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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101

**RE: Appeal of Roots Cannabis Storefront Retail**

Dear Chair Hartmann and Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce, from Goleta to Carpinteria, we wish to express our support for the Roots Dispensary at Santa Claus Lane. The Roots is a locally owned business that will serve the local community. Many neighboring communities have dispensaries of their own, and Roots will primarily serve Carpinterians and other nearby residents.

The local mindfulness of the Roots is clear in the project proposal. This project is an opportunity to have a locally owned dispensary in the Carpinteria community. The request to appeal before you today raise issues regarding traffic, parking, CEQA, the Coastal Act and more. The Chamber's understanding is that these permitting issues have all been addressed and approved by the planning commission. This is seconded by staff's recommendation to deny the appeal.

Dispensaries, like Roots, are becoming an increasingly important piece of our regional and local economies. The Chamber celebrates the addition of new local businesses on the South Coast, especially those that offer new services under local ownership.

Please support the Roots Dispensary and deny this appeal. Thank you for your service to our communities.

Sincerely,

Kristen Miller  
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Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce