

Brianda Negrete

From: Kimberly Gutierrez <kjgutierrez805@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 3:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Roots Carpinteria Appeal
Attachments: Kim Gutierrez.pdf

Categories: Public Comment

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Dear Board of Supervisors -

I'd like to express my full support for Roots Carpinteria and ask that you, for the good of our community, DENY this APPEAL.

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Sincerely,
Kimberly Gutierrez

10/24/2022

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From: Richard Flacks <rflacks@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 6:18 PM
To: sbcob; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg;
das.williams@countyofsb.org
Subject: re Santa Claus Lane cannabis dispensary

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Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I'm South Coast chair of the Santa Barbara County Action Network, and emeritus professor of sociology (and a fifty year active member of the Santa Barbara community). I'm forwarding to all a note I sent the other day to supervisor Williams in which I express my concerns about the Santa Claus Lane siting of a cannabis dispensary. I'm speaking here for myself, not for SBCAN:

Dear Das:

I've generally supported your efforts to formulate a smart county policy regarding cannabis, while not myself wanting to get into the weeds (pun intended). But I have been trying to understand the Santa Claus Lane dispensary issue, and the more I've learned, the more alarmed I've gotten. My alarm is in part on your behalf because of the many questions being raised about the process--questions about county policy being bent out of shape by the political clout of the dispensary team and the overall influence of growers on BoS decisions (I'm referring to Nick Welsh column the other day which I read as pretty devastating to the board's regulatory credibility).

There's no doubt Santa Claus Lane is a beach access, youth and family oriented place. There's a very good chance that adding a dispensary to the street will seriously disrupt it's character, because of added traffic and exacerbated parking problems among other things. Maybe the dispensary proprietor wants the location precisely because of the flow of youth, surfer, young family folks, but I think there's legitimate reasons to expect that the dispensary might be the ruination of the place's character.

Apart from the way that the evaluation process seems to have been bent in favor of the applicant, I'm alarmed politically by the possible viral publicity the siting of a pot shop on Santa Claus Lane in Santa Barbara will trigger. It seems to me a nice story for late night TV hosts, coming up with clever quips. Another opportunity for Doonesbury to needle Santa Barbara? If it's the case that alternative sites are possible, and given the political "odor" (another intended pun) surrounding these things, I strongly urge you to support the appeal.

Onward,
Dick Flacks

Brianda Negrete

From: Michele Carbone <mbcarbone@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 6:42 AM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob
Subject: Roots Cannabis appeal at Board of Supervisors

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To whom it may concern;

PLEASE do not allow the approval of the Roots Cannabis appeal at the Santa Claus Lane location.

The neighbors and the shopkeepers do not want it. The location is much more suited to another restaurant which could serve locals and travelers.

Enough is enough.

-Michele Carbone

Toro Canyon area

Brianda Negrete

From: Leigh-Anne Anderson <leighanne@anderson-pr.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 9:46 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Re: Roots Carpinteria Appeal

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Oct 27, 2022

Dear Board of Supervisor-

I support the new Roots Carpinteria dispensary proposed for Santa Claus Lane.

As a long-time Carpinterian, mother of two young boys, business owner and advocate of local causes- I have been witness to the exaggerated and relentless opposition to legalized cannabis in our community. This very small, but loud group continues to oppose any and all cannabis businesses, trying their hardest to reverse legal status and inflict shame on those utilizing the plant.

Our adult community deserves uncomplicated access to legalized cannabis and this location is absolutely perfect. The south end of the lane has always been adult focused with high-end appeal shops and home décor/renovation offerings. Easy parking and beautiful views are the ideal elements for a boutique dispensary. I have no doubt Maire and Pat Radis will create a watermark in dispensary design.

Please DENY THIS APPEAL Leigh-Anne Anderson (310) 990 5752

leigh-anne anderson | founder
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Brianda Negrete

From: Tina Frontado <tinalouisefrontado@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 9:05 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Roots Carpinteria Support Letters (No 1st, 2022)
Attachments: Amy Orozco - BOS Nov 1st.pdf; Asa Olsson - BOS - Nov 1, 2022.pdf; Autumn Shelton.pdf; Beth Cox - BOS - Nov 1, 2022.pdf

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Goodmorning-

I've been collecting letters of support for the Roots Carpinteria project (item #5 of the agenda). I'll be sending them in groups over the next four days and I kindly ask you place them in the comment letters folder and share with all five Supervisors. Here is the first batch.

Thank you for your dedication to our county, I know there's lots of moving parts and keeping us on track can't be easy!

Warmly,
Tina Fanucchi-Frontado

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Sent from Mail for Windows

Oct 26, 2022

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors-

I would like to express my full support for Roots Carpinteria in our community, and the sooner they open for business, the better. Having closer access to cannabis, *aka* plant medicine, will make a big difference to me. (Not having to navigate the 101 — any time of the day — would make a big difference to anyone!)

I don't know the proprietors, Pat and Maire Radis, on a personal level, but it is my understanding they have fully complied with all the rules and regulations required of them. There is no reason not to let Roots Carpinteria open for business. Not only will Roots Carpinteria make it easier for Carpinterians to get medicine, the store will add to the economic vitality of Santa Claus Lane.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Amy Marie Orozco
4806 Sawyer Avenue
Carpinteria, CA 93013
(805) 284-2622

Oct 27, 2022

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for this opportunity to share my full support for Maire and Pat Radis and their "Roots Carpinteria", project and respectfully request you deny this appeal.

I have lived and worked in Carpinteria for over 40 years and over that span, I've raised two daughters, started a production company, worked for Girl's Inc., sat on numerous boards of directors, was awarded Carpinterian of the Year, survived cancer and now caring for a husband battling the same affliction.

I believe in the legalization of cannabis and the relief it brings to those of us suffering from vicious diseases like cancer.

Having legal and easy access to adult cannabis is only made possible through legal dispensaries. The thought of the possibility of being able to purchase legal cannabis, for my advanced osteoarthritis, at a local dispensary is nothing but uplifting.

The proposed location on Santa Claus Lane for "Roots Carpinteria" is perfect. Easy access, away from the downtown business area, plenty of parking and most of all a light, clean, welcoming environment.

Thank you for reviewing the project through the eyes of the community, and I look forward to see a grand opening of "Roots Carpinteria".

Thank you for your time,

Asa Olsson

orsaasa@gmail.com 805-901-3554



October 25th, 2022

RE: Roots Dispensary on Santa Claus Lane

Dear Board of Supervisors Chair Joan Hartmann, Das Williams, Gregg Hart, Bob Nelson and Steve Lavagnino:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the proposed dispensary on Santa Claus Lane.

I am the CFO and co-owner of Autumn Brands, a sustainable cannabis farm in Carpinteria. We focus on growing high-quality cannabis that uses zero pesticides, which means not even organic pesticides. We re-use and recycle all our irrigation water and have all organic waste turned to compost. We are a women owned and multi-family owned business that cares deeply for this community and our environment.

Currently, the closest dispensary for Summerland, Montecito and Carpinteria residents is in Santa Barbara. Our community needs a retail location that is more centrally located for residents and visitors. The unincorporated area of Carpinteria is home to many well known and respected cannabis farms. But due to the regulations, people can only purchase our coastal cannabis from a dispensary.

Maire and Pat Radis's property on Santa Claus Lane is a perfect location for an environmentally focused Dispensary that can help showcase the amazing farms and local brands that we have in this area. This is an ideal location that is close to shops and restaurants that are visited regularly. I have personally walked the building/property and I couldn't imagine a better space. I have experienced the trouble with parking along Santa Claus Lane, but I was utterly in awe of how much parking this property provides in the front and back. And with the improvements that will be occurring on Santa Claus Lane in the next couple years, this dispensary will only add to the beautification and be an important resource to the community and visitors. Our adult community deserves access to legal cannabis.

We have personally worked with The Roots Dispensary in Lompoc for many years now. I hold a great amount of respect for them. They have always been professional, reliable, and community driven.

Please approve this project!

Yours truly,

Autumn Shelton
CFO/ co-owner



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From: Tina Frontado <tinalouisefrontado@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 11:27 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Roots Carpinteria Support Letters (No 1st, 2022) Batch #2
Attachments: Christie Boyd.pdf; Diana Dolan - BOS - Nov 1st 2022.pdf; Jason Rodriguez.pdf; Jessica Clark - BOS - Nov 1st..pdf

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Subject: Roots Carpinteria Support Letters (No 1st, 2022)

Goodmorning-

Here another batch of Support Letters

Warmly,
Tina Fanucchi-Frontado

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10/31/2022

Re: Roots Carpinteria

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Christie Boyd and I have lived in Carpinteria for over 50 years. I have been a successful retail owner (Porch LLC) for over 10 years and an involved citizen in Carpinteria for decades. While leasing the 5823 Santa Claus Lane location for my business, I came to better know Pat and Maire Radis. They are hardworking, honest, generous people and firm believers in the medical benefits of cannabis and want the community to have access to those medical benefits.

Having been a tenant at this proposed dispensary location, I can attest that this is a perfect location for a cannabis dispensary. The location is on the far east side of Santa Claus Lane, far from the beach access and most other businesses and restaurants. There is ample parking in the back for staff and customers. In truth, this location, with Pat and Maire as the responsible that they are, is an ideal location for a cannabis dispensary.

I hope you support this project and Deny the Appeal.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
Christie Boyd
805-220-8129

Oct 27, 2022

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors-

I am a resident of Carpinteria and have co-owned Porch, a retail shop located at 3823 Santa Claus Lane, for the past 10 years. We loved our location and our landlords and, in fact, the ONLY reason we gave notice and moved was because of the impending "Santa Claus Lane Project", which would have devastated our business. That being said, I think that 3823 Santa Claus Lane is the perfect location for a cannabis dispensary.

This location has private parking and a private entry to the store from the huge parking lot in back. There is always, except for major holidays like the 4th of July and Labor Day, plenty of parking in front, in fact it's deserted most of the time. These days, the only people who park at 3823 SCL are the owners and employees of neighboring businesses. 3823 Santa Claus Lane is a beautiful quiet location where people feel relaxed and happy to visit as the owners, Pat & Maire Radis, have put their hearts into creating a special destination.

The people who live in Summerland, Toro Canyon, Serena, and Carpinteria deserve to have a friendly local store and not have to drive to Ojai, Port Hueneme, Ventura or brave the freeway construction and congestion to downtown Santa Barbara. Carpinteria and Montecito are unfortunately not zoned for retail cannabis stores making the deserted end of Santa Claus Lane the best possible spot. **The County was absolutely right in making this area available for retail cannabis and we who live and work here support it enthusiastically.**

Please do not let the people who live several miles from this destination determine what is right for the whole community. I have spoken with many of our Porch customers and neighbors and they agree.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Diana Dolan
Porch LLC



October 26, 2022

Board of Supervisors,

As a retired police officer, local business owner, husband, father, and former member of Carpinteria's Architectural Review Board, **I'd like to express my support for Roots Carpinteria Dispensary and ask that you deny this appeal.**

Cannabis is now legal and more and more people are utilizing its healing properties for medicinal use. It is absolutely imperative that industry leaders and those making licensing and permitting decisions, ensure access to legal cannabis is available in prominent locations.

This location is wonderful, not just in aesthetics, but in access, parking and surroundings. Most importantly, with Maire and Pat Radis at the Helm, you can be confident this location will be well-designed and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

JASON RODRIGUEZ

CO-OWNER/CFO

To Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

Roots Carpinteria--- **Please DENY THE APPEAL**

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I'm a life-long resident of Carpinteria, local business owner, nonprofit advocate, wife, soccer mom to a seven- and nine-year-old and involved parent at my children's school. We visit Santa Claus Lane often, it's a favorite location where parents can enjoy both cocktails and socializing.

Long are the days of Santa Claus Lane as Santa Claus Lane. There's no more Santa, train, candy shop, toy store, Santa's kitchen or Reindeer Room, it's been transformed into an adult focused business center even the surf shop is highly focused on adults for their clientele. This isn't a bad thing, in fact I along with many of my friends and family very much enjoy the transformation and the new offerings. I have spent many late nights at Rincon Events celebrating weddings, community events, birthdays and can't see that slowing down anytime soon.

I also worked on Santa Claus Lane as the manager of a boutique wine bistro, located inside the Garden Market, this was where I designed the concept of Corktree Cellars, now on Linden Ave. I completely disagree with the remark that a beautifully designed dispensary will somehow disturb both neighboring businesses and children visiting the Lane. First off, no one under 21 is allowed inside the store, which was similar to when the Reindeer Room was in operation, that too was an adult only venue and EVERYONE under 21 knew it. A dispensary at the far end of the lane, nearly a quarter of a mile from beach access, in NO way, can damage or harm our children. It feels almost offensive and completely irresponsible to claim that somehow a store, could induce irreversible damage to my children, just by walking by...

Cannabis is now legal and it's my responsible as a parent, to teach my children that cannabis is an adult product. This is no different than any of the other teachable moments we guide our children through.

I support Roots Carpinteria and respectfully ask that you deny this appeal. It's a great location, with amazing parking and incredible owners.

Sincerely,

Jessica Clark.

Brianda Negrete

From: Whitney Collie <whitney@coastalbloomsnursery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 5:05 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Roots Dispensary Appeal - Public Comment Letter
Attachments: Roots Dispensary Support Letter BOS Nov 1.pdf

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Good Evening,

Please see attached public comment letter for the Roots Dispensary appeal scheduled to be heard on November 1st.

Thank you,
Whitney Collie

Brianda Negrete

From: Cindy Scheid <cindys.mlco@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 12:57 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Williams, Das; Howie Laguna
Subject: Roots Cannabis Appeal
Attachments: Cannabis Letter 102722.pdf

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please see the attached letter from Howard Laguna.

Thanks,
Cindy Scheid

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Cindy Scheid
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Via Email sbcob@countyofsb.org

October 27, 2022

Clerk of the Board of Santa Barbara County
c/o County of Santa Barbara Planning & Development
123 E. Anapamu Street,
Santa Barbara, CA 9101

Dear Clerk of the Board:

I would like to state my strong opposition to any consideration of allowing a cannabis store to be located on Santa Claus Lane. Please uphold the Roots Cannabis appeal.

There are many very compelling reasons and serious concerns that I, as well as my fellow neighbors, have in this regard. The location would draw much more traffic to the entire length of Santa Claus Lane which is used by many residents on Padaro Lane to connect with Highway 101, as well as all of the beachgoers and customers of the retail stores/restaurants. This is already a congested area from a traffic standpoint, especially during the summer months. A cannabis store, which is known to have many times the number of customers compared to other retail businesses, would only make the existing problem much worse.

Parking also is already very problematic along this part of Santa Claus Lane. The sheer increase in traffic and parking demands along Santa Claus Lane would be further stressed with the high turnover of cannabis customers, as well as delivery vans and armored cash pickup vehicles. It will clearly result in chaos along Santa Claus Lane for all users, further reduce available parking for everyone, including for the many beachgoers who park along this part of Santa Claus Lane and walk to the beach.

We have legitimate concerns about the safety of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists using the bike trail that is planned. It will create a dangerous situation for all those trying to come to and enjoy this special area of Santa Barbara County.

There are legitimate security concerns. The location in terms of easy on and easy off Highway 101 makes it very attractive for criminal activities. The cash only for purchase cannabis products is clearly different from other retail in the area. Much more cash would be stored on site, compared to other retail stores, which creates a real security concern for most of us.

The building requirements for opaque security windows and security lighting and fencing on the property are totally incompatible with the surrounding buildings and is incompatible with the beach ambience and the relaxed vibe of the area.

It is not appropriate to allow a cannabis store, which has a required setback from schools and kids camps, to be located right between two long standing (each greater than 20 years) surf camps for kids – in direct conflict with the intent of the cannabis ordinance. The Lane has historically been a magnet for families with children. There are a number of stores and restaurants that clearly cater to the family, including the Padaro Beach Grill.

We gave input into the process in the past and it was clear that the overwhelming majority of neighboring businesses, business owners and residents on Santa Claus Lane, Sandyland Cove and Padaro Lane were strongly against such a proposal for a cannabis store located on Santa Claus Lane. I would like to once again make it clear that I am opposed to this location for a cannabis store.

The overwhelming opposition to this proposal by the people most directly impacted should be a loud message! If you allow this to happen, it will significantly impact our community forever.

Please hear our voice!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard Laguna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Howard Laguna
President

Cc: Dwilliams@countyofsb.org

Brianda Negrete

From: Kathleen Reddington <reddington4@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 1:46 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Letter of Support "Roots Dispensary" November 1, 2022 Agenda Item #5
Attachments: REDDINGTON LETTER.pdf

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Dear SB County Board Of Supervisors,

Enclosed (as attachment) please find my letter of support for "The Roots Dispensary" at Santa Clause Lane, Carpinteria, CA.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,

Kathleen Reddington

Subject: Roots Carpinteria Project

To: SB County County Board of Supervisors
Re: Roots Carpinteria

County Supervisors,

I strongly support Roots Cannabis Dispensary located at Santa Claus Lane in Carpinteria and request the Zoning Board approve this project. I've known the Radis Family for over 20 years and they are sincere, responsible, exemplary members of the community. They are socially responsible, strong environmentalists, who give back to the community and they will do everything they can to make the Roots Dispensary an outstanding reputable business in Carpinteria.

The Roots Dispensary Project is a minority owned women led business. The location on Santa Claus Lane, currently houses a women's clothing boutique and will provide an excellent, convenient and save location operating in full accordance with all county and state laws. **The Roots Dispensary will include and provide 22 onsite parking spaces.** No advertising signs will be displayed within 1,000 feet of a daycare center, school providing K-12 instruction, playgrounds or youth centers. Roots Cannabis Dispensary advertising and marketing will be meticulously designed specifically not to appeal to children or minors. In essence, every aspect of the Roots operation will have strong emphasis on security while preventing the diversion of cannabis.

In closing, ***I request the Zoning Board approve this project.*** It will be an asset to the Carpinteria community, presenting a stellar business model in the right place with ample legal parking for patrons. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Reddington

October 26, 2022

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From: Tina Frontado <tinalouisefrontado@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 2:48 PM
To: Brianda Negrete; sbcob
Subject: Roots Carpinteria Support Letters (No 1st, 2022) Batch #3
Attachments: CBTS_Supervisors Letter_Roots Dispensary[10403].pdf; Deana Waller - BOS - Nov 1st 2022.pdf; Deb Jorgensen.pdf; Robin Karlsson.pdf

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Attached is batch #3*
Thankyou

* 4 letters per batch.

Warmly,
Tina Fanucchi-Frontado

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October 26, 2022

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

Re: ROOTS Dispensary, Carpinteria

I am writing to you to express my full support for Roots Carpinteria in our community and the sooner they open for business, the better. Having closer access to cannabis, aka plant medicine, will make a big difference to me and to a vast part of the surrounding community. It's time the Carpinteria Valley has convenient access to cannabis products.

Patrick and Maire Radis are not only established business owners and Carpinteria residents with a deep respect for their community, they also have personally experienced the benefits of cannabis medicine.

The Radis' have fully complied with all the rules and regulations required of them - there is no reason not to let Roots Carpinteria open for business.

Not only will Roots Carpinteria make it easier for Carpinterians to get medicine, but the store will also add to the economic vitality of Santa Claus Lane.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your service.



Melinda Bie
Publisher, Cannabis by the Sea Magazine
Co-Owner, Bie & Bie Productions
6745 Rincon Road
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Oct 28, 2022

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

PLEASE DENY THE APPEAL OF ROOTS CARPINTERIA

Dear Honorable Chair and Members:

I've been in Carpinteria for 54 years and my father was Chief of Police for nearly twenty of those years. I'm now raising my own children here, with my youngest at Carpinteria High School with big plans for college.

As a child of a police officer, safety has always been of greatest concern, we were taught: not to talk to strangers, look both ways before crossing, don't get into cars when someone's been drinking... My parents took great pride and attention in raising us to behave and beware, directives I heard daily and often. Those directives guided myself, my brother and sister throughout our lives and we have passed that same parenting advice onto our own children.

Myself and all my friends with children, find the messaging from the opposition to the Roots Dispensary not only disturbing, but fear mongering. Peddling that our children will somehow be harmed if a dispensary opens on Santa Claus Lane, simply by walking by the store, is not only preposterous, but a complete lie. We parents are responsible for teaching our children about the law, teaching them what's acceptable behavior and what's not.

Cannabis is now legal and absolutely we don't want our underaged children indulging, no different than consuming alcohol- HOWEVER my children have NEVER been harmed from walking by a liquor store in fact, my youngest often stops in at one of the three liquor stores on his way home from school for a candy bar. And unlike a liquor store, a dispensary COMPLETELY prohibits ANYONE under the 21 from entering.

This appeal is a waste of people's time and money and I respectfully ask that you deny this appeal.

Thank you

Deana Frontado Waller

Carpinteria Resident

SUPPORT FOR ROOTS CARPINTERIA

Oct 28, 2022

Dear Supervisors,

Santa Claus Lane has several businesses with on-site liquor licenses. But no on-site consumption of cannabis will be allowed at Roots Carpinteria. The concern about an SCL dispensary undermining children's well-being is without merit. Not only will every person under 21 who attempts to access Roots Carpinteria be required to show an ID, EVERY person who attempts access to Roots Carpinteria's dispensary, and this goes for ALL of the legal dispensaries in California, will be required to show identification.

This is not always the case for those businesses that sell and allow onsite consumption of alcohol. The average percentage of patrons who order alcohol in restaurants and bars and are not asked to show ID can run as high as 50%. This is the real problem we face as parents, not a well-run cannabis retail dispensary that cards our kids and us!

Please vote to deny the appeal of the Roots project, and support this project moving forward.

Sincerely,

Debra Jorgensen
Carpinteria Resident

Oct 28, 2022

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Re: In Favor of Roots in Carpinteria

My name is Robin Karlsson and I'm writing in support of Roots Carpinteria and respectfully ask that you deny this appeal.

I'm a 15-year resident of Carpinteria, Rotarian, photographer for the Coastal View News, mother and grandmother.

I donate my time championing local causes such as: Friends of the Library, The Art Center, Carpinteria Education Foundation, Girls Inc, and many more valuable local organizations, and just like me, there's hundreds of other stellar Carpinterians who support the idea of a local and respectable dispensary.

I understand the opposition to legalized cannabis can be loud and threatening, but I ask that you please ignore their false accusations and grant our community what is legally our right, and this is access to compliant and safe cannabis.

Thank you for your time and please deny this appeal/

Robin Karlson

Brianda Negrete

From: Tina Frontado <tinalouisefrontado@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 2:50 PM
To: Brianda Negrete; sbcob
Subject: Roots Carpinteria Support Letters (No 1st, 2022) Batch #4
Attachments: Ingo Koch - BOS - Nov 1, 2022.pdf; Jamie Collins - BOS - Nov 1, 2022.pdf; Judy Garrison - BOS Nov 1st.pdf; Julie Romero Hathaway.pdf

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Warmly,
Tina Fanucchi-Frontado

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Oct 28, 2022

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Re: Roots Carpinteria

As a business owner here on Santa Claus Lane for the better part of a decade I find it surprising that anyone would object to a legal well run local business here.

The Radis Family has made great improvements to their property benefiting the whole street. The unique qualities of the building lend themselves to retail and especially cannabis retail. I would see a cannabis dispensary as a destination shopping experience, one where a client would place an order online or over the phone and drive to the business, park in the rear, pick up the product and drive home. I see that as safer than eating and consuming alcohol at one of the four places on Santa Claus Lane offering alcohol and then driving home.

I can understand the “not in my backyard” argument but, who’s back yard? Is anyone complaining about the wine sales at the Garden Market? What about alcohol sales on Carpinteria Ave? There you have three businesses selling alcohol literally across the street from condominium homes.

Perhaps some people still see cannabis through the lens of Reefer Madness but I hope cooler heads prevail and set aside a silly and old-fashioned argument against a legal business.

Thank you,
Ingo Koch
Owner
I Koch Electric Inc.
Phone: 805 566-2100
Fax: 805 566-2110

Oct 29, 2022

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Re: Roots Carpinteria

I would like to share my support for the proposed dispensary on Santa Claus Lane and respectfully ask that you deny this appeal.

As a supporter of legalized cannabis, mother of two young girls, employed in the community, involved school parent, advocate for the environment, education and health causes, I feel it is important that we not only have access to legalized cannabis, but that access be properly located.

The location of the proposed Roots Carpinteria hits all the key points: easy access, ample parking, gorgeous design, within a community where a large portion of cannabis is cultivated and most importantly, it's in a visible, safe and attractive location.

Thank you for all your hard work and I sincerely hope you deny this appeal, our community deserves the right to purchase legal cannabis.

Sincerely,

Jamie Collins

Oct 28, 2022

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors-

I have lived at 3666 Foothill Road in Carpinteria for over 30 years and am right in-between two cannabis farms.

I have never had any difficulties or concerns regarding this new legal industry and am a supporter of the legalization of cannabis. Far too many have suffered from the justice system for the growth and use of this plant.

I fully support the proposed dispensary slated for the former PORCH location, particularly in that the Radis family have rejuvenated that area and I'm confident they would only propose a business that would add quality to this location.

I ask that you deny this appeal and grant our community fair and respectable access to legalized, compliant and licensed cannabis products.

Thank you for your time and dedication.

Judy Garrison

Oct 29, 2022

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors-

I'm reaching out to you in support of Roots Dispensary in Carpinteria on Santa Claus Lane and ask that you Deny this Appeal.

Carpinteria has been my home for 59 years. That's all my life in this sweet little town. As a 4th generation Carpinterian, I take pride in this community and know it like the back of my hand.

Working for 21 years at CUSD, now retired. My husband a retired Firefighter/ Engineer w Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District. Our 2 grown sons raised here and going to local schools...WE KNOW CARPINTERIA!!!

I fully support the proposed dispensary slated for Santa Claus Lane. The community would benefit by having a dispensary here. I believe in and support legalized cannabis and feel it's deeply important that adults have respectable access to procure cannabis. I can't think of a better location for the proposed location. Parking will not be an issue, as I frequent many businesses in that location and have never had a problem parking. Bike traffic could be used, since it's a rideable (from downtown proper) location.

Please consider my opinion in denying this appeal

Thank you for your time,
Julie Romero Hathaway

Brianda Negrete

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Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Brianda Negrete; sbcob
Subject: Roots Carpinteria Support Letters (No 1st, 2022) Batch #5
Attachments: Hans Brand.pdf; Heather Jenkins - BOS - Nov 1st, 2022.pdf; Rev. Mary Moreno Richardson.pdf; Robert Shroll - Bos Nov 1st, 2022.pdf

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Tina Fanucchi-Frontado

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October 26, 2022

To: Board of Supervisors-
Re: Roots Carpinteria (Nov 1st, 2022)

I'd like to express my full support for the proposed dispensary, Roots Carpinteria and ask that you deny this appeal.

I have lived in Carpinteria for over 40 years with my wife and children. For the majority of those years, I grew cut flowers on our Foothill farm. When cannabis became legal, our farm decided to grow the cleanest, most environmentally friendly cannabis possible, we are proud to say that we are a "NO SPRAY" farm and now have native Lady Bugs using our facilities to procreate and expand their families on our farm year-round! This is important because the largest growing group of cannabis consumers are ages 50 and up, looking for ways to manage their health challenges with less pharmaceuticals.

Maire and Pat Radis know this importance first hand and their unwavering commitment to the environment and health, makes them absolutely ideal dispensary owners. I visit Santa Claus Lane often, and as you know dispensaries are very regulated and secure and this location also will allow Carpinterians to shop local and not have to travel to Santa Barbara or Ojai.

Please deny this appeal.

Thank you
Hans Brand

Oct 28, 2022

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors-
Re: Roots Carpinteria – **Please Deny this Appeal (Nov 1, 2022)**

I am a resident of Carpinteria. I think that 3823 Santa Claus Lane is the perfect location for a cannabis dispensary. It has private parking and a private entry to the store from the huge parking lot in back. The people who live in Summerland, Toro Canyon, Serena, and Carpinteria deserve to have a friendly local store and not have to drive to Ojai, Port Hueneme or brave the freeway construction and congestion to downtown Santa Barbara.

Carpinteria and Montecito are unfortunately not zoned for retail cannabis stores making the deserted end of Santa Claus Lane the best possible spot.

The County was absolutely right in making this area available for retail cannabis and we who live and work here support it enthusiastically.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heather Jenkins

Oct 26, 2022

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Good afternoon.

As a retired Episcopal priest with the mission of lifting up and supporting those suffering from PTSD, I can fully and wholeheartedly attest to the benefits of legal cannabis and support 100% the location of the proposed Roots Dispensary.

It is absolutely imperative that those utilizing the benefits of legal cannabis, not only have access to the plant, but aren't forced to enter a dark, out-of-the-way dispensary. This location is not only perfectly location, but just as important the owners Maire and Pat Radis for good, honest and caring people.

Thank you for allowing me to express my support of the project.
PLEASE DENY THE APPEAL

Sincerely,

The Rev. Mary Moreno Richardson

Oct 28, 2022

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Robert Shroll and I'm a resident of Carpinteria, a medical device sales professional, past president of our Carpinteria Lions Club, and non-profit champion.

I support the proposed dispensary on Santa Claus Lane because Carpinteria needs to have a dispensary (just like other South Coast cities) and with all of the possible locations - I'm so excited to see it land here.

The owners have done an excellent job with all of the required back-end work to make this happen. I see no reason whatsoever that they should be impeded by this appeal.

Please DENY THIS APPEAL

Thank you,
Robert Shroll
Carpinteria, CA

Brianda Negrete

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Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 2:56 PM
To: Brianda Negrete; sbcob
Subject: Roots Carpinteria Support Letters (No 1st, 2022) Batch #6
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Tina Fanucchi-Frontado

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Subject:

Please deny Roots Carpinteria appeal

October 26, 2022

Greetings Board of Supervisors

My name is Michael Lazaro ,I am a past Carpinterian of the year ,as well as a local and national event coordinator, and Community advocate, I have been volunteering with the avocado festival for the last 30 years as a operations director and producer of the event, I also have co founded the Alcazar Theatre and have deep roots in the nonprofit sector. 25 years ago I had an unfortunate accident where I was struck in the head causing me to have two brainstem decompression surgeries, The ability to use something other than opiates provided me pain relief, and hope that I needed through a very dark time in my life.

I am in strong support of a conscientious dispensary and I believe that Pat and Maria have the integrity and consciousness to do a much-needed service in this community. I think Santa Claus Ln. is a perfect location for this project, thank you for your time.

Sincerely Michael Lazaro

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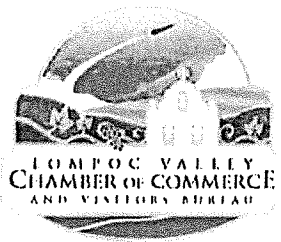
Nov 26, 2022

Dear Supervisors,

Researchers affiliated with Michigan State University assessed marijuana use trends in the U.S. The study evaluated whether legalization was associated with any changes in the percentage of people initiating cannabis use for the first time. While these researchers discovered consistent evidence of an increase in new cannabis use for adults aged 21 years and older after removing prohibitions against cannabis retail sales for those aged 12-20, the research found no effect. In other words, there was no increase in the occurrence of new incidents of cannabis use for underage persons.

Aside from the usual complaints about inadequate parking on Santa Claus Lane, an argument made by NIMBYs everywhere no matter the project, some of the opponents of the Roots Carpinteria dispensary claim that having a legal cannabis retail store on Santa Claus Lane will result in more kids using cannabis before they turn 21. But none of the research studies support this conclusion. As a mother and a local resident of Carpinteria, I am asking you to please vote to deny the appeal of the Roots Carpinteria project.

Sincerely,
Lisa Willis



Oct 27, 2022

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

As The Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce CEO, I am submitting this letter in strong support of The Roots Dispensary's application to open and operate a cannabis dispensary at 3823 Santa Claus Lane. Our community has been blessed by their organization, and I feel strongly that Roots Carpinteria is best suited to operate a dispensary in the Carpinteria Valley.

I have seen that The Roots Dispensary's owners & team has worked hard to consult and engage with community members here in Lompoc. I have had the privilege to work with them directly on many community endeavors, the organization's owners, and firmly believe that Mr. Castaneda and his team would be able to responsibly and successfully operate a Registered Cannabis Dispensary. As a former School Committee member & former Director of our local Boys & Girls Club, I am very impressed by their commitment to community outreach & support, educational and youth initiatives. All of which are very important to me. They have worked well with local stakeholders in the public and private sector in the Lompoc community.

They have met with me and other Lompoc City officials, to ensure transparency of their organization in Lompoc and more importantly, they are willing to educate all who are impacted by the industry.

Mr. Castaneda serves on The Chamber Board of Directors as well The Economic Development Committee and has strong community ties to Lompoc and the surrounding areas. The other Roots owners live and work in the area and have substantial "skin in the game."

I appreciate you taking the time to review my thoughts on their application. If you need any additional information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DeVika Stalling".

DeVika Stalling

President/CEO

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Oct 29, 2022

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

R: Roots Carpinteria- Please **Deny this Appeal**.

I reside in Carpinteria and **I fully support the dispensary at 3823 Santa Claus Lane**. I am a CPA by profession and so numbers interest me. Based on national statistics, we have fewer dispensaries per capita than any other state where recreational use is legal. To quote a recently publicized statistic "though Californians voted to legalize adult use marijuana in 2016, it remains largely unavailable in some of the biggest cities in the state. Out of the **482 cities** in California, 174 of them allow some form of licensed cannabis business".

As an active member of my community, and also through my service to various non-profit boards such as the Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Club, Carpinteria Dog Owners Group, Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary, and Villa Del Mar Homeowners Association...the topic of dispensaries comes up often and the majority of those are in favor of the City/County capitalizing on this opportunity. I think the Santa Claus Lane location makes the most sense. It is in a commercial area, it has easy access, and its proximity is not close to schools or daycares. Our community has come a long way in accepting legalized cannabis, particularly the proven benefits this plant can bring to those suffering.

I believe it's not only important but it's also our right to have convenient and approachable access to this legalized product. The operators of this proposed dispensary have a proven and impressive record as environmental champions along with a dedication to restoration. Therefore, 3823 Santa Claus would greatly benefit from their commitment of revitalizing this vacant and neglected strip of real estate.

Thank you again for allowing me to voice my support if Roots Carpinteria and I respectfully ask that you **deny this appeal**.

Best,

Lorraine McIntire, CPA

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