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I've written to the board of supervisors a few times, and have spoken in three or four comments sessions. At this critical juncture, I'd just like to speak simply.

I am a resident of Gregg Hart's 2nd district, and I have degrees in molecular biology with an emphasis in pharmacology. I'm also a former economic development commissioner for the County of Santa Barbara. I've spent most of my career in local start up businesses.

Anybody who reads about the business of marijuana knows that it's going through a bust which shows that the boom has always been dubious, and overstated. •••Why sell our environment down the river for a business that literally stinks and causes people headaches?•••

***For this reason alone, CUPs sre the only way to go. We need to have ongoing control!!!***

If people need it for medicinal use, it's trivial to grow your own. But keep in mind that there's almost no medical research on marijuana, and it's very likely to be as much placebo effect as anything else. I am not knocking the placebo effect, but we don't need to stink up our county to use it.

You've heard all the hard luck stories about people who invested prematurely in marijuana grows in our county, and now **they think that they have a right to expect equally poorly made decisions from the board of supervisors.**

Don't ruin the ambience of our unique county chasing what is basically a bad business idea that has negative environmental impacts on your voters.

I would even argue that you're doing farmers a favor by stopping them from wasting their time and money on an unstable and possibly very unprofitable market.

Respectfully,  
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