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Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
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Honorable Chair Hartmann and Supervisors,

RE: Departmental Item #2 Cannabis Registry Program

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Santa Barbara County Registry Program. I would like to begin by commending Supervisor Das Williams, Supervisor Steve Lavagnino and staff for their leadership on the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee. In a short period of time, the Committee has quickly created a Registry Program, which is an important first step to develop regulations for the local cannabis industry.

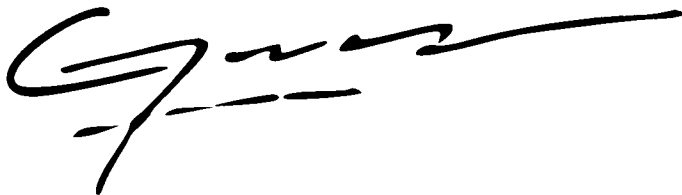
We urge your Board to adopt the Registry Program, as presented by staff. There are many responsible, local operators who are eager to register with the County and begin the path to compliance. We are one of them.

We are willing to participate in the Registry and be transparent about our current and planned operations and are supportive of the County's efforts to gather a baseline inventory. The Registry will provide important data – which currently does not exist – and will help inform the development of a more comprehensive policy.

As the Ad Hoc Committee continues to meet, we once again underscore the importance of adopting a policy before the end of the year. It is important to our business model that we have clarity as soon as possible regarding the County's regulations and tax ordinance. The State will begin accepting applications on January 1, 2018 and documentation of local compliance is required to submit an application.

There is a big opportunity for the cannabis industry to be a significant contributor to Santa Barbara County's economy and community. We look forward to participating in the Registry Program and again, applaud the Ad Hoc Committee's commitment to this important issue,

Graham Farrar

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