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Public Comment - Group 2

Ramirez, Angelica

**From:** HerbB <herbert.bundgen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 4:50 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Our request that you deny the pending case #20APL-0000-00028



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Our family resides for the past 35 years at 989 Fredensborg Cyn Rd in a quiet and safe rural family neighborhood. The proposal to construct a huge structure on a 5 acre lot that is adjacent to only single family housing is quite simply very upsetting and not at all in conformance with the rest of the neighboring properties. Dozens of neighbors will be negatively affected for the benefit of ONE. We all pay taxes to the county and request that you please give all of us equal and fair representation. This "only" commercial project will impact traffic, safety and light pollution. Our immediate neighbors have several small children and they will not be able to ride their bikes safely on our 1.5 lane road. We walk daily in the Cyn. That's where we meet our neighbors and socialize, it is a close "family neighborhood".

We and dozens of our neighbors have strongly and consistently opposed this project, we hope you will be of like mind on this present appeal. It just is the wrong project in the wrong place. Thank you for your fair evaluation of the facts in front of you.

Sincerely, Herbert and Helen Bundgen, et al

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** CollectCola <collectcola@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:58 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Decker Greenhouse – Public Comment  
**Attachments:** Appeal of Co Supervisors at 988 Fredensborg Canyon Road.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Attn: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Issues: The issues the County has cited to deny the project are the following:

1) Lack of Compatibility with adjacent properties. (Size 15,648 s.f., type, intensity of use (commercial with daily traffic), etc...)

2) Nightlight Intrusion. This is particularly an issue if you are in Sunrise Village, College Canyon or on an adjacent parcel.

-The Planning Commission held hearings on both 8/5/20 & again on 10/7/20 deliberating in detail all the issues that are now being raised in the appeal.

Request: Deny the appeal, Case No. 20APL-00000-00028 & deny the project, Case No. 19LUP-00000-00469.

Please see attached.

Respectfully,

Suzi Harry  
[collectcola@gmail.com](mailto:collectcola@gmail.com)

E-mail: [sbcob@countyofsb.org](mailto:sbcob@countyofsb.org)

Subject: Decker Greenhouse – Public Comment – 2/9/21

Attn: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Request: Deny the appeal, Case No. 20APL-00000-00028 & deny the project, Case No. 19LUP-00000-00469.

Our family is deeply saddened that a further appeal has been allowed on the Decker Greenhouse Project, just 2 houses away from us. As you know, The Planning Commission held hearings on both 8/5/20 & again on 10/7/20 deliberating in detail all the issues that are now being raised in the appeal, and the permit was denied.

The main issues raised were:

- 1) Lack of Compatibility with adjacent properties. (Size 15,648 sf., type, intensity of use (commercial with daily traffic), etc...)
- 2) Nightlight Intrusion. This is particularly an issue if you are in Sunrise Village, College Canyon or on an adjacent parcel.

We have two other objections that have never been considered:

1. Addition of toxic chemicals to the environment

Over 40 years ago, I was chemically poisoned in my job as a hospital bacteriologist. Within a year, I had no functioning immune system and was confined to the environmental control unit (dubbed the “bubble unit”) at Baylor Hospital in Dallas fighting for my life. After 5 years in total isolation, my immune system began to recover with donor white cells.

I remain extremely sensitive to exposures to pesticides, herbicides, petrochemicals from asphalt, diesel and gas vehicles. We specifically moved to this house 30 years ago because of the clean air and reduced chemical exposures that causes irritation and inflammation in my lungs. It took years to create a non-toxic home where I could begin to heal.

My lung specialists have repeatedly told me how vulnerable my lungs are so I must be careful to reduce exposure to these chemicals. Recently, I was hospitalized in critical care from lung irritation that produced pneumonia. My lungs are too damaged from repeated infections to completely heal.

The proposed development of a Vegetable Cultivation Facility two doors away will increase my exposure (and everyone else in the area) to chemicals which have severely damaged my lungs. We have received no notice from the owner, Mr. Steve Decker, that would guarantee the vegetable cultivation would not use pesticides, herbicides, and other chemicals in the operation and maintenance of the property. The addition of a 11-spot employee parking lot with 6 day a week operation will greatly increase the emission of petrochemicals in the air.

2. Water runoff resulting in flooding of our property.

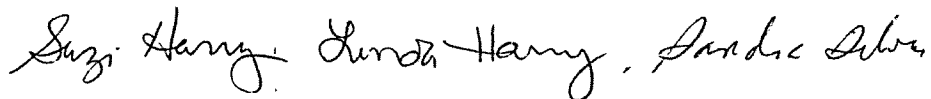
Four times in the past 20 years, water runoff from the field where the Vegetable Cultivation Facility is to be built has resulted in flooding of our property. The land has direct drainage to our next-door neighbor, Rusty Lugli, at 991 College Canyon Rd. When their large drainage system gets overwhelmed or plugged with debris being washed off of the property 988 Fredensborg, it floods into our property located half a story below.

A large amount of water has flooded into our offices, a bedroom, and undermined the block wall that separates our properties and our home's foundation. We have spent over \$60,000 to divert the water that comes directly off 988 Fredensborg. Experts repeated tell us that it is impossible to divert all the water that is flowing from above us in a large storm. Over 6 acres of water funnels directly onto our property.

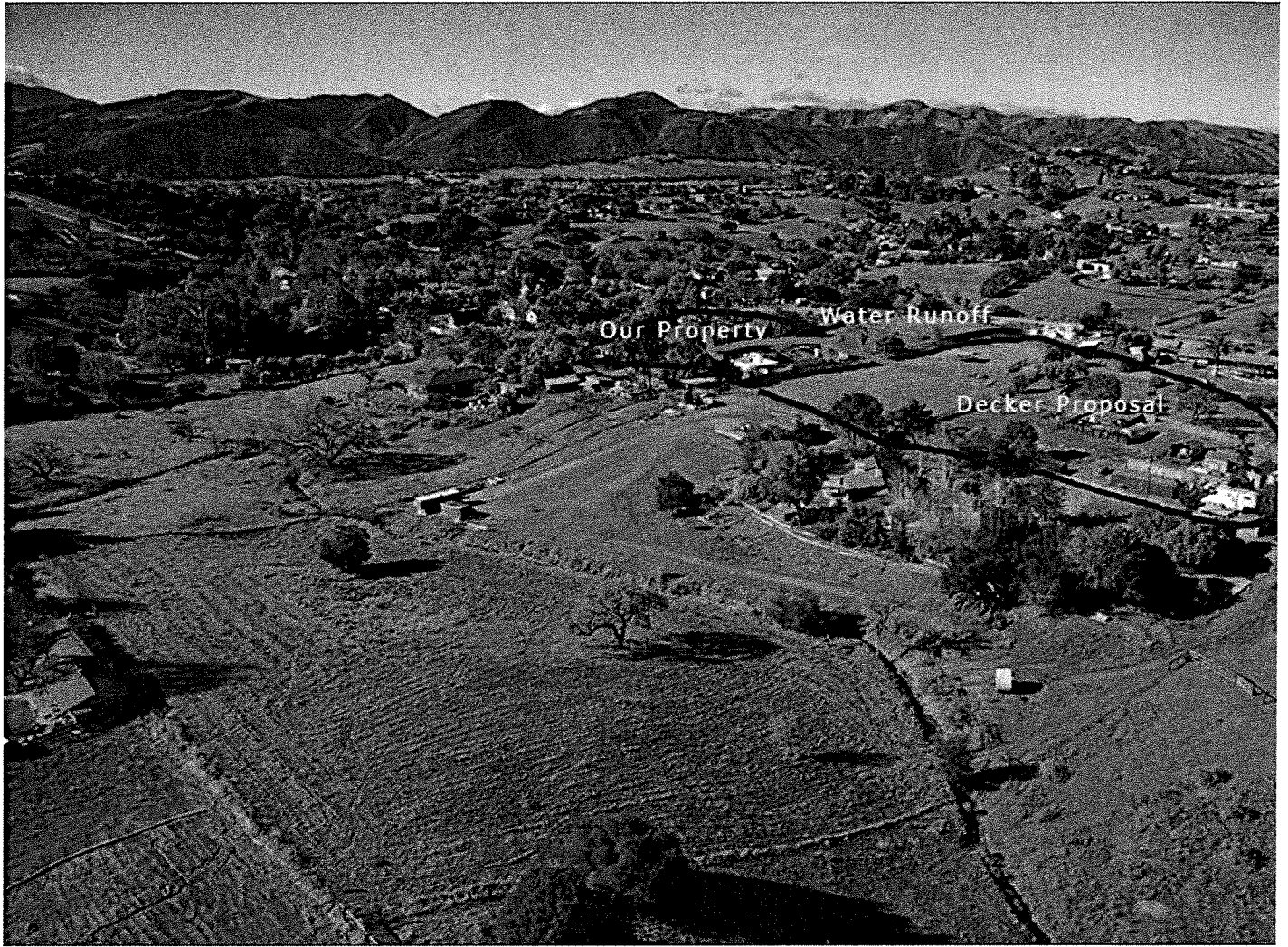
This Vegetable Cultivation Facility will only increase the runoff of water as the sloping land will be cut and large amounts of land covered in solid materials (like asphalt) which will not absorb the water at all. The extensive drainage required to correct this problem has not even been addressed in the current proposal.

For these reasons, we urge you to reject this Vegetable Cultivation Project appeal once and for all.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Suzi Harry, Linda Harry, and Sandra Silvius.

Suzi and Linda Harry and Sandra Silvius  
989 College Canyon Rd  
Solvang, CA 93463  
805-350-0111



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**From:** Terry Ames <terryames44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Decker Greenhouse Appeal 988 Fredensborg Canyon Rd Solvang

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February 4, 2021

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Re: Case No. 20APL-00000-00028  
Deny the project Case No. 19LUP-00000-00469

Public comment for 2/9/2021

My husband and I live at 976 Fredensborg Canyon Rd in Solvang. I am writing to you to urge you to **DENY** the appeal for the Decker greenhouse at 988 Fredensborg Canyon Rd in Solvang.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to **DENY** the Decker project. We concur with their vote.

A project of this magnitude is **NOT** compatible with our residential community.

Thank you,

Ben and Teresa Ames  
976 Fredensborg Canyon Rd  
Solvang, CA 93463

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**From:** dlginational <dlginational@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:18 PM  
**To:** sbcob; dlginational  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Case No. 20APL-00000-00028 at 988 Fredensborg Canyon Road

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With regard to the appeal, Case No. 20APL-00000-00028 and project, Case No. 19LUP-00000-00469 for the meeting scheduled February 9, 2021 please distribute this letter to all Board of Supervisor members and staff as needed.

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Dear Honorable Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Here we go again... again, with the same applicant so again the reasons that require denying this appeal and permit are reiterated:

There should be a high hurdle to change the safety, health, character, intent, and purpose of a neighborhood that has been stable for many, many decades. Allowing commercial facilities and operations at the scale being proposed for 988 Fredensborg Canyon Road, Solvang falls completely short of that hurdle. A large commercial vegetable greenhouse with 11 parking spaces and 6 full time employees working Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm and occasional Saturdays is out of character and not consistent with the surrounding Fredensborg Neighborhood. The impact from commercial and employee traffic, potential chemical transport, water usage, lighting, and noise raise quality of life, health, and safety concerns. There is a significant difference between the low traffic, non-commercial vehicle noise, in-frequent activity of the buildings, horse barns, and small family farm that the applicant attempts to use as a comparison versus what the applicant is proposing.

Of course it is possible to check the boxes for a planning permit to confirm, for example, that the proposed development is on a legally created lot or that the property complies with zoning rules, but with many neighbors opposed to this land use permit the planning commission considered the impact and consequences of a full time commercial business beyond just the short term development project to unanimously and correctly deny the project. Now it is incumbent upon you to please not put the people of this neighborhood in the difficult position of continually having to worry about their quality of life, health, safety, and need to monitor the applicant's land use compliance. The right course of action is to deny this appeal and the project.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,  
Mike Dorsey