
Sara Shiffrar  
Orcutt Resident

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**From:** Michele McGarry <mntesta@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Old Town Orcutt

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Supervisor Greg Hart, 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 Zone, and we request that this requirement be extended to all zoning in the Orcutt Planning Area.

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Sincerely,  
Michele McGarrt  
Orcutt Resident

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Good Farmers Great Neighbors <noreply@123formbuilder.io>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Supporting County Cannabis Farmers

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**Name** Lyle Martin  
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United States  
**Subject** County Cannabis Farmers Standing With Our Community  
**Message** To: Honorable Supervisors of Santa Barbara County  
Supervisor Greg Hart, Chair  
Supervisor Das Williams, District 1  
Supervisor Joan Hartmann, District 3  
Supervisor Peter Adams, District 4  
Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, District 5

Our community has been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis. Many of our local communities are experiencing double-digit unemployment. As Santa Barbara County continues to practice social distancing and under Governor Newsom's shelter mandate, the future of many local industries and jobs remain uncertain, in particular those in the hospitality and restaurant sectors.

I am writing to acknowledge the work of the county's cannabis industry, which was given an essential business determination by the Governor at the start of this pandemic. Our cannabis farmers have risen to the occasion, not only to bolster the local economy during this time, but additionally taking action to reach across industries in solidarity. As allies in our business community, we intend to continue finding new ways to collaborate and ensure our local independent businesses emerge from this crisis stronger than before.

The North County cannabis farms are working with beloved local eateries and restaurants to ensure they can weather this crisis together. Beloved local establishments such as Industrial Eats, Pattibakes, Floriano's, Herb Home, Los Arroyos, and California Tacos, are part of an effort to provide meals to our workforce through a food delivery service for all cannabis employees located at both farms and other facilities.

As our county looks ahead to potential budget cuts in the not so distant future, given the economic impact of the necessary COVID-19 response, the

importance of tax revenue provided by the cannabis industry becomes increasingly apparent. The tax revenues our county receives will be critical in the coming months to help off-set potential budget cuts to vital government services for communities of color, seniors and other vulnerable populations.

The cannabis farmers of Santa Barbara County are job creators, industry leaders, and valued community members. I urge the Board of Supervisors to recognize their actions to support us during these difficult times.

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**From:** noahsark@silcom.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Dispensary in Orcutt

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**Bonnie Hayden**

Varietal Care Vineyard Management  
805-937-1542, or 805-896-9433 mobile



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**From:** Amanda Buenrostro <AmandaBuenrostro@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:47 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permits

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ATTN: Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Hart,

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Furthermore, the current proposed location of a Cannabis dispensary is an unsafe location for our children. My children currently ride their bikes multiple times a week to Orcutt Market (the current business in the proposed future location of a dispensary). They attend Orcutt Jr. High and Orcutt Academy High school and would pass the dispensary as they bike to and from school daily. This is not the proper location for a dispensary. It is too close to neighboring schools and it does not fit into the walkable downtown feel of Old Orcutt we've worked so hard to develop over the last few years.

Thank you for your time and consideration of requiring a CUP.

Amanda Buenrostro  
Orcutt Resident

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**From:** Lisa Machado <lmoept@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Old Town Orcutt Dispensary CUP

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Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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Sincerely,  
Lisa L. Machado  
Orcutt, CA 93455

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**From:** Marcelo Lopez <mlopezsb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:11 PM  
**To:** Hart, Gregg; Henson, Chris; Williams, Das; Elliott, Darcel; Hartmann, Joan; Litten, Jefferson; Adam, Peter; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve; Bantilan, Cory; sbcob  
**Cc:** gene@earthlink.net; Linda; Jim Mannoia; robyn geddes; francisco.palencia@ymail.com; Jeani Burke; jslaterfineart@gmail.com; Diana Lippert; penneyangelotti@gmail.com; gaels4373@gmail.com; Ron Singer; janror; lynncederquist@icloud.com; jklentner@gmail.com  
**Subject:** A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING IS A MUST - PLEASE READ INTO THE RECORD

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Honorable Chair and Board Members

### A CUP FOR ALL CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING IS A MUST

The Board of Supervisors has an opportunity to correct past policy mistakes. The current ordinance had a chance to work but failed. Our health and quality of life is being assaulted by Board policies that created an out of control cannabis industry. The daily offensive noxious eye watering odors that permeate our homes on the Foothill Road corridor from Casitas Pass to Toro Canyon is proof. Please don't allow it to continue. "Better late than never" applies here - please, enough is enough!

We urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the Cannabis Ordinance amendments unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission. This should have been done from day one. All permits for all cannabis cultivation and processing must be conditional. Conditional Use Permits will allow a check on projects based on community impacts and feedback, which the current ordinance does not.

When the income underreporting growers and operators making millions of dollars show the "poor us" card, please consider the negative impacts their operations have on the majority of your constituent's quality of life and property values.

Will the Board take this opportunity to correct past mistakes, promote compatibility and safeguard the health and quality of life of the people the Board represents? We hope so. It is what a responsible Board would do.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Valerie Bentz <valeriebentz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:14 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; peter.adam@sountyofsb.org; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** CVA Board  
**Subject:** TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD AT THE JUNE 2ND METING: Re: Mitigation of impacts of Cannabis growing on local communities

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On May 29, 2020, at 1:18 PM, Valerie Bentz <[valeriebentz@gmail.com](mailto:valeriebentz@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Santa Barbara County Board,

Please put in measures to mitigate effects of cannabis growing near residential areas in our communities.

As a resident of Carpinteria, we are one of the hardest hit areas as our neighborhoods run within yards of some of the growers.

We are tired of hearing about odor reduction systems that not only do not work but also put more allergens into our environment I cannot keep my windows open, must see an allergist regularly and get headaches for the effects of these cannabis operations.

Please for once take into consideration the effects on “sensitive receptors” such as humans.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bentz, Ph.D.  
Resident of Carpinteria



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CHANGE THE WORLD. START WITH YOURS.

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**From:** Robert Curtis <rcurtis@foleybezek.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:18 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Hartmann, Joan  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 20-00387 June 2, 2020 BOS meeting

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**PLEASE HAVE THIS EMAIL READ INTO THE RECORD AT THE MEETING**

Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

I am writing concerning an often overlooked and rarely discussed danger presented by cannabis operations in this County.

On May 16, there was a tragic explosion in Los Angeles that severely injured 11 firefighters. LAFD Capt. Erik Scott said the building was a warehouse for a maker of "cannabis oil." The explosion was caused by butane which easily ignites and is used in the process to extract THC from cannabis plants to create a concentrate also known as "cannabis oil" used in vape pens and edibles.

This danger to Santa Barbara County is not hypothetical. The SB Newspress reported that Barry Brand, who was cited for a marijuana misdemeanor in January, was operating a "volatile extrication lab" and stored over 1,000 pounds of extracted cannabis oil at 5300 Foothill Road in Carpinteria.

Experts at the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have long warned governments about the dangers of cannabis oil extraction and storage. And, according to a February 2019 report by POLITICO, at least 10 fires or explosions have occurred in the United States in the past five years at facilities that extract cannabis oil. Nearly all resulted in serious injuries for both production-line workers and first responders.

Requiring cannabis operators to utilize the CUP process will give the community the transparency it needs to evaluate whether cannabis oil production poses real dangers to neighboring schools and homes in Carpinteria and in high fire danger areas in Northern County. Please help protect us from these dangers!

- Robert Curtis

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**From:** Sara Rotman <sara@newcobranding.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:20 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** County Board of Supervisors Meeting – June 2, 2020 – Agenda Item #7 – Cannabis Ordinance Amendments - Request to be Read by the Clerk  
**Attachments:** Wine and Cannabis Support Letter PDF.pdf

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June 1, 2020

Honorable Supervisor Gregg Hart

Chair of the Board

Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

105 East Anapamu Street

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: County Board of Supervisors Meeting – June 2, 2020 – Agenda Item #7 – Cannabis Ordinance Amendments - **Request to be Read by the Clerk**

**Topic: TOGETHER WE THRIVE**

Dear Honorable Chair Hart and Board Members,

Like so many of our neighbors, the wine industry has been deeply impacted by COVID19. We must now evolve to support our families, employees and community. We have found likeminded ally's in our local cannabis community who share our goals. Together, we intend to continue finding new ways to collaborate and ensure local independent businesses emerge from this crisis stronger than before.

The Santa Barbara County wine industry is uniquely positioned in the marketplace with tasting rooms and vineyards that could easily complement educational tours for local cannabis tourists. We are especially interested in attracting a new demographic of consumers that, according to experts, are looking for experience-oriented weekend getaways while traveling close to home. Consumers who overwhelmingly support legal cannabis.

However, we are deeply concerned that a small vocal group of special interests have poisoned the waters for reasonable dialogue and compromise. We strongly oppose their campaign tactics of personal attacks, falsehoods, misinformation and lack of respect for scientific facts. They do not speak for our entire industry.

Just like wine, the cannabis farmers of Santa Barbara County are job creators, industry leaders, and valued community members. We look forward to working as a team to bolster economic strength and mutual respect. We urge the Board of Supervisors to recognize their contributions and **NOT** consider policies that hinder the industry. Let's adopt forward thinking ideas that provide certainty and stability in the marketplace. Allow us to continue to pioneer with this vital new industry for the benefit of both.

Sincerely,

Mike Brown  
Kalyra Winery

Brittany Rice  
Sunstone Winery

Teddy Cabugos  
Sunstone Winery

Kathleen A. Griffith  
Flying Goat Cellars

Sara Rotman & Nate Ryan Diaz  
Busy Bee's Organics, INC

Todd Mehl  
The Farming Company, LLC

Maria Arroyo  
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**SARA ROTMAN**

**BOSS LADY**

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**From:** Cynthia Whalen <gaviotacoast2@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Orcutt Conditional use permit

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As a new resident of Orcutt I am shocked at the possibility of a Marijuana dispensary at the site of Old Town Market. One of the reasons My husband and I bought property in Orcutt was because the charm of Old Town. The old town market store is part of the charm. Having a dispensary at that location its not my view of charming. I would've thought twice before purchasing my property if I would've known that a dispensary would be a possibility in the center of Old Town.

I am 100% against a Marijuana dispensary in Old Town Orcutt.

Cynthia Whalen

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**From:** Ali Bailey <alibailey01@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public comment for SB County Board of Supervisors

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Hello Supervisor Gregg Hart and SB County Board of Supervisors:

I am a resident of Old Town Orcutt. I reside a few homes down from Old Town Market that's situated at the corner of Clark and North Gray. I observe daily, school age children walk, ride and skateboard through Old Town on Gray to Park Avenue as this is a neighborhood cut through for many young people who reside in Foxenwood Housing.

I am strongly urging you and the Board of Supervisors to require a CUP for all cannabis projects including dispensaries in urban zoned districts; in particular...Old Town Orcutt.

Cannabis dispensaries affect communities. They negatively impact neighborhoods with high traffic volume, parking issues and the overall security guard presence that creates an unsafe image and takes away from the charming, family feel that Old Town prides itself with our quaint shops and eateries. A land use permit process does not allow for adequate public input; however a CUP process does provide the most thorough use of public comment to ensure the most informed action is being taken.

Please consider this appeal for requiring a CUP.

Kristen A. Bailey

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**From:** Jessica Giboney <jessicagiboney@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:30 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Orcutt CUP Proposal

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Supervisor Greg 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 Zone, and we request that this requirement be extended to all zoning in the Orcutt Planning Area.

Cannabis Dispensaries impact communities and have strong potential to adversely impact neighborhood compatibility. Citizens have the right to voice their opposition or 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 notification. A CUP process ultimately will give you as the decision makers the most accurate appraisal of community opinion so as to make the most informed decision.

The sale of property that the current Old Town Market is established and the impending closure of the market is a loss to the community. The addition of a cannabis dispensary will be a complete devastation. The small town of Orcutt has worked so hard over the last 10-15 years. Our town has made strides in boosting our economy with the addition of fine dining and wine tasting. The addition of a dispensary will negatively effect the culture of our area and the desirability of the areas around it.

In addition, as a parent of children who attend Orcutt Junior High School, I can attest to the fact that vaping and marijuana use amongst adolescents is a problem in our schools and our city. The American College of Pediatrics (ACP) affirms that legalization has led to a growing belief amongst adolescents that marijuana use is harmless. The ACP also indicates that according to the CDC, more teens smoke marijuana than cigarettes. It is my hope that our county will work to combat the adolescent over exposure to marijuana, and I hope that we can work to limit that exposure. With no transportation available from my neighborhood, my children, as well as many others, would be walking to school near and/or around a cannabis dispensary. This is unacceptable.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Jessica Giboney  
Concerned Orcutt Resident



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**From:** stefanieh@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:35 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Cannabis projects

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Supervisor Hart:

I've been told that tonight, the Board of Supervisors will be discussing using a CUP in lieu of a land use permit for cannabis projects. I strongly support requiring 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 I request that this requirement be extended to all zoning in the Orcutt Planning Area.

Cannabis dispensaries impact communities and have strong potential to adversely impact neighborhood compatibility. Citizens have the right to voice their opposition or 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, as the decision makers, the most accurate appraisal of community opinion so as to make the best informed decision.

There are many reasons for the citizens of Orcutt to oppose a future dispensary in Old Orcutt – two schools within walking distance of the dispensary, the route to/from homes to the schools takes them directly past the former location of the Old Town Market, the new owners have already projected a high traffic value at this location should they be able to open which Old Orcutt would not be able to handle traffic-wise. There are numerous other areas in the Orcutt/Santa Maria area that would be better suited for this type of business, Old Orcutt is not one of those places.

The citizens of Orcutt would appreciate your support.  
Stefanie Hassett

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**From:** Karen Field <kneese@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:41 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment in support of CUPs for cannabis cultivation

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Honorable Supervisors:

**PLEASE READ INTO THE RECORD for BOS Hearing on June 2, 2020 on Revision of Cannabis Ordinance. THIS LETTER IS LESS THAN 250 WORDS – THANK YOU.**

As a resident/taxpayer, I write to request that you **vote for Conditional Use Permits (CUP's) for all cannabis operations, including nurseries**. CUPs are the right choice for all SBC communities for these reasons:

1. Neighborhood compatibility. The main objection to cannabis cultivation in certain areas is incompatibility with surrounding land uses. CUP's can include conditions to limit adverse impacts to adjacent/downwind neighbors, including odor abatement and pesticide controls. Currently, LUP's being used do not consider the project's compatibility with neighborhoods.
2. Transparent Public Process. LUPs are issued behind closed doors by the Planning Director with limited public access to documents, no public review process or public hearing. CUP's are issued by the Planning Commission – not staff. Project documents are posted and the Planning Commission holds public hearings to review proposed projects and hear from the public.
3. Authority to mitigate impacts. According to the County Attorney, under LUP's, the County has limited authority to reduce project size or require enhanced impact mitigation. This limited authority recently prevented the BOS from reducing the size of the West Coast project when the reduction was supported by the applicant! CUP's provide much greater authority for the County to customize cannabis projects to avoid deleterious effects and protect the environment.

Cannabis is legal in California and Santa Barbara County, but cannot coexist without rules. A CUP requirement will help SBC set rules which are reasonable and effective for the cannabis industry and sustainable for communities.

Thank you for voting to amend the ordinance and require CUP's for all cannabis cultivation projects.

Sincerely,

Karen and Nathan Field

974 Via Campobello

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

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**From:** Theresa Reilly <tree101@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cannabis Land Use Ordinances Recommendations

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Please see the resubmitted letter below to be read at the hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Thank you,

Theresa Reilly

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**From:** Theresa Reilly <tree101@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020, 3:14 PM  
**To:** sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us  
**Subject:** Re: Cannabis Land Use Ordinances Recommendations

To be read into the record:

Dear County Supervisors,

As a resident of Buellton, I am very concerned about the proliferation of cannabis cultivation in the corridor between Buellton and Lompoc. While I support measured, well-planned cultivation in general, I believe there are too many acres being concentrated along Hwy 246 in an area close to schools, residences, senior living communities, parks and pre-existing agricultural industries such as vineyards, equestrian centers and other small farms. Odor is a major concern as there are already days that the skunk smell of cannabis is reaching my home in the Ranch Club Estates senior community and in the River View Park. Carpinteria is so horrendous that I am affected by the odor even driving on 101 with my windows and vents closed. Increased traffic, safety and security issues, lighting, and aesthetic degradation of the viewscape are all factors to consider.

I urge you to approve the County Planning Commission's recommendations amending the Cannabis Land Used Ordinances to:

- 1) Require Conditional Use Permits for cannabis cultivation and on-site processing activities on agriculturally designated lands.
- 2) Require Odor Abatement Plans for all cannabis cultivation and processing.

With regard to Odor Abatement, methods which add other odors that may be noxious to sensitive individuals are not good solutions!

Thank you for your diligence in monitoring this burgeoning industry with a balanced approach taking our local communities into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Reilly

330 W. Hwy 246 SPC 115  
Buellton, CA 93427

(Note: Comments - without my address - may be read into the record.)

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**From:** Brian Goebel <brian.goebel@driving2save.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 2:49 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Cannabis

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I am the father of a student at Carpinteria High School. In the Carpinteria area, many school children are exposed to cannabis cultivation as they walk, bicycle, or drive to and from school and after school activities. They must also put up with the cannabis stench while in class and outdoors during many school days. I believe that the interests of our school children have been largely, if not entirely, ignored in the current County cannabis regulations. I am writing in favor of the proposal to require a CUP for cannabis cultivation or other policy changes that would ensure that the interests of children are considered and protected in our regulatory regime going forward.

Brian Goebel

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**From:** Derek Duncan <derekd@seymourduncan.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:02 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Cannabis Ordinance - Proposed CUPs Amendments

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Derek Duncan, I am a resident of Santa Barbara, was born and raised here and I work at my families electronics business that has been in the county for over 40 years. I would like to express my deepest concerns about mandating conditional use permits for all cannabis projects.

As someone who has been in the LUP process since March 2019, and received our initial feedback letter one day shy of 8 MONTHS, I feel a mandated CUP will literally **paralyze** land use permitting and subdivision activity within the County. With 170 separate pending cannabis applications. Each PC hearing for a cannabis project requiring a **minimum of 3-6 hours**, it would take approximately **507-1,014 hours** to process just the existing **170** cannabis applications

Moreover, I strongly believe that these policies only advance a us vs them syndrome that only perpetuates an outdated and failed perspective. I am encouraged to see and read in the news that cannabis and wine community leaders are getting together to help develop new ideas to attract tourism and create local jobs. The County should do everything it can to promote this new endeavor.

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** Francesca Lindley <francesca@CoastalVineyardcare.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das  
**Subject:** Letter for the Cannabis Ordinance Agenda item - June 2nd, 2020  
**Attachments:** Letter to the Board of Supervisors 6-1-2020.docx

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Dear Clerk of Santa Barbara,

**Please read the attached into the record.**

Thank you and kind regards,

Francesca

Francesca Lindley  
Chief Financial Officer  
(805) 245-6223



Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please uphold the recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend the Cannabis Ordinance to require Conditional Use Permits for all cannabis operations. In hours of hearings, I personally witnessed the Planning Commission listen carefully to arguments from all sides of the issues and challenges at play, and their thoughtful, balanced approach for a compromised solution deserves respect and endorsement.

I am the CFO for Coastal Vineyard Care Associates. Our company farms numerous vineyards in Santa Barbara County, including many from which incredible premium, indeed, world-class, wines are made. I am also the owner of a small vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills and I am fortunate that my fruit is sold to one of California's finest wineries.

You have heard arguments regarding the incompatibility of cannabis grown alongside vineyards and this is now translating into a direct impact on the ability of vineyards to sell their grapes. As the grape sales conduit between our clients and over 400 hundred wineries, we're nervously being asked questions about cannabis proximity and crop conflict. Further, an application for 29 acres of cannabis hoop houses just 500 feet from my vineyard is currently in process. My fear, and the fear of our entire industry, is that buyers will simply go elsewhere, rendering our investments worthless and thousands of jobs lost. In my case, my vineyard is my life savings.

Please protect the years of wine industry investment in our county. Unlike cannabis, we cannot simply move elsewhere.

Regards,

Francesca Lindley



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**From:** susan belloni <susanbelloni@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** For June 2 BOS mtg: To Be Read into the Record  
**Attachments:** BOS LETTER June 2, 2020 read into record.pdf

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please read this letter into the record for the Cannabis Ord. hearing, June 2, 2020.

Thank you!

*Susan Belloni*  
[www.susanbelloni.com](http://www.susanbelloni.com)

TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD

June 1, 2020

Dear Chair Hart and Supervisors,

The original permit application for the Cannabis Ordinance seemed to be a strict attempt to streamline its process. I've always thought streamlining something you've never done before, for an industry brand new in the County, was going to be difficult and full of unintended consequences. Here is a description of the original process from the perspective of a Santa Ynez Valley resident:

One day, a neighbor is surprised to get a notice in the mail of a cannabis cultivation application, the only notice. If they want any input as a neighbor, they have to call the County to become an "aggrieved party" and do that within an unknown amount of time before the permit is approved, They next have to figure out how to determine the exact day when a permit IS approved. Then, they have 10 days from permit approval to make any sort of appeal. There is no public hearing.

Here are reasons I think a CUP is a better standard for permitting cannabis than the original one and why I urge you to adopt it today:

1. The neighbors and public should have the right to a CUP hearing where many unforeseen problems will appear because the industry is so new to the Santa Ynez Valley and the County.
2. Each parcel has different considerations as to compatibility with vineyards, ranch residences, food crops or sensitive populations nearby.
3. The Santa Ynez Community Plan has a goal to protect the rural, scenic character of the valley. We have a Design Overlay that is often forgotten but its policies need to be adhered to in order to protect our rural, visual resources and achieve our goals. A hearing may help adhere to the D.O.
4. I believe these permits run with the land and there will be a limit to total acreage allowed for cannabis so it's very important to get it right. A CUP will have a better chance of getting it right.

I also urge you to require odor abatement for all cannabis cultivation and processing due to the fact that schools can be affected like they are in Carpinteria and sensitive children can live on a ranch and not just be in daycare situations. The elderly in retirement communities still don't seem to be considered yet and they may live near a cultivation or processing area, too.

Lastly, I want to thank you for using your right to change the regulations in the Cannabis Ordinance at any time and for your concern, in the Amendment to the Right to Farm Ordinance, for young children, sensitive populations and the potential for crime.

The amendment to the Right to Farm Ordinance says:

Given the status of cannabis as a highly regulated controlled substance, which as of the date of the ordinance amendment adding this subsection is illegal under Federal law, cannabis cultivation involves potential adverse effects that differ from the cultivation of other types of crops (e.g., criminal activity, and impacts on children and sensitive populations) State and County cannabis regulations include a number of development standards and permitting requirements to avoid or mitigate these adverse effects, which are not required for the cultivation of other types of crops on agricultural lands. Therefore, cannabis cultivation is excluded from the protections of this ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Susan Belloni  
Solvang, CA

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**From:** Villalobos, David  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Fwd: SENT SATURDAY TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD JUNE 2

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**From:** Jan Davidson <winemath@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:04 PM  
**To:** Villalobos, David  
**Subject:** SENT SATURDAY TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD JUNE 2

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hi David, I sent this on Saturday and just realized It bounced back.  
Please read below. Can you get my letter to be read into the record at the meeting tomorrow?  
I sent this letter last week and forgot to ask that it be read into the record. Then I just got notification today that it bounced went after I resent on Saturday. Hope I'm not too late I thought you could help me out. Thank you!!!

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Please vote YES to

- 1) Require Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) for all applications and
- 2) Require Odor Abatement Plans for all cultivation and processing.

These applicants should have to prove they were already producing medicinal cannabis per county requirements, not simply be permitted to lie on their applications.

I am a 30 year property owner living in paradise on rural Ag II land in the Sta. Rita Hills appellation west of Buellton.

Last year I was stunned to find myself enveloped by the overwhelming odor of Cannabis while driving down Highway 246 with my windows rolled up! The sickening stench was from a single cannabis grow that I couldn't even see, but later learned was above the Pence property.

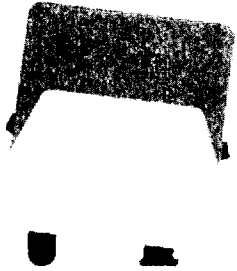
I am deeply concerned about the Negative consequences to our air quality and our right to enjoy living in this once pristine environment, if hundreds of acres of cannabis are allowed to concentrate in the proposed "cannabis corridor" west of Buellton. Are we going to have to wear face masks forever?

This is nationally unprecedented, irresponsible and unacceptable! Santa Barbara County already produces more cannabis than can be consumed within our state. So who are we really supplying? Think about it.

Please support the residents you were elected to represent. Please don't turn our rural paradise into a County overrun by Industrial Cannabis production, with the enormous negative consequences to productive residents, vineyard owners and farmers already here for generations beforehand.

Thank you,

Jan Davidson  
Santos Road



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Cheers!



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**From:** Deanne Johnson <DJohnson@orcutt-schools.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** CUP for cannabis dispensaries

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Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Hart:

I am writing to 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.

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Your help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you,  
Deanne Johnson

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**From:** John Faulkner <john@provignage.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** comments on Cannabis Ordinance for 6/2/20 meeting

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*Please read this into the record*

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I live in Lompoc, and see that things end up in our city's "backyard" that the rest of the County eagerly sidetracks our way (Lompoc has concentrated poverty where so much of the county has concentrated affluence). But I raise concern about cannabis cultivation not because I'm a NIMBY. I'm not one. Cannabis will exist, and so will wildfire, and gang violence, and the Lompoc Federal Penitentiary; and that's life. But, please heed your own experts' advice at the Planning Commission: conditional use permits are a reasonable means of managing cannabis cultivation. An industry of small-scale, conscientious growing is fine. Just please don't let it run rampant and unchecked.

Thank you for your years-long consideration of this issue.

John Faulkner

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**From:** David Billesbach <dabilles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment: D7) Hearing for June 2, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting

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The Board of Supervisors should not require conditional use permits for cannabis operations in Santa Barbara County. LUP's and CDP's already require that odor abatement plans from a certified hygienist to prevent odor from being detected in neighborhoods. Once CDP's and LUP's are issued, the problem will be resolved and bad actors will be penalized. Requiring a CUP for cannabis will reduce tax revenue without solving odor problems. Wineries are breaking the law by allowing pesticide drift. If cannabis operators are required to acquire a CUP to be compatible near vineyards, then vintners should be required to acquire a CUP to prove their illegal pesticide drift won't affect their organic farm neighbors. Cannabis is organic and should not be held to higher standards than neighboring environmentally harmful agriculture.



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**From:** Steve Junak <ranchocebada@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment letter for 2 June 2020 BOS hearing (Agenda Item D-7-Cannabis)  
**Attachments:** Cannabis SB BOS 1 Jun 2020.docx

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Dear Clerk of the Board:

Please enter this letter into the record and distribute to the Board Members.

Thank you!

Steve Junak

1 June 2020

Chair Hart and Honorable Board Members,

Please consider making the following changes to the Cannabis Ordinance:

At previous meetings, you have already heard much of the rationale behind these recommendations from numerous public speakers, so we will not repeat those explanations and comments today.

-Please address the clustering of Cannabis activities in Cebada and Tepusquet canyons, and in the Goleta, Santa Ynez, and Carpinteria valleys. Please consider placing a limit on land use permits in any particular neighborhood or area.

-Prohibit Cannabis operations in all EDRNs. The CUP requirement for these areas is not adequately protecting neighboring property owners. The current situation requires constant vigilance by neighboring residents and has drastically affected the quality of life for property owners in Cebada and Tepusquet canyons. We have been forced to deal with illegal grow sites for years now.

-Prohibit Cannabis activities in high fire danger areas with limited access roads.

-Prohibit volatile and non-volatile processing activities in and near residential areas, including EDRNs. These industrial activities should be confined to commercial areas, and not permitted in rural neighborhoods where emergency response times can be slow.

-Place greater emphasis on mitigating the increased traffic, noise, security lighting, security guards, and other nuisance factors associated with Cannabis operations near populated areas. The quality of life and safety of the surrounding residents should be given the highest priority.

-Increase buffer zones and odor abatement requirements for Cannabis grows near populated areas. The cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, and Solvang have all complained to the County about the negative impacts (primarily odor), but their residents have gotten little or no relief. Please do not allow Cannabis odor to be detected outside of the property borders where it is being grown.

-Thoroughly investigate the affidavits of Cannabis operators and shut down those who lied on their applications. Please consider sending them to the "end of the line" and requiring them to reapply for County permits. Please do not reward these "bad actors".

-Early in the permitting process, require background checks on property owners and lessees and do not process applications for those who do not pass the screening criteria.

-Investigate and shut down illegal expansion of "legal non-conforming" operations.

-Place strict per parcel acreage limits on Cannabis operations. "Stacking" of multiple state licenses on a single parcel should not be permitted.

Thank you for your consideration!

Steve Junak and Keri Kirkland  
Cebada Canyon

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**From:** grammakitty@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:42 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Orcutt Cannabis dispensery

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Furthermore, the current proposed location of a Cannabis dispensary is in an unsafe location for our children. The community children ride their bikes along this route to and from the schools within a few blocks. A daycare is located several blocks away as well as several churches in the area. Old Town Orcutt is a walking area for many local families and Old Town Market (the location being considered for a dispensary) is a destination. We moved to our neighborhood just a few blocks from the proposed location almost 28 years ago and my children and their friends walked or rode their bikes to the Market regularly. Parents feel safe to allow them to shop at Old Town Market on their own.

This type of business should be located in an industrial area where families do not frequent and out of the main pathway of our children and youth. The building was sold out from under the owners of the Old Town Market, their first notification was an eviction notice. I understand that the sell of the property was between the owner and buyer, however, common courtesy would have involved informing the owners of Old Town Market that it was being sold. Please help us maintain the Country Charm of Our Old Orcutt Community and show how much you Value Our Family Friendly Environment.

Thank You for Your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Carolyn McBurney  
399 Wilson Drive  
Orcutt 93455

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**From:** Dege Lowry <degelowry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
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3. Authority to mitigate impacts. According to the County Attorney, under LUP's, the County has limited authority to reduce project size or require enhanced impact mitigation. This limited authority recently prevented the BOS from reducing the size of the West Coast project when the reduction was supported by the applicant! CUP's provide much greater authority for the County to customize cannabis projects to avoid deleterious effects and protect the environment.

Cannabis is legal in California and Santa Barbara County, but cannot coexist without rules. A CUP requirement will help SBC set rules which are reasonable and effective for the cannabis industry and sustainable for communities.

Thank you for voting to amend the ordinance and require CUP's for all cannabis cultivation projects.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Donati  
963 N. San Marcos Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

## de la Guerra, Sheila

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**From:** Good Farmers Great Neighbors <noreply@123formbuilder.io>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Supporting County Cannabis Farmers

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**Name** Nick Osborne  
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United States  
**Subject** County Cannabis Farmers Standing With Our Community  
**Message** To: Honorable Supervisors of Santa Barbara County  
Supervisor Greg Hart, Chair  
Supervisor Das Williams, District 1  
Supervisor Joan Hartmann, District 3  
Supervisor Peter Adams, District 4  
Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, District 5

Our community has been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis. Many of our local communities are experiencing double-digit unemployment. As Santa Barbara County continues to practice social distancing and under Governor Newsom's shelter mandate, the future of many local industries and jobs remain uncertain, in particular those in the hospitality and restaurant sectors.

I am writing to acknowledge the work of the county's cannabis industry, which was given an essential business determination by the Governor at the start of this pandemic. Our cannabis farmers have risen to the occasion, not only to bolster the local economy during this time, but additionally taking action to reach across industries in solidarity. As allies in our business community, we intend to continue finding new ways to collaborate and ensure our local independent businesses emerge from this crisis stronger than before.

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As our county looks ahead to potential budget cuts in the not so distant future, given the economic impact of the necessary COVID-19 response, the

importance of tax revenue provided by the cannabis industry becomes increasingly apparent. The tax revenues our county receives will be critical in the coming months to help off-set potential budget cuts to vital government services for communities of color, seniors and other vulnerable populations.

The cannabis farmers of Santa Barbara County are job creators, industry leaders, and valued community members. I urge the Board of Supervisors to recognize their actions to support us during these difficult times.

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** Steve Junak <ranchocebada@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please read into record at Board Meeting on June 2 (Agenda Item D-7/Cannabis)  
**Attachments:** Cannabis Comments to SB BOS 2 Jun 2020.docx

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please read the attached letter into the record at tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting for Agenda Item D-7 (Cannabis ordinance revisions).

Thank you,

Steve Junak

1 June 2020

RE: Agenda Item D7 (Cannabis Ordinance) Board of Supervisors hearing on 2 June 2020

PLEASE READ INTO THE RECORD ON 2 JUNE 2020

Chair Hart and Honorable Supervisors,

Please require a CUP for all Cannabis operations on agricultural parcels.

An LUP does not allow for much public input. Requiring a CUP for all Cannabis cultivation operations would be a much more transparent process and may result in fewer appeals to the Board. Applicants, neighbors, and the general public would all have more realistic expectations about where Cannabis operations would be acceptable if a CUP were required.

The PEIR for Cannabis does not adequately address cumulative impacts caused by clustering of projects in certain areas, state license stacking, and buffer zones to adequately protect adjacent agriculture and residential neighborhoods. Requiring a CUP for Cannabis grows would help to mitigate some of the negative effects caused by placing Cannabis operations in inappropriate locations.

Allowing Cannabis cultivation in EDRNs and next to urban areas is just not working and needs attention. Please PROHIBIT Cannabis activities in EDRNs, where significant conflicts with neighbors have been occurring for several years. The residents of Cebada and Tepusquet canyons keep writing to you and speaking at your hearings because they are not getting relief from conflicts with incompatible Cannabis operations. You have the power and the duty to correct these conflicts. Prohibiting commercial Cannabis activities in EDRNs would really help these residents.

Please place per parcel acreage limits on Cannabis operations.

Please place term limits on Cannabis permits so that unanticipated conflicts can be corrected and so that when there are technological advances in odor control, system upgrades can be required.

Thank you!

Steve Junak  
Cebada Canyon resident



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United States  
**Subject** County Cannabis Farmers Standing With Our Community  
**Message** To: Honorable Supervisors of Santa Barbara County  
Supervisor Greg Hart, Chair  
Supervisor Das Williams, District 1  
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**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** brent celestin <brent@fullcourtadvisors.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Cannabis Ordinance - Proposed CUP's Amendments

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County Clerk

Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

105 East Anapamu Street

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: June 2nd Board of Supervisors Meeting - **Request to be Read by the Clerk**

**Topic: Cannabis Ordinance - Proposed CUPs Amendments**

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Brent Celestin, I am a resident of Solvang and I work in the finance Industry. I would like to express my deepest concerns about mandating conditional use permits for all cannabis projects.

Cannabis is arguably the only bright spot on the County's 2020 fiscal landscape. As you are aware, cannabis tax receipts for the third quarter increased **43%** over the same quarter last year as a result of increased production coupled with Santa Barbara County's growing reputation for producing quality products that command a market premium. The accumulated tax cannabis collection during these past couple of years is now close to **\$20 million** dollars and could continue to grow and fund essential public services for the most vulnerable in our community.

Moreover, I am encouraged to learn that the **Governor** declared the cannabis industry an "essential business" and our local cannabis leaders continue to create jobs and invest in our community during these challenging times of COVID-19, softening the impact our County is experiencing with massive lay-offs and economic uncertainty. I ask our Board Leadership to bring us together and reject the politics of division by a small group of anti-cannabis naysayers.

Respectfully,

Brent Celestin

Managing Director

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**From:** D.J. Stornetta <djsnewproject@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve; Leyva, Petra; sbcob; Cannabis Info; PAD Cannabis Intake; Auditor; County Executive Office; de Bruin, Adriana; Ross, Barbara; PAD; PHD WEB WebMaster; TTCPAPG  
**Subject:** TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD, County of Santa Barbra  
**Attachments:** Letter Regarding Marijuana in Orcutt CA 2 06'01'20.docx

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TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD,

June 1, 2020

To: County of Santa Barbara  
Regarding: Cannabis and Narcotics Sales in Orcutt, CA, 93455

To the County of Santa Barbara:

I am a resident of Orcutt, CA. Do not grant any certificates, approvals, plans, licenses to any business, person, entity, or other organization to sell, market, distribute, grow, process, package, or store cannabis or any product with any measurable THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) content in Orcutt, CA, 93455, or any nearby unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County.

This includes the building at 405 E Clark Ave, Orcutt, CA 93455, Natural Healing Center, Helios "Bobby" Dayspring, any of their affiliates, associates, entities, or related partnerships, entities and other parties.

Enabling the sale, promotion, branding, and awareness of marijuana and related narcotics in Orcutt, CA will directly expedite all of the following:

- Increased crime and potential increase in physical damage and loss of value to all private, public, residential, business properties, vehicles, and other physical assets
- Increased exposure, branding, awareness to children in directly adjacent and nearby residences and schools
- Increased social decay

Additionally, there are many retail locations available in the Santa Maria area. Here's a list of current opportunities for NHC and Helios Dayspring, and any other similar entities:

<https://www.loopnet.com/search/retail-space/santa-maria-ca/for-lease/?sk=ce728f6537bd6d68c0c3b8392bf7979a&e=u>

These other locations would solve crucial problems that arise out of the retail store location at 405 E Clark Ave, Orcutt, CA:

- 4015 E Clark Ave is a few feet away from homes and residences. Families would be subjected to the negative elements below because of their incredible proximity to the building.
- Store is 1,050 feet away from Orcutt Junior High School, and close to the adjacent Orcutt Academy High

School. Hundreds of children would be exposed to branding, use, and other negative aspects of marijuana.

- Store is in direct walking path of residents and students. Children often walk along the section of 405 E Clark Avenue to go to and from school, and would be subject to the promotion and sale of drugs.
- Store is in direct conflict with the DARE program, teachings, and anti-drug campaigns of OJHS and OAHS.

Allowing any cannabis and narcotics in Orcutt will have a severe negative impact on the community. I ask that you show strength of character and not approve any license, plans, process, or any other component that enables, directly or indirectly, cannabis in Orcutt.

Stand up, stand strong, do the right thing for the children of Orcutt, and don't expose them to the branding, use, and consumption of cannabis products and narcotics.

Letter attached.

Signed,

D.J. Stornetta

D.J. Stornetta

Mobile 805-441-1041

Email [djsnewproject@gmail.com](mailto:djsnewproject@gmail.com)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **D.J. Stornetta** <[djsnewproject@gmail.com](mailto:djsnewproject@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, May 13, 2020 at 10:33 AM

Subject: Letter to County: Alternative Retail Locations for NHC / Helios Dayspring?

To: <[cannabisinfo@countyofsb.org](mailto:cannabisinfo@countyofsb.org)>, <[pad-cannabis@countyofsb.org](mailto:pad-cannabis@countyofsb.org)>, <[auditor@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:auditor@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)>, <[cao@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)>, <[adebruin@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:adebruin@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)>, <[DAinfo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:DAinfo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)>, <[PAD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:PAD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)>, <[phdwebmaster@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:phdwebmaster@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)>, <[ttcpapg@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:ttcpapg@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)>

To the County of Santa Barbara:

In addition to the email below, can the County of Santa Barbara, NHC, Helios Dayspring, and all of their related entities, partnerships, affiliates, consider a different retail location? There are many retail locations available in the Santa Maria area. Here's a list of current opportunities for NHC and Helios Dayspring:

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~ Store is in direct conflict with the DARE program, teachings, and anti-drug campaigns of OJHS and OAHS.

Please do not approve 405 E Clark Avenue, or any other space in Orcutt, to sell cannabis. Encourage NHC and Helios Dayspring to utilize one of the many other retail locations in Santa Maria.

Thank You,

D.J. Stornetta

Mobile 805-441-1041

Email [djsnewproject@gmail.com](mailto:djsnewproject@gmail.com)

On Sat, May 9, 2020 at 12:34 PM D.J. Stornetta <[djsnewproject@gmail.com](mailto:djsnewproject@gmail.com)> wrote:

May 9, 2020

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Santa Barbara County is to protect its citizens and create a healthy and vibrant community, not to directly contribute to its decay and failure.

Stand up, stand strong, do the right thing for the children of Orcutt, and don't expose them to the branding, use, and consumption of cannabis products and narcotics in Orcutt, CA.

Letter attached.

Signed,

D.J. Stornetta

Mobile 805-441-1041

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**From:** miarelyea <miarelyea@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public comment for SB County Board of Supervisors

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Hello Supervisor Gregg Hart and SB County Board of Supervisors:

I live and work in Old Town Orcutt. I've been an Orcutt resident for 20 years and my husband I have raised our 5 children here – we still have two in Orcutt schools. We've worked hard to raise good citizens who give back. Our two oldest are currently serving as officers in the United States Air Force – one is serving abroad, the other is currently deployed. Our youngest was the victim of marijuana vaping when she was at OJHS. Marijuana vaping is a HUGE problem in our schools. California law says a marijuana business cannot be within 600 feet of a school; but it also says that local jurisdictions may add further restrictions. Clearly the state of California does not think it is a good idea to have marijuana businesses in the proximity of school children for obvious reasons. And Old Town Orcutt is home to not one, but TWO schools – a junior high AND high school. There is a public bus stop on Clark Ave that the high school kids use. Kids ride their bikes and scooters to school on Old Orcutt sidewalks. The Orcutt Community Plan calls for historic, Old Town Orcutt to be a charming, pedestrian-friendly part of town and a marijuana business with its bullet-proof glass and armed guards is simply "not the right fit" for this part of town – and neither is a strip club, adult book store, or a COSTCO.

PLEASE add further restrictions to marijuana businesses so that they cannot locate near pedestrians, schools, historic areas, etc. They need to be in remote, industrial areas not around homes, schools, families, etc.

Marijuana businesses should also not be able to simply get a Land Use Permit. Supervisors should have to hear public comments from their constituents on very important issues like this that will affect our daily lives forever.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Arianna Eberz <Arianna@igsb.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for June 2, 2020 Meeting  
**Attachments:** CUP Requirement for Cannabis Growers - Reece Duca Comment.pdf

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Greetings,

On behalf of Reece & Christine Duca, please see the attached submission for tomorrow's meeting on June 2, 2020. Please distribute this comment to the Board of Supervisors and please have it read into the record.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Best Regards,  
Arianna Eberz  
*Executive Assistant to Reece Duca*  
IGSB, INC.  
Ph: (805) 690-6104  
Fax: (805) 969-6829

June 1, 2020

To: Clerk of the Board  
For distribution to the Board of Supervisors  
Request for letter to be read into the record

*RE: CUP Requirement for Cannabis Growers*

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for this opportunity. Let me start with the facts. Fifty to seventy days per year we have a foul skunky smell from the Cannabis growers. Of those, twenty are intense and wretched. If they vent during the night, it will jolt you from a dead sleep.

I have no objection to any business growing or selling cannabis. However, I do strongly believe all growers and processors should be required to file for a Conditional Use Permit. We now have three years' experience with Cannabis and it is crystal clear there are significant adverse impacts on nearby homes, neighborhood schools and businesses that should be regulated by a CUP.

I believe in free markets. I believe the Cannabis industry can co-exist in Carpinteria with other ag and non-ag businesses, residential communities and schools. However, if we've learned anything in the U.S. over the last five decades, industries and individual businesses, in red states, blue states, conservative or liberal communities, will not self-police and self-regulate. Business entities will do what is in their best interest in the absence of clear unequivocal permitting guidelines that protect the public. That is why we need CUPs for Cannabis.

And if you look at point 5 of Sec 35-172.8, it states the CUP application only will be approved if: "...the project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare of the neighborhood and will not be incompatible with the surrounding area."

We don't ask the Board to ban Cannabis. We ask them to regulate by requiring CUPS. If Final Permits, which run with the land forever, are granted without CUPS, we are going down a path that is doomed to be unsuccessful for the citizens of the Carpinteria Valley.

Thank you,  
Reece and Christine Duca  
Carpinteria Valley Residents for 49 years  
[reece@igsb.com](mailto:reece@igsb.com)

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** Janet Bertoldi <janber1216@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Old Town Orcutt Issue

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To: Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Hart:

I have been an educator in the Orcutt School District for more than 30 years. I strongly urge you not to allow a cannabis dispensary in such close proximity to our schools.

I, along with many 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 strong potential to adversely impact neighborhood compatibility. Citizens have the right to voice their opposition or 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, as the decision makers, the most accurate appraisal of community opinion so as to make the best informed decision.

We do not need a cannabis dispensary in close proximity of our junior high and high school. Also, Old Town Orcutt is in the center of the Orcutt neighborhood where many families with children reside.

Finally, the thought of Old Town Market being forced out of this hometown community is absolutely terrible. Old Town Market is a centerpiece of the Orcutt Community. It is part of the charm of Old Orcutt. The owner, Mark Steller, has been instrumental in defining Old Town Orcutt as a destination in the Santa Maria Valley. It is absolutely criminal to force him to leave his business.

Sincerely,  
Janet Bertoldi

## de la Guerra, Sheila

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**From:** headfiddle@fiddleheadcellars.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Letter to Board of Supervisors- Cannabis Ordinance- 6.2.20 meeting

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Re: Planning Commission Amendments to County Land Use Development Code and Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article III) regarding Cannabis Ordinance

**Please read my statement below into the record at the meeting on Tuesday, June 2**

My name is Kathy Joseph, owner of Fiddlestix Vineyard on Santa Rosa Road in the Sta. Rita Hills Wine AVA.

I am writing in support of the Planning Commission recommendation of requiring CUPS for all cannabis projects.

CUPs will:

- Ensure projects can be customized with appropriate activities and incorporate appropriate mitigation efforts, and address the presence of neighbors if any, and their concerns in both rural, semi-rural and urban areas
- Allow the County to more effectively customize requirements for a project based on its location, the parcel attributes, the topography and orientation
- Allow the County to more effectively customize requirements for a given location, including odor drift, terpene drift, and the wafting of materials commonly used in established vineyards
- Promote informal resolutions- good neighbor resolutions- knowing there is County oversight if the parties cannot compromise and agree
- Promote fairness and equity between parties with disparate financial resources
- Promote a streamlined process for applicants and neighbors
- Create equity for development in the County

The CUP process should minimally affect projects that already exist and generate substantial income. I look forward to healthy neighbor relations that are not stifled by the current LUP process and which would be strengthened by the CUP process.

Thank you for your consideration of this difficult issue.

Kathy Joseph  
Owner-Winemaker  
Fiddlehead Cellars/Fiddlestix Vineyard  
fiddleheadcellars.com

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**From:** brandon - Dragonette Cellars <brandon@dragonettecellars.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** Steve Dragonette; Stephen Janes; John Dragonette  
**Subject:** Comment for Cannabis Ordinance Meeting June 2

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Please read into the record at the hearing. Thank you.

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I am a longtime Santa Ynez Valley resident, and an owner of a small, family-owned winery in the Valley. I have made frequent comments on the cannabis issue, as the impacts in the Santa Ynez Valley (and across the County) have been much more dramatic than anyone could have anticipated, and we must make formal changes to the permitting and zoning in order to protect residents, preserve our rural and agricultural character, and maintain a hospitable environment for visitors and locals alike.

I would like to begin by commenting that I am not against the cultivation of cannabis, nor hemp, and I believe that there is ample acreage in the county for such cultivation. However, the current ordinance simply does not reflect various challenges faced in reality, particularly in the Santa Ynez Valley and Carpinteria, and therefore should be amended to require CUP.

It has become very clear in areas such as Carpinteria and Santa Rita Hills that the current ordinance has allowed for unexpected zoning conflicts, and this failure is resulting in damaging consequences to residents, businesses and schools in Carpinteria, and residents, businesses and tourists in the Santa Ynez Valley.

I urge you to support the Planning Commission's recommended Cannabis Ordinance amendments, in particular to require CUP for cannabis. I also urge you to enforce your ordinance, from vetting of the signed affidavits claiming prior cultivation (clearly many of these are fraudulent) to enforcement of sales through local—not black market—channels.

Sincerely,  
Brandon Sparks-Gillis

brandon sparks-gillis  
Dragonette Cellars  
Mobile: (805) 722-0226  
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PO Box 1932                2445 Alamo Pintado Ave  
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On Sunday, May 31, 2020, 12:11:42 PM PDT, John Dragonette <johnd@dragonettecellars.com> wrote:

Please read into the record at the hearing. Thank you.



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I am an owner of a small, family-owned winery in Buellton. We produce roughly 5000 cases of wine from grapes grown in the Santa Rita Hills and other appellations. We employ 9 people and provide salary, health benefits and retirement plans. We live here, pay taxes, put our kids in local schools.

We were inspired to establish our winery here because Santa Barbara is one of a handful of locations in the entire world that can produce wine grapes of such extreme quality. Wine critics have recognized Santa Barbara wines as among the best in the world. Thus, wine tourism has boomed, bringing billions of dollars in economic activity to the County. Winegrape growing supports hundreds if not thousands of households.

As elected officials your job is to safeguard what is economically and physically healthy for the county. You stringently limit growth in the City of Santa Barbara to protect our beautiful, world-renowned seaside city. You must apply those principles of preservation up here in North County.

I was stunned to learn that the largest grows permitted in any other county is 3 acres on a 25-acre parcel. How could Santa Barbara fail to lead on preservation and responsible management of its incredible resources?

Regulated, small-scale cannabis can be compatible with wine grapes. Industrial cannabis, 100-acre rows of hoop houses, armed guards, concertina wire and noxious odors are not compatible with this region or existing agriculture.

Please vote to follow the Planning Commission recommendations to require CUP for cannabis.

John A. Dragonette  
Dragonette Cellars  
PO Box 1932  
Santa Ynez, CA 93460  
Phone 805-558-8507

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** nallinder@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:19 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Item 7; Cannabis  
**Attachments:** SantaBarbara.Letter.ValleyCrestFarms.6.1.20.pdf

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Good Afternoon,

Please find the attached .pdf file with our letter regarding the proposed changes to the Cannabis Ordinance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Norman L. Allinder, AICP



June 01, 2020

Hon. Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Board of Supervisors, 4th Floor  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
VIA EMAIL: sbcob@countyofsb.org

**RE: June 01, 2020 Board of Supervisors Agenda Item 7; Opposition to Conditional Use Permit Requirement**

I submit this letter on behalf of Valley Crest Farms regarding the proposed changes to the cannabis ordinance. We have made significant investments relying on the predictable process currently in place. We hope you will see that the current Ordinance and process is sufficient for regulating cannabis operations and that the correct action to take is approving and enforcing our existing application and operation, not continued revision to the existing ordinance.

As an agri-business we take great care in designing a project that meets or exceeds the intense scrutiny of County Planning & Development and the community. Please, implement the code, as adopted, so we can proceed without new rules and regulations. Further complications present itself when considering a CUP for all cannabis cultivation and processing. As it is now, applications have been in the LUP and CDP process for well over a year. If a CUP is to be required, this would increase the permitting timeline from 1+ years to 3-6 years. This would compound and prolong the County's inability to mitigate odor complaints from existing, nonconforming operations.

We respectfully request that the County Board of Supervisors not approve a CUP process for cannabis operations. Approving and permitting operations under the current ordinance is the most efficient way the County can legally regulate operations, especially existing, nonconforming operations. It is imperative that these projects get approved at the staff level so that the County can regulate the cannabis operations as expeditiously as possible and pursuant to the Code that has already been adopted. Switching to a CUP process is less predictable and does not increase control by the County Board of Supervisors.

In this time of uncertainty with our economy, the process should not be made less predictable, but in fact should be made less restrictive.

Sincerely,

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Norman L. Allinder, AICP  
Principal Planner  
Valley Crest Farms

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**From:** Tim Crist <TCrist@kenaidrilling.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:19 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: Board of Supervisors Hearing, 6/2/20

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**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Hearing, 6/2/20

Please read the following into the record during tomorrow's Board of Supervisors Hearing:

"As an owner of 240 agricultural acres in the Santa Ynez Valley, I support the Planning Commissions' recommendations to require both a conditional use permit for cannabis cultivation and on-site processing on AG-II parcels and odor control in AG-II zones. Conditional use permits for cannabis projects will allow these projects to be tailored to the surroundings considering proximity to residences and other farms. I am very concerned with the impacts of cannabis projects on existing farming operations and the impact of cannabis odors on me and my neighbors. The current permitting process does not give me the opportunity to access project documents and written staff analysis of the key issues nor does it allow me to raise questions and concerns to Planning Commission staff before a project is approved. As it currently stands, my only opportunity to provide meaningful input on a cannabis project is to appeal to the Planning Commission after a project is approved. Allowing community input prior to project approval, would be an efficient manner to allow both public participation and engagement of all stakeholders resulting in better projects that could move forward more quickly. Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments while reading them into the record.

Tim Crist, owner, C5 Ranch & Vineyard and Giff's Vineyard"

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**From:** Dianne Pence <diannedpence@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:20 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please read into record for Cannabis Ordinance Revisions on June 2nd  
**Attachments:** BOS HEARING 60220.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Clerk of the Board,

Thank you for your work for our county in these challenging times.

Can we please have this less 250 word letter read into record for Cannabis Ordinance Revisions on June 2nd .  
Wishing you good health and safety always.

Dianne

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06/01/20

Honorable Chair Hart/Board Members,

The facts about commercial cannabis:

- Can be grown anywhere with multiple rotating cultivation cycles, enabling close to year-round production.
- Produces malodorous stench which can be intensified by immersion layer and adversely impacts sensitive receptors, especially elderly/children .
- Skunk smells and blight of massive hoops in our once bucolic landscapes turn away important tourism revenue stream
- Growing cannabis can be highly profitable quickly.

The facts for implementing CUPs for commercial cannabis applications:

1. Each application/project is evaluated on its own merits/impact to the community/environment.
2. Provides straight-forward public process for vetting project/applicant worthiness.
3. County drives optimal locations/zones for cultivation that will not harm businesses or people.
4. Allows conditioning project for enhanced compatibility with existing communities/businesses.

Everything can coexist. You respect your constituents by not enabling operators to establish commercial grows next to existing neighborhoods, schools or businesses (legacy ag/other), which are negatively impacted. The county can still secure tax revenues they are seeking and not harm the people and businesses that have been in our community a long time. The county determines where commercial interests are zoned - not an unknown entity looking for a fast buck, impacting adjacent communities and businesses by excessive odors, noise, traffic, environmental/water resource destruction - before taking their money and moving on to the next green machine!

It's not too late. Please honor your Planning Commission's recommendations to modify the existing ordinance and make this palatable to all of us living in our beautiful county.

Respectfully,  
Dianne Pence

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**From:** steve southwick <stevesouthwick1240@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:25 PM  
**To:** sbcob

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Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Hart:

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**From:** Rhett Carter <RCarter@orcutt-schools.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:25 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Cannabis Dispensary

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Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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Sent from my iPhone



## de la Guerra, Sheila

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**From:** Matthew Allen <matthew@ccagriculture.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** BOS Hearing 6/2 Item #7 Public Comment  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

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Dear Chairman Hart and Fellow Board Members:

I am the General Counsel of Central Coast Agriculture, Inc., and we have several projects in the pipeline with Planning and Development. I am writing to request that you do not enact wholesale changes to the approval process such as requiring every cultivation project to undergo a CUP. Because there are over 200 projects in the pipeline, this would cause years of backlog. A CUP requirement causes a backlog because it would require all of the projects to resubmit, cause massive delays in getting hearings on the calendar for the Planning Commission and eat up enormous amounts of staff time to prepare these projects for hearing. Not only would this cost the applicants and the county tens of thousands of dollars per project, but also, it will delay all other projects in the County that are not cannabis related that need to get on the PC agenda.

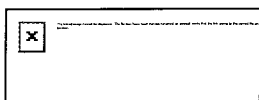
In addition, the PC has proposed odor control language that is very broad and would be incredibly difficult to design a plan to comply with. It lacks verifiable standards or third party validation of the odor complaints, which are incorporated into the existing county odor control plan and the plans of most other jurisdictions. Thus, it simply needs to be denied as it will prove unworkable for both the staff and the applicants. Further, outdoor cultivation projects on AG II lands have had little or no odor complaints lodged about the many existing and legal North County cannabis projects that are presently operating under the existing standards.

The County needs to ensure that the existing ordinance gets a chance to show its effectiveness before wholesale changes are put into place and kill any momentum this fledgling industry has generated in terms of both job creation and county tax payments.

Respectfully

Matt

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**Matthew Allen**

General Counsel | CCA

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**From:** Amy Fletcher <amy@fessparker.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:32 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Cannabis Ordinance Revision - Agenda Item #7  
**Attachments:** doc04690920200601152938.pdf

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Hello,

Attached is our letter of support for requiring all future Cannabis development having a CUP. We request this be read into the record at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing.



Amy Fletcher  
*Senior Portfolio Marketing  
Coordinator*

Office: (805) 686-0454

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June 1, 2020

Board of Supervisors,

We stand behind the Planning Commission's recommendations and believe that Conditional Use Permits should be required for all cannabis projects. This is the single best-common sense solution to giant, unmitigated grows that destroy rural neighborhoods and put legacy agriculture at risk.

No other agriculture county has permitted outdoor grows larger than 3 acres, however as a board, you have recently approved several cannabis operations much larger than this, without the ability to restrict them.

A "CUP" is for the benefit of the neighborhood. The scale of cannabis invited by the County's Cannabis ordinance threatens to create persistent incompatibilities with wine growing and wineries ability for normal course of business unless other measures are taken. The cannabis industry has already proven to come at the expense of our own crop, business and air quality.

Santa Barbara County wine industry is predicated on the quality of flavor and taste created in specific regions, growing specific varieties. The immense scale to which Santa Barbara County has allowed the cannabis industry to grow threatens our customer's ability to experience the unique and authentic taste of Santa Barbara County wines.

We urge you to support the Planning Commission's recommendation of implementing Conditional Use Permits for all cannabis projects going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Snider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tim Snider  
President  
Fess Parker Winery & Vineyard

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**From:** MARY RICHARDSON <larevdamary77@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment to be Read into the Record.

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*Chair Hart and members of the board thank you for this opportunity to speak.*

*I'm Reverend Mary Moreno-Richardson (retired Episcopal priest) and I wanted to take a brief moment to attempt provide some context to what is being discussed here today.*

*I'm sure everyone here shares my deep concern and remorse for the over 100,000 lives lost due to COVID19. The millions of people out of work and suffering through the worst economic crisis in recent history. Those mourning the deaths of people of color at the hands of law enforcement. And those fearing for their lives as a few bad actors seek to take advantage of peaceful protests calling for justice and an end to racism in our country.*

*I've seen firsthand members of our community standing in food lines and hoping desperately for meager unemployment relief.*

*Members of our local community are suffering today and are in dire need of our help.*

*And yet we're here today because a small group of people continue to file lawsuits against our county and to complain about a PLANT, no matter what you, the supervisors, do to appease them. You've already spent hundreds of hours and numerous public hearings trying to accommodate these anti-cannabis activists but you will never succeed at pleasing them because what they really want is for there to be no cannabis grown in Santa Barbara County.*

*Is appeasing these folks, who are so outraged about their perceived inconvenience of co-existing with a PLANT, more important than dealing with all these other problems we face today? I don't think so."*

*I implore you and everyone here today to look inside yourselves and ask is this really the best use of my time?*

*Shouldn't we be finding the best in ourselves to address the real and urgent problems our community and nation are facing today.*

*Let's leave here today and go help a neighbor in need, volunteer for a worthy cause, do something constructive to begin to move our county forward and heal our self-inflicted wounds.*

*Thank you.*

*The Rev. Mary Moreno Richardson  
Episcopal Priest*

Thank you again for doing this. It's really important and I appreciate you taking the time given what is going on.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Norman Allinder <norm@greenbrierhdgs.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Testimony for Item 7  
**Attachments:** Valley Crest Farms Testimony.pdf

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Good Afternoon,

Please find the attached .pdf with our testimony for Item 7 to be read into the record, I have also placed the testimony below.

Thanks,

Norman L. Allinder, AICP

Item 7 Testimony;

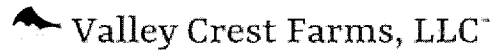
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Item 7 Testimony;

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**From:** Penny Gillespie <3tomanycats@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:38 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit

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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.

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Thank you for your time,

Penny Gillespie  
Old Town Orcutt resident

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** Jeff Newton <jeff@CoastalVineyardcare.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:39 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das  
**Subject:** Letter for the Cannabis Ordinance Agenda item - June 2, 2020  
**Attachments:** Letter from CVCA Owners to the BOS.docx

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June 1, 2020

TO: Clerk of the Board  
Santa Barbara County Supervisors

**Please read the attached letter into the record.**

Thank you and kind regards,

Jeff Newton



**PLEASE READ INTO THE RECORD**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of our hundreds of employees and the over 4,000 acres of premium vineyards that we manage and farm, we ask you to please accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee regarding amendments to the County's Cannabis Ordinance.

The jobs of thousands of employees, the investments of millions of dollars, and the future reputation of Santa Barbara County wines on the world stage are in your hands.

Respectfully,

Jeff Newton - President, Owner and Founder

Ruben Solorzano – Vice President and Owner

Ben Merz – Vice President and Owner

Mike Testa – Vice President and Owner

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**From:** Jerome Wiedmann <jeromewiedmann@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:40 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hart, Gregg  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit is Essential for the establishment and regulation of Cannabis Grows

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I live in the third district of Santa Barbara County, and am connected with several efforts to be sure that Grows are reasonably regulated so that the interests of the residents and well as the growers are adequately considered. The CUP process is a MUST to ensure that the reasonable rights of county citizens to clean, odor-free air are protected.

The number of medical facilities near the intersection of Hollister and Patterson has many medical offices, and the stench of both the plants themselves and the ECOSORB deodorant would be a catastrophe for this medical business area.

ECOSORB should also be chemically analyzed by the county as it is known to hide odors with other noxious odors, including TERPENES.

I personally live 45 feet from a cannabis grow that is in the approval process. We all know that the smell can carry for miles. This would ruin my home, and greatly damage it's value to future buyers.

Best Regards,

Jerome Wiedmann, MA, MS  
[jeromewiedmann@icloud.com](mailto:jeromewiedmann@icloud.com)  
+1 805 895 0566

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**From:** Christine Reade <readefam@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** CUP for all cannabis projects/dispensaries in Old Town Orcutt area

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Supervisor Gregg Hart  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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As a resident of Orcutt, it has been great to see the progress and improvements made that make our community such a great place to live in. As more restaurants and shops are coming into Orcutt, so are the families that want to shop and eat. If the first business that you see coming into Old Orcutt is a dispensary, what lifestyle is that advertising? The grocery store was a place where the community came together for so many different reasons. Children stopped to get ice cream, candy or snacks after school. Locals visited Saturday night wine taste events, and so many frequented the grocery store for their groceries. Weekends brought the food trucks and our community will truly miss the store. I realize change is eminent and that the owner had the right to sell, but we as a community agree that this community should not be where a dispensary is located. There are plenty of places that aren't in a walkable town that would be better suited for this kind of operation. This owner is trying to expand his SLO county business into our county. He isn't a local entrepreneur trying to make Orcutt a better place.

Please consider our request and help us to keep Orcutt a safe and family oriented community.

Thank you so much,

Christine Reade  
Orcutt Resident

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**From:** Katie Grassini <katie@grassinifamilyvineyards.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:53 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please read into Record - June 2 - CUPs for Cannabis

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Dear Supervisors,

Requiring a CUP rather than an LUP will save time and money for everyone - the County, cannabis farmers and neighbors. Currently, with an LUP, a cannabis farmer can plant multiple acres of cannabis without meaningful notice to the neighbors. Almost immediately, the neighbors start complaining about noxious odors and eventually file a complaint with the County - that is their only recourse. The county then spends a ridiculous amount of tax dollars investigating this complaint, which could take months, maybe years. Eventually, let's say the County finds in favor of the neighbor and revokes the cannabis farmer's license. The farmer has invested millions of dollars, so what does he do? He sues the County! There goes more tax dollars down the drain.

With a CUP, this entire mess is avoided completely. Rather than waiting until after major investments are made, and then filing complaints and draining taxpayer coffers to investigate complaints, the parties can hash out their concerns before breaking ground through a series of public comments, hearings and planning commission approval. This is a much more efficient, proactive and transparent system, and will save all parties a lot of heartache, headache, time and money... and our tax dollars can go to something much more useful.

Thank you for your time and efforts on this - it's not too late to fix this ordinance!

- Katie Grassini

***Grassini Family Vineyards is proud to be voted Best Santa Barbara County Winery AND Best Urban Tasting Room in 2018 and 2019 by readers of the Santa Barbara Independent!***

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** John Terlato <jat@twg.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:52 PM  
**To:** Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob  
**Cc:** mtp@twg.com; me@courtneyetaylor.com; jat@twg.com  
**Subject:** Letter to SBC Board of Supervisors respectfully requested to be read into the Cannabis Hearing, June 2nd, 2020  
**Attachments:** Letter to Santa Barbara BOS 06 02 2020 Regarding Cannabis Ordinance Amendments.docx

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**To: The Honorable Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors**

Das Williams - [dwilliams@countyofsb.org](mailto:dwilliams@countyofsb.org)

Gregg Hart - [ghart@countyofsb.org](mailto:ghart@countyofsb.org)

Joan Hartman - [jhartmann@countyofsb.org](mailto:jhartmann@countyofsb.org)

Peter Adams - [peter.adam@countyofsb.org](mailto:peter.adam@countyofsb.org)

Steve Lavagnino - [steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org](mailto:steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org)

**From: John Terlato – Principal, Sanford Winery**

Dear Honorable Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors;

Attached please find my letter regarding the Cannabis item to be heard by you tomorrow, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. I am respectfully requesting this letter be read into the record at tomorrows hearing.

This letter is in support a change requiring all future Cannabis development to have a CUP.

With Kind Regards,



John A. Terlato

Sanford Winery

# SANFORD

*A Terlato Family Winery*

June 2, 2020

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, California 93101  
*By email to sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us*

**RE: Amendments to LUDC Regarding Commercial Cannabis Activities  
Departmental Item #7**

Chair Hart and Honorable Supervisors,

I write urging your support of the Planning Commission's recommendations to mitigate odor impacts of cannabis operations near sensitive receptors, including wine tasting rooms, and the conflicts with existing agricultural operations.

We are deeply concerned about the cumulative impact cannabis cultivation projects have on our farming operations, and the impacts of odors on wineries and tasting rooms.

The Planning Commission conducted four public hearings addressing these issues. After significant discussions and public inputs, they recommended two amendments to the Land Use & Development Code; a CUP for cultivation and on-site processing on AG-II parcels, and countywide odor control. We support both recommendations which give the County the authority and discretion to customize cannabis project size and concentration, and tailoring projects to reduce impacts to neighboring uses, including tasting rooms.

As industries are introduced into our County, the Board's goal should be to ensure enough oversight and thoughtful planning facilitating integration of industries, without negatively impacting existing, established industries. The current cannabis cultivation permitting lacks this integration causing cannabis to overtake the community. It is important that cannabis projects be compatibly integrated and fair to existing industries. The County's "one size fits all" land use permitting structure is not working. A Conditional Use Permit will give the County and the public an opportunity to ensure projects are tailored and compatible with surrounding uses and promote fairness in the permitting and approval process for all community members.

We greatly appreciate your reading and careful consideration of this letter. Thank you in advance for finding a balanced solution.

Sincerely,

/s/

John Terlato



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ATTN: 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 strong potential to adversely impact neighborhood compatibility. Citizens have the right to voice their opposition or 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 as the decision maker the most accurate appraisal of community opinion so as to make the best informed decision.

Furthermore, the current proposed location of a Cannabis dispensary is an unsafe location for our children. This is not the proper location for a dispensary. It is too close to neighboring schools and it does not fit into the walkable downtown feel of Old Orcutt we've worked so hard to develop over the last few years. We have enjoyed the family friendly events that the Old Town Market was the hub of activity for, like First Friday, The Christmas Tree Lighting, The Orcutt Christmas Parade and Halloween Trick or Treating. Orcutt needs its grocery store and cultural center, not a dispensary.

Thank you for your time and consideration of requiring a CUP.

Katy Smith  
Orcutt Resident  
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