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From: Rob Salomon <robb.salomon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:08 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: letter re West Coast appeal 4/21/2020



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PLEASE READ THIS LETTER INTO THE RECORD

My wife & I live in Carpinteria & it is well known we have issues here. I am not writing to discuss the specific issues raised by this appeal. Suffice it to say that I support Blair Pence's positions & I'm sure you have many other farmers & vintners writing you in support of Blair as well.

I want to take this chance, however, to give you a strong endorsement of Blair Pence himself. Over the last year & a half, in the course of struggling to bring balance to the operation of the cannabis regulations in Santa Barbara County, I have gotten to know him well.

He is a successful businessman & vintner. He is ethical. He is passionate about the issues that concern him while keeping in play a sense of fairness. He is a fighter & he fights fair. He recognizes that cannabis will have a place in Santa Barbara County & hopes it thrives well enough to drive the tax revenue the Board anticipates. BUT he strongly opposes regulations or their interpretations that allow cannabis operations to damage legacy businesses, agriculture & the eclectic quality of life & aesthetics in Santa Barbara County that has made it unique in California & the USA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rob Salomon

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From: brandon - Dragonette Cellars <brandon@dragonettecellars.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:13 AM
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Subject: West Coast Farms Appeal: Comment for the record



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Please read this letter into the record at the hearing:

I am writing to voice a strong objection to the proposed "West Coast Farms" cannabis project, as is currently being proposed.

As any longtime Santa Ynez Valley resident can attest, the swift proliferation of cannabis in the Valley has presented an array of problems, and I urge you to deny this project. The visual impacts of hoop houses and high security operations are enough to clearly deny the project proposed today: this is industrial production, not agriculture. In addition, the location of the proposed project, near vineyards, residents, and wine tasting rooms presents a serious threat of odor and terpene drift which has not yet been taken seriously by the county nor the applicant. The proposed "Byers" system has not proven sufficient in Carpinteria and thus should not be approved here.

As I have stated again and again in letters to the county and at various hearing on cannabis projects, I am personally in favor of cannabis projects in Santa Barbara County, and there are THOUSANDS of acres which have sufficient isolation to prevent the above mentioned issues. However, this particular project is located within the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan, and allowing an industrial grow within that area clearly ignores the mission of plan; which is to protect the scenic corridors and beauty of the region. Clearly, this project should be rejected in the proposed location.

Sincerely,
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Please read into the public record

Dear Chair and Supervisors of the Board:

I am writing to express my concern for the proposed West Coast Farms Cannabis development. It is my opinion that any cannabis development in general proximity of our local vineyards is a threat to our wine industry both commercially and agriculturally.

I am an owner of several local wineries and I live in the town of Lompoc. I have been a member of the Santa Barbara County wine industry for over 20 years. The Santa Rita Hills wine appellation has become known as one of the finest wine growing regions in the world. Our wines are sold and distributed internationally and we have thousands of customers, trade professionals and journalists visit our local wineries every year to come admire our wines, our vineyards and the local landscape.

The proposed 50 acres Cannabis operation will have impact on our wine businesses. This is a fact. The smells from the terpene release are destructive to our grapes and therefore to our wines. Furthermore, these malodorous chemicals will make operating commercial tasting room activities nearby virtually impossible. The visual blight of the plastic hoop houses will dramatically change the natural beauty of our viticultural landscapes — a key marketing tool in a competitive industry that highly values organic farming, natural beauty, and environmental consciousness.

Please consider our wine industry before opening the door to the Cannabis industry. Hundreds of local wineries have worked for decades, spent millions, promoting the virtues of Santa Barbara County as region a world class wine growing region. The cannabis industry, as it currently proposes to operate, is simply not compatible with our local wine industry.

Thank you for your time and attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Sashi Moorman

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Good morning. I would like this read into the Public Record Please:

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in support of the Planning Commission's denial of the West Coast Farms project. The Commission spent tens of hours researching this project, and, after hearing and reading reports and public comments, rejected it with reason by a 5-0 vote.

I support their concerns, including the cumulative impact of smells and terpene release and the adverse affect this will have on the legacy agricultlure that already exists there, including wine grapes.

This proposed development is in the Santa Ynez Community Plan, and sits in 1 of only 4 gateways to the Santa Ynez Valley. The proposed project is at direct odds with the plan's mission of protecting the scenic corridors and pastoral beauty of the region.

Our County is full of plenty of potential locations for cannabis operations that do not directly adversely affect existing legacy agriculture crops - this is simply not one of them.

I therefore ask you to deny this appeal for the betterment of the entire agricultural community.

Thank you.

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