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Public Comment for October 13 Board of Supervisors Meeting:

 Dear Board of Supervisors,

In representation of the Santa Ynez Valley Youth Coalition, we wish to voice our concern and objection to efforts to permit a Cannabis Business License in the unincorporated area of the Santa Ynez Valley.

We have worked for years to protect our Santa Ynez Valley youth from the influence of and access to harmful substances that can destroy lives. We have worked with Federal, State, County and community partners to prevent and reduce youth substance use and promote a community that supports healthy lifestyle choices. Reducing access to these substances is a research-based proven strategy to help prevent youth substance abuse. Plans for a recreational marijuana storefront in our family-focused community will most certainly impair years of our prevention work.

The City Councils of Buellton and Solvang in the Santa Ynez Valley have already voted unanimously to ban recreational marijuana storefronts. To allow a storefront to open in the unincorporated area of our Santa Ynez Valley community appears to be an end run around the will of the people.

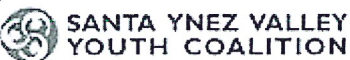
Given the process, it appears downtown Santa Ynez is the most likely victim of a marijuana storefront. This tiny, quaint town is home to a world-class museum, a youth dance studio, a library, and businesses that cater specifically to school children and their families. A marijuana storefront will forever mar the character and safety of this small town.

It is our position that the needs of our community, our families, and our youth should be given a higher priority than the income that the County will generate from the establishment of a cannabis retail storefront in the Santa Ynez Valley. We respectfully ask you to pause your process and engage the community before moving forward. Additionally, we would ask you to please consider keeping any future store at least 1000 feet away from our beloved youth-serving museum, library, and dance studio.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice our deepest concerns for our Valley youth and the citizens who live and work here.

The Santa Ynez Valley Youth Coalition

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