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Chair Hartmann and Honorable Supervisors,

CARP Growers is an association of 10 members operating 23 cannabis farm projects in Carpinteria Valley. Since 2018, the organization has been committed to setting the highest standards in cannabis farming and to farm in a way that is transparent and accountable to all stakeholders.

Glass House Farms is a founding CARP Growers member, and Graham Farrar is a current board member and past president. We ask that the Board of Supervisors reject the appeal and approve the new packinghouse proposed by Glass House at its Padaro Property as the planning commission recommends. This purpose-built agricultural facility will further eliminate odors and encourage the local processing of cannabis to reduce the overall carbon footprint of the crop.

Neighbors in the valley have long expressed concerns over cannabis odors, and CARP Growers has continuously advanced the science and technology needed to resolve this problem. The state-of-the-art packinghouse at Glass House represents another productive stride and important solution in the valley-wide mission to eliminate all cannabis odors. Odor abatement engineering proposed for the facility includes negative pressure in a sealed building that uses molecular carbon scrubbers and a recirculating HVAC system. Neighbors have asked for this type of system, and this project delivers in a way that will eliminate odors during drying and processing, the most odorous phases of cannabis farming.

Glass House is an outstanding local company that employs over 100 employees on local farms in stable, year-round jobs that offer competitive benefits. In the community of Carpinteria, Glass House and its team have been key contributors and valuable partners to an array of community-serving nonprofits in the areas of environmental sustainability, food and home insecurity, among others.

The approval process at this property and the years-long process of implementing the county's cannabis program have been about ensuring only the best operators earn county support. All stakeholders have by now contributed to the community dialogue that has defined the high standards at which CARP Growers' members operate. Carpinteria Valley cannabis farmers grow their crop efficiently, transparently and in compliance with the many layers of state and local regulations.

We ask that you reject the appeal, continue to support local agriculture and approve the groundbreaking odor control measures put forth in this project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Autumn Shelton, President
CARP Growers