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Dear Board Members,

Thank you for your service as SB County Supervisors. As a Solvang resident and business person, I am writing with regard to the cannabis issues on your August 20, 2019 Meeting agenda.

I urge that you support (i) a per parcel cap on cannabis cultivation, (ii) a County-wide acreage cap on total cannabis cultivation, and (iii) a CUP process for cannabis applications with any proximity to existing crops, residential uses, or tourism uses. In this regard, "proximity" should be understood both in terms of geographical proximity and effective proximity. For example, geographically-distant crops, residences, and tourist uses in the Santa Ynez Valley may be *effectively proximate* to cannabis grows further west due to the prevailing westerly winds that blow 15-25mph up Valley almost daily from the coast.

In the following comments regarding acreage caps, I refer to information provided by Nancy Emerson and We Watch, whom I respect as an information source:

1. Total Acreage Cap: The proposed 1,761 acre cap on overall cannabis cultivation (1,575 acres for the rest of the county, plus the existing cap on Carpinteria Valley of 186 acres), is more than sufficient for any beneficial cannabis cultivation in the County.

Please note that as a crop, cannabis does not need any proximity to processing plants and related infrastructure such as is required by wine grapes and other fruit and vegetable crops like broccoli, strawberries and cut flowers.

As has become evident over the past two years, cannabis crop proximity to other crops and to people, especially residential areas and tourists, mostly creates problems, not benefits. This is especially true in the west Santa Ynez Valley, with its strong westerly winds off the coast that carry cannabis emissions daily toward Buellton and beyond to the Solvang mesas.

2. Per Property Cap: I agree with We Watch that we need a cap on amount that can be cultivated on each parcel if anyone is to be able to coexist with cannabis grows, especially the prevalent outdoor grows on larger AG-1 and AG-II. A 10 acre cap or 10% of parcel size, whichever was smaller, as suggested by a farmer, seems sensible. The Santa Barbara County Vintners did a survey of limits on caps on maximum cultivation per property in 10 comparable CA counties. Indoor was 10,000 sq. ft. - 10 acres; outdoor 10,000 sq. ft - 2 acres. Three prohibited it completely.

Thank you for considering these views and thanks again for your service.

Sincerely,

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