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Subject: G & K Farms/K & G Flower Cannabis Cultivation Appeal- 3561 Foothill Road
Hearing Date: Aug 20th, 2019
Comment Letter From: Tina & Greg Frontado at 3678 Foothill Road Carpinteria.

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors-

As a family that has lived at 3678 Foothill Road in Carpinteria for 43+ years, I urge you to deny the appeal of G&K Farm/K&G Flower at 3561 Foothill Road.

We moved to "the hill" back when there were no greenhouses, and mostly avocados and lemons covering the landscape. In the early 1980's a new agricultural product entered our community with Dutch immigrants leading the way.

Greenhouses were erected as they are one of the most resource efficient types of farming and soon Carpinteria had an economically successful industry. Although greenhouses sit under SBC jurisdiction, greenhouse owners/families invested, and continue to do so today, millions upon millions of dollars back into our community economy. Most of our nonprofits wouldn't be here if not for the continued generosity of these families. Unfortunately, our local flower industry lost out to the less regulated South American suppliers, leaving Carpinteria with many dilapidated greenhouses, unemployment and no county or community revenue stream. Four or five years ago, maybe more, some very brave greenhouse owners/families began cultivating medical cannabis under Prop 215.

We live 100ish yards as a crow flies, from several existing cannabis cultivators and have experienced nothing but positive outcomes from this new greenhouse product--Cannabis is the cleanest, most environmentally friendly product ever grown in these green houses. No more pesticides being sprayed on flowers, or huge refrigerator trucks pounding the 192. Their odor abatement system is state-of-the-art, honestly you might get a faint whiff of something very mild every once in a while, but it's absolutely nothing of any notice. Closed-loop water irrigation, Living-wages for workers, decreased traffic and the

renovation of dilapidated greenhouses are all welcomed and much appreciated improvements.

Although we support the existing cannabis farmers, it is important to note that the proposed project at 3561 Foothill is **not** currently in operation and is **not** a legal non-conforming farm. This is a prospective operator that has applied for cannabis permits in good faith, and followed the process the County established for cannabis farmers, which has taken them over a year. Therefore the items raised in the appeal are non-applicable, because this is not a currently operational farm.

There are a handful of operators in Carpinteria who are not following the rules, and whose permits should be denied. G&K Farms/K&G Flowers are not one of them. These are the operators we want in our community – local farmers that are dedicated to being good farmers and great neighbors.

We support G & K Farms/K&G Flower and ask, in the best interest of our neighborhood and community, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors deny the Appeal. As with all our farmer neighbors, G & K Farms/K&G Flower have been open and communicative with all who reach-out and we're 100% confident they'll be an excellent addition to "the hill."

Thank you for all the hard and strong work you do for our County.

Respectfully,

Tina & Greg Frontado