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From: Josh Hamilton <josh@pencevineyards.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 8:45 PM
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am a Sommelier in the wine industry with a decade of experience. My concern with the multiple cannabis grow operations in Sta. Rita Hills will have a large impact on the visual beauty of our region, as well as the strong odor that consistently affects our ability to be outside, becoming more vital in these trying times. A large part of tasting wine is utilizing your sense of smell, this will dramatically effect our guests visiting the region. Most of Santa Barbara County relies on the ability to taste wine outside. This will completely eliminate that.

Please consider everything that is said today. Thank you for your time.

Please read into public record.

***Please know that while we are dog lovers here at Pence Vineyards, we have 3 resident Rhodesian Ridgebacks! To best respect them and their space, we DO NOT allow dogs on the property. Thank you and see you soon!
In Vino Veritas,

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Please Read Letter Into the Record

Deny Appeal of Santa Rita Valley Ag Farms

Supervisors,

We are writing to express concern for the high concentration of commercial cannabis West of Buellton, along Highway 246 and Sta Rita Hills. Please do not ignore the cumulative impacts on our North County.

We have lived in this area for 20 years and frequently have week-end guests. We have proudly driven them around to see our beautiful rolling hills, enjoy wine tasting and visit our rural towns. That changed when cannabis growers took over our Valleys. During harvest and processing of cannabis, guests left early due to the "green skunk" smell. With the massive amount of cannabis being considered, the tourist business will change forever.

The most advanced odor control system does not eliminate odor, a sad reality for wineries who count on outdoor winetasting and beautiful views to show off our slice of paradise. Wine connoisseurs will not visit our Valleys and deal with the noxious smell.

Neighboring commercial cannabis conflicts with Award Winning wineries, who fear lawsuits for spraying farming materials. Legacy businesses should take precedent over new-comer ***Santa Rita Valley Ag***.

We ask our Supervisors to deny this appeal.

Respectfully,

Derek McLeish & Susan Ashbrook