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Public Comment - Group 2

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**From:** Renee O'Neill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 12:08 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Adam, Peter; Williams, Das  
**Cc:** Villalobos, David  
**Subject:** Public Comment Castlerock, Agenda D-4  
**Attachments:** BOS re Castlerock, 10-6-2020.docx



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Attached,

Please find my letter for Public Comment re Castlerock Family Farms II Appeal.

*Sincerely,*

*Renée O'Neill*

October 6, 2020

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
Re: Castlerock Family Farms II Appeal (Agenda item D-4)  
From: Renée O'Neill

Chair Hart, Members of the Board,

I support all comments in Courtney Taylor's Appeal Letter, on behalf of the Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis (SBCRC).

I want to bring attention to the fact that the Grand Jury's Number One Finding States:

**"The impact of cannabis production on the health and welfare of Santa Barbara County residents was inadequately weighed and considered by the Santa Barbara County Board."**

First and Foremost, the Grand Jury strongly advised that the Board improve in this area.

This Finding substantiates everything that Tepusquet Community, countywide teams and the SBCRC have been advocating for. Namely, Prudent Legislation and Responsible Cannabis Industry.

**Grand Jury Recommendation 1a:**

**"That the Santa Barbara County Board direct the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department Director to prepare Environmental Impact Reports addressing each region of Santa Barbara County after holding public hearings to evaluate public concerns." (and;)**

**Grand Jury Recommendation 1b:**

**"That the Santa Barbara County Board direct the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department Director to develop Project Objectives for the Environmental Impact Reports that reflect a balance between cannabis, traditional agriculture, and the residents of Santa Barbara County."**

The Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations have made it emphatically clear that the Board must improve in many areas, including reducing the number of, "Significant Unavoidable and Adverse Class-I Impacts." This includes protecting residents and others from odor; reduce cumulative impacts; protect legacy agriculture, tasting rooms, tourism, etc., etc.

If the Board approves this project, you will confirm our worst fears:

You have no intention of honoring what your number one priority should be – protecting the public.

You have no intention of honoring the pleas from the majority of your constituents.

You have no intention of honoring the Grand Jury's recommendations.

In other words, you will continue business as usual by, blatantly supporting a "Robust Cannabis Industry" and ignoring the outcries of, "We the People."

We had truly hoped the Board would make much-needed changes. We find it both disappointing and dismayed that the Board rejected the majority of Grand Jury's recommendations. How can we put our faith in a Board that ignores their residents and the Civil Grand Jury?

There has been and continues to be NO balance between cannabis, traditional agriculture and residents.

Remember the words to Santana, "You've got to change your evil ways..."

Please change your SOP, ASAP!

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O'Neill

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**From:** TROY WHITE <twhite@twlandplan.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 2:57 PM  
**To:** Lenzi, Chelsea  
**Subject:** BOS 10/06/2020 - Support Letter Presentation for Castlerock Appeal  
**Attachments:** SUPPORT-Howat-Roy-2020-10-05.pdf

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Another support letter attached.

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TW Land Planning & Development, LLC Mail - A letter for tomorrow



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**A letter for tomorrow**

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**Haisly Jimenez** <haisly@me.com>

Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 2:50 PM

To: Patrick Pflipsen <roxburycapital@gmail.com>, TROY WHITE <twhite@twlandplan.com>

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors:

My name is Roy G. Howat. I live in North County. I see the revenue and support a business such as this could bring to our community as a positive. Cannabis tax revenue brings a sizable stream of funds that will help fund our schools, infrastructure, and other community services. I implore you to deny this appeal and allow this good business to move forward with its operations.

Sincerely,

Roy G. Howat

Owner Santa Barbara Surveillance Co. CA P.I. Lic. # 9656

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Leigh Johnson <rlj.leigh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** sbcob; sbcob  
**Subject:** Castlerock appeal

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Honorable Supervisors:

Please take into consideration the cluster of cannabis grows near the Sta.Rita appellation and Hwy 246. The incompatible crop of cannabis is encroaching on vineyards/farms/ranches and residents throughout the county and especially in sensitive established areas. The effects of cannabis on industrial levels is becoming uninhabitable and sabotaging the wine makers of our area. Appreciated is the dedication of the vintners for what they have accomplished and the hours/years of shows and tastings to develop a following. World renowned characteristics of Sta. Rita terroir imparted to the wine in which it's produced; including factors such as soil and climate can't be reproduced in just any area. It seems cannabis can grow almost anywhere and it does as long as it has an ample water supply. It can grow in a container with light manipulation and doesn't particularly care for local soils. Bugs/mildew/mold, and an array of disease is brought on by the soil and fog. This fog we all count on to provide moisture and rejuvenate our crops(especially Pinot Noir)is detrimental to cannabis and all attempts are taken to limit exposure. The incompatibility of cannabis on the existing crops is overwhelming and affecting the harmony of human interaction. How difficult it must be getting patrons to stop and enjoy a wine tasting while the malodorous scent wafts and intrudes on the experience. The importance of terroir affects the price of the agricultural product. Branding/variety/farmer identification also affects the price of a product. Chefs develop their own list of qualities they desire for their creations, and terroir affects these.

The influence of terroir from a particular region are unique/incapable of being reproduced outside that area, even if the grape variety and winemaking techniques are painstakingly duplicated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Leigh Johnson