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Sent:

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sbcob

Subject:

Case No 21APL-000000-00048



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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for taking the time to hear about our proposed project.

My name is Michael Norling. I decided to dedicate my life and career to Medical Cannabis Farming as I had a loved one very ill with an unrelenting and devastating disease; multiple sclerosis (to which there is no cure and is a cause very important to me)...One of the only medicines that really made a difference with their condition was medical cannabis...I got to see this person happy and content in between terrible relapses of the disease... It breaks my heart just thinking back to it. Since that time, I knew I had my calling of helping those also in need. I was finally able to start this journey with the help of Cresco Labs in Illinois 3 in a half years ago, where I grew up... Being from a state that's 99% corn and 1% deep dish pizza, I always knew I wanted to get into agriculture and farming (and also open a true deep dish pizzeria for California). Since I was young kid, I would simulate farming and harvesting any way I could. Mainly through games and playing outside, helping my mother in the garden. The joy of bringing down a fruitful harvest was always a rush and still is. What I loved most was- the harvest wasn't just for me...No, it was for the community, my friends, my family. I got to do something that would benefit more than just myself. No matter the crop, I'd watch farmers go by on tractors all day long and I saw the conditions they had to deal with...farming was certainly a rough and hardworking yet rewarding life. It beckoned to me none the less. Fast forward 15 years and I'm in my dream job as a farmer here in beautiful Carpinteria, California. I couldn't be more grateful. What Cresco Labs has done for those who have farming and agriculture as a passion – is unmatched to what I've seen elsewhere. The benefits and working conditions Cresco Labs provided me are better than I could have ever imagined in the agriculture industry. I have a 401k to save for a retirement, I've got fantastic health insurance, great wages, covid hazard pay, free lunches during the pandemic, a flexible schedule, events/gathering (pre-pandemic), upward mobility in the company, volunteering opportunities and a wonderful work culture I couldn't be prouder to be a part of. Our proposed upgrade means that I can continue to pursue my dream of farming and giving back to community every way possible, with the help of Cresco. It means we can help others who need the support.. Please help make this a reality. So many hard-working farmers, care givers, and patients rely on it...

Thank you,

Kindest Regards,
-Michael Norling

de la Guerra, Sheila

From:

sbcob

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FW: 21APL-000000-00048 D4

From: Roseinede Lima de Santana <rlimadesantana76@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 4:52 PM **To:** sbcob <sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Roseinede Lima De Santana and I have worked for Cresco Labs for 2 and a half years. I'm from Brazil and now a resident of California, U.S. I want to express my support for the proposed project and also my gratitude towards Cresco Labs from Carpinteria C.A. I feel comfortable, happy, valued, and treated like an equal among all my coworkers. During one of the hardest periods of my life, having little to no support here as all of my family is in Brazil. Cresco Labs has been the one constant support I could count on. They we're supportive and flexible with my work schedule so I could resolve issues in my personal life. Management, HR and my colleagues, have gone out of there way to help me during this time. I will never forget. I'm not sure what I would have done without them. I'm happy to find a company like Cresco Labs that welcomes all nationalities. My first language is Portuguese and a little Spanish. But this doesn't stop Cresco from treating me well, just like my peers. I couldn't be prouder to be part of the Cresco Labs Family. Because of this, one of my dreams is to represent Cresco here and eventually in my home country of Brazil if we ever open there. The project ahead of us is very important to me personally because of all the opportunities and jobs this can provide. Not only for me but for everybody, and especially those that may be in a similar situation as me. The project ahead means I will continue to work for a company that pays competitively, makes me feel valued, and ultimately will allow me to build a life here in California so I can bring my son from my Brazil.

Sincerely, Rose

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From: Casey Balch <kennethbalch@me.com>
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To: sbcob

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Hello I am writing to have the following incorporated into the record for Item D-4 of the agenda on 12/7 regarding Case No 21APL-000000-00048.

My name is Casey Balch and I am a lifelong south coast resident, I have lived in Carpinteria for over 30 years. I am fortunate to serve on several non-profits in the South Coast as well. I am writing in support of Cresco Labs, and their continued use of property here in the valley. Cresco has been a wonderful new addition to the community, and have been of tremendous support to several non-profits in the area. It is notable that they have done so without seeking publicity or "good favor" and genuinely do it to enhance the community.

I am familiar with their staff and location and have every confidence that they are both committed to being a good neighbor and ensuring that they are leaving a positive impact on the community in which they operate.

Best Regards.