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**TO: Supervisor Joan Hartman, Chair
Members, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors**

**RE: Item #2; 22-00138 - Cadwell Cannabis Cultivation Project, case#
19LUP-0000-00480**

First and foremost we appreciate the work of the County's Planning and Development and spearheading the coordination and collaboration among the various departments to ensure the success of this unique project.

The Cadwell Estate Farms have a decades long history of being a pioneer and leader of organic farming in the central coast and that intentional spirit was not lost when Central Coast Agriculture (CCA) was honored to be a tenant of the farmland. Many of those organic farming practices were adopted to perfect row-cropping for cannabis plants and harvest.

Today, according to observers of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Water Resources Board, CCA is recording almost 80% less water consumption than the previous harvested organic crops.

Moreover, CCA has exemplified 'good neighbor' outreach and community with all its surrounding neighbors - mostly wine grape growers and vineyards.

During the past three to four years our organization has held a higher standard for environmental stewardship and community development, especially during the hardest times of the pandemic. We stood up and reached out to our local businesses and most vulnerable to lend a helping hand.

We respectfully support the Cadwell Cannabis Project!

Sara Rotman, Co-founder

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