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# Public Comment- Group 1

**From:** Lois Phillips <lois@loisphillips.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 12:01 PM  
**To:** Supervisor Das Williams  
**Cc:** sbcob  
**Subject:** feedback

**Categories:** Public Comment

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Dear Supervisor Williams,  
cc: County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

I admire you for so many of your progressive positions and the environmental knowledge you brought to your role but must weigh in on the Cannabis store proposed for Santa Claus Lane. While the supporters who see the commercial viability and traffic brought to the street, I have concerns about the location, access to marijuana for surfers, and the fact that the coastal commission typically doesn't support cannabis uses in areas where they conflict with public access.

As an educator, I also have concerns about making marijuana easily accessible to *young people*, which is why I believe normalizing easy access in a mini-mall is a bad idea. I say this based on the Scientific American's recent article about the impact on the teen brain, which is important to recognize. With a young adult in my life whose personal life has been uprooted by peer pressure AND (mistakenly) smoking weed in order to manage anxiety, I've seen first hand how difficult it is to convince young people that smoking weed has consequences that may well be longterm.

I provide an excerpt of the research below, <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/what-pot-really-does-to-the-teen-brain/>.

Please take a due diligence approach to assure your constituents that your position has nothing to do with the income garnered from taxes tied to cannabis. Given the state of politics and the public's distrust of perceived back-room agreements, I'm worried about the integrity of political process in this case, especially when swayed by contributors. Finally, I appeal to you as a parent as well as a supervisor, given the research I provided below.

Thank you. Lois Phillips

During adolescence the brain matures in several ways believed to make it more efficient and to strengthen executive functions such as emotional self-control. Various lines of research suggest that cannabis use could disrupt such processes.

For one thing, recent studies show that cannabinoids manufactured by our own nerve cells play a crucial role in wiring the brain, both prenatally and during adolescence. Throughout life they regulate appetite, sleep, emotion, memory and movement—which makes sense when you consider the effects of marijuana. There are “huge changes” in the concentration of these endocannabinoids during the teenage years, according to neurologist Yasmin Hurd of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai,

which is why she and others who study this system worry about the impact of casually dosing it with weed.

Brain-imaging studies reinforce this concern. A number of smallish studies have seen differences in the brains of habitual weed smokers, including altered connectivity between the hemispheres, inefficient cognitive processing in adolescent users, and a smaller amygdala and hippocampus—structures involved in emotional regulation and memory, respectively.

Lois Phillips, PhD

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"The History of Women as Speakers: When Women Spoke Up They Changed History," 2021

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**From:** BARBARA STOOPS <bls100@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 7:37 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Cannibus Store on Santa Clause Lane

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Please think of our young people that play and surf on the beach here, they should be in a safe area.

The Lane has always been a place where young adults and children gather every summer, now it will be full of pot smokers and drug users. I know Cannibus is legal, but it's not a good fit on a very busy beach area!

Barbara Stoops

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**From:** Grant Robertson <grantrobertson805@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 1:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Appeal of 3823 Santa Claus Lane Cannabis Retail Nov. 1, 2022

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

To Whom It May Concern,

I will not be able to attend the Santa Claus cannabis retail store appeal hearing on November 1, 2022, however I would like to convey my opposition to its approval and impending existence in this message.

Three things you should know about me before I address my reasons for concern:

- My family has lived, worked, and played in Santa Barbara and Carpinteria Counties for 5 generations. I went to Santa Barbara Junior High, SBHS, & UCSB and owned/operated a restaurant in Isla Vista. I have spent more time on Santa Claus Lane and Padaro Lane than most people you will hear from regarding this matter. Santa Claus and Padaro will always be the most special place in the world to me.
- I voted for Prop. 64 six years ago because I believed, and still do, that the growth, consumption and sale of cannabis should be state (and federally) legal assuming that appropriate measures and guidelines are followed by our elected leaders.
- I am a registered Independent voter. I do not have a political agenda on this matter. This is about right and wrong.

Das Williams' promise to deny a project in a location that did not provide community benefit has not been kept, to the point, where any educated person has to ask themselves, these questions: "Is this fraudulent?" "This truly can't be about adding jobs, right?" "Cannabis users can't drive a couple miles north on the 101 Freeway to one of the many retail locations in Santa Barbara?" "Or have it delivered to their home by one of the many operators that does so?" It seems like our Governor listened to our complaints about Williams, so much so that he appointed Meagan Harmon to the Coastal Commission, rather than Williams.

I truly don't understand how the addition of a Cannabis retail store on Santa Claus Lane is "necessary" for our community. Further, I would be voicing my disapproval of a proposed liquor/convenient store in this location, let alone a cannabis store, for all the reasons you would expect, but above all - it's not necessary and will be a detriment to our community.

Lastly, and nostalgically, I still remember "Toyland," and of course the Santa Claus sculpture, as well as the seafood market with tanks of lobster and crabs because it was a fun & safe place for my grandmother and mother to take me. Since, I was thrilled to see the transformation of the Padaro Grill by one of our prominent/local restaurateurs that is such a big draw for families, especially in the summer. I know the A-Frame Surf Shop owners well, they have done a phenomenal job bringing our youth to the beach via surf camps and competitions. My wife and I have even bought furniture from Coast Supply Co. This stretch of coastal land needs to be preserved and managed properly for the benefit of our kids and future generations.

PLEASE APPEAL THIS DECISION.

Sincerely,

Grant B. Robertson

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**From:** Robert Lesser <bobbyless@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 6:11 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Williams, Das; Villalobos, David; Miyasato, Mona; Cooney Mike  
**Subject:** ROOTS

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To the Board of Supervisors,

Please note our opposition to the ROOTS pot shop on Padaro Lane. There is no parking in its vicinity *ever* as it is now to the point that it is difficult for regular beach user to find any parking within a half mile. The owners proposed plan for parking is woefully inadequate.

This is truly insane.

Why one must ask has Das William- over and over again blocked any pot shop in Montecito- pushing all his cannabis ventures into Carpinteria? Despite the opposition of most of the community.

Any why foist this sorry enterprise on a community that is especially unified in opposition to it? And that will take its Appeal to the Calif. Coastal Commission.

Sincerely,

Robert Lesser

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**From:** Margaret Baker <mbaker1234@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 11:51 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Williams, Das  
**Subject:** SB Planning Commission - Roots Dispensary, Santa Claus Lane, Carpinteria - 21CDH-00000-00029  
**Attachments:** Margaret Baker\_Santa Barbara Planning Commission\_Letter\_10.17.22.docx

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Please find the attached letter.

Santa Barbara County Supervisors' Hearing

October 17, 2022

Dear Zoning Administrator:

**I am writing to state my strong opposition to the allowance of The Roots Cannabis Storefront Retail to be located at 3823 Santa Claus Lane.**

I have lived in the neighborhood, on Padaro Lane, for nearly 45 years, and appreciate that this is a quiet, family-oriented area. I have taken my children and grandchildren to Santa Claus Beach for as long as I have lived here, and it is a low-key beach with small restaurants and local shops that appeal to families. I frequently take my grandchildren to the Padaro Beach Grill because it is a place where children can play safely, to the Garden Market for lunch, and to A-Frame Surf Shop with my grandchildren.

**There is not a liquor store on Santa Claus Lane. There is not a drugstore on Santa Claus Lane. There is not a place to purchase cigarettes on Santa Claus Lane.**

There **must not** be a marijuana dispensary on Santa Claus Lane. It is out of character for the neighborhood, and there are other reasons it should not be located at the proposed site.

- **Traffic.** The proposed dispensary would draw much more traffic to the entire length of Santa Claus Lane and Padaro Lane. This is already a congested area with traffic and little parking nearly all year long. Families often wander into the middle of the street, and driving on the road already requires a great amount of care. A marijuana dispensary would increase traffic considerably and make the road more dangerous.

- **Parking.** Parking is already very problematic along Santa Claus Lane. There simply is not enough parking to contend with the clientele that **one of only two dispensaries in Santa Barbara** would bring.

- **Security.** Security is also a serious concern. The location, with easy access off and on the 101, makes it very attractive for criminal activities. The cash only for purchasing marijuana products is clearly different from other retail in the area. Much more cash would be stored on-site compared to other retail stores, which creates a real security concern.

- **Being adjacent to children.** It is not appropriate to allow a cannabis store, which has a required setback from schools and kids camps, to be located right between two long-standing (each greater than 20 years) surf camps for kids—it is in direct conflict with the intent of the cannabis ordinance. Santa Claus Lane has historically been a magnet for families with children.

**The residents, retailers, and people most directly impacted by this proposal overwhelmingly oppose it. Those of us who live nearby and use this area must have**

**a voice in this proposal, and we do not want a marijuana dispensary on Santa Claus Lane. This proposed site simply makes no sense at all, and must be declined. That a majority of neighbors oppose this store should cause you to decline this proposal. This is not the right location for this store.**

Regards,

Margaret Baker  
3281 Beach Club Road  
Carpinteria, CA 93013  
805-684-4827

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**From:** P.J. Kundar <patriciajk@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 11:41 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Williams, Das  
**Subject:** Cannabis Store on Santa Claus Lane

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Sheryl and Barry K. Schwartz  
3339 Padaro Lane  
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Attention: Clerk of the Board

RE: Proposed Cannabis Store on Santa Claus Lane

Dear County Supervisors,

As homeowners on Padaro Lane the permit for the cannabis retail store is extremely concerning to us and many who live in the area close to Santa Claus Lane. This decision to allow a cannabis dispensary will impact the surrounding neighborhoods in so many negative ways. We strongly oppose and implore the board to reconsider this decision.

We feel most importantly the added traffic in the area will endanger our children and our grandchildren's safety on already busy local roads which are adjacent to the Hwy. 101 entrance. Certainly there will be parking issues and much more pedestrian foot traffic. All this will affect our neighborhoods personal safety and security. The business will devalue our properties. Frankly there are too many unknown factors that can and will occur that will harm our lives and peaceful living. This location is not the place to permit such a business.

We do not support or endorse this decision and strongly oppose it as do an overwhelming majority of our neighbors, neighboring businesses and business owners.

Sincerely,  
Sheryl and Barry K. Schwartz

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**From:** Laura Williams <lmw64@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2022 6:33 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Williams, Das  
**Subject:** ROOTS Cannabis Dispensary Santa Claus Lane

**Categories:** Public Comment

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I wish to again assert my strong opposition to a Cannabis dispensary on Santa Claus Lane. It is an inappropriate location for such an establishment: the proximity to children at surf camp and families enjoying their time together at the beach; the parking and traffic concerns; the security and safety of the neighborhood; the imposition to the current small business owners on the Lane. We chose to live in a peaceful beach community—not a drug den.

If you have not seen the advertisement I have attached, it should disgust you. Is this the future we want for California?

Respectfully,

Laura Williams  
591 Sand Point Road



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**From:** Raymond Smith <ray@eri.ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 11:53 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Ray Smith; Domi Smith  
**Subject:** Appeal of 3823 Santa Claus Lane Cannabis Retail Nov. 2, 2022

**Categories:** Public Comment

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

Please do not approve a cannabis shop on Santa Claus Lane

Santa Claus Lane currently is oriented to family and youth and the proposed cannabis shop creates a serious conflict with current use.

Please see, for example, the attached recent article published in The Washington Post by Leana Wen. This article documents in detail, and cites relevant studies to show, how exposure to marijuana can be seriously harmful to youths. This potential harm to youths should preclude approval of cannabis on Santa Claus Lane.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ray & Domi Smith

Mission Canyon

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**From:** Dr. Cortney Warren, PhD, ABPP <cwfishkin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 15, 2022 6:48 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das  
**Subject:** Cannabis Issue: Letter from Resident  
**Attachments:** Cannabis Letter Dr. Warren-Fishkin.docx

**Categories:** Public Comment

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Please include my letter as part of the ongoing Santa Claus Lane cannabis dispensary issue.

Best,  
Cortney

### **Dr. Cortney S. Warren, PhD, ABPP**

Board Certified Clinical Psychologist  
Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychiatry  
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV  
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September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Planning Commission  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 E. Anapamu St.  
Santa Barbara, CA.

By: e-mail

Dear Chair Parke and Commissioners:

I am a resident of the First District and I have owned a home in the Casa Blanca subdivision since 2014, which I share with my husband and two elementary school-aged children. I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the approval of a coastal development permit for a cannabis dispensary on Santa Claus Lane.

Allowing a dispensary to be built along Santa Claus Lane is a clear failure by the County to protect the unique qualities of my neighborhood and ensure the safety of the public who come to enjoy the beach. More specifically, allowing a dispensary to exist on Santa Claus Lane is incompatible with our C-1 zone because it will cause noise, night lighting, security and traffic impacts that have not been properly evaluated or addressed. Additionally, families with children frequent the Santa Claus Lane area and should be protected from cannabis exposure. For example, a cannabis dispensary is completely incompatible with the two existing Surf schools/camps—both of which have been present for decades—and cater to children and youth.

Furthermore, and more importantly to the value and security of our homes, the access to our subdivision and the adjacent Sandyland residential community has already been negatively impacted by the existing and well-documented circulation and parking deficiencies along Santa Claus Lane (particularly at the east end). These existing deficiencies will be exacerbated because the Streetscape aspect of this project will result in a loss of 12 parking spaces in front of the proposed dispensary site. This will undoubtedly cause congestion and safety impacts to the new bike lane as people come off the 101 to stop for cannabis and are unable to find parking convenient to enable a quick stop.

Finally, as you probably already know, our neighborhood is a mapped EDRN (existing developed rural neighborhood). The Board of Supervisors has prohibited all cannabis related structures/uses in the EDRN in the *inland* areas but has refused to extend this protection to our coastal EDRN without a clear rationale. The security needs, armored guard, fencing and night lighting are all incompatible with our neighborhood.

In closing, it is inevitable that people purchasing cannabis will proceed to the Santa Claus Lane beach and consume marijuana-based products there. For the security and safety of the public as well as our community, I'm highly concerned that the County has no capacity to enforce its rules

against smoking on the beach while they are allowing a cannabis dispensary to exist right along the coast. This poses a safety concern to all parties involved.

Please vote to deny the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Cortney Warren-Fishkin

## de la Guerra, Sheila

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**From:** Renee Newell <saassistant9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022 10:51 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Williams, Das  
**Subject:** County Supervisors Hearing - Nov 1st - Letter in opposition to Roots Dispensary

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**Dear County Supervisors:**

As an eight-year Sand Point Road resident of Carpinteria, I would like to express my **strong opposition to the proposed location of the cannabis store on Santa Claus Lane**. There is no more **INAPPROPRIATE LOCATION** in Carpinteria. I am not opposed to retail Cannabis locations; they just need to be sited in the proper setting.

I am very familiar with the proposed Santa Claus location. I travel Santa Claus Lane literally hundreds of times per year, as it is the access to my residence. As such, I am familiar with the make-up of the beach crowds that gather on Santa Claus Lane and the traffic, parking, and other associated issues.

There are many detrimental issues associated with the Santa Claus Lane proposed location. The following are what I deem to be the most serious:

- **Proposed location surrounded by children.** California State, County and City policies dictate that Cannabis stores and kids do not mix. There are required setbacks from schools and kids' camps. Thus, this proposed location does not make sense. The location is in an area that has two surf camps and where a high percentage of those visiting the area are young children.
- The proposed Cannabis Store will be **high volume and high impact**. I believe this site was selected because:
  - o Of its access to Hwy 101, thus making it easy for out of out-of-area customers to find and access the location.
  - o The cities of Carpinteria and Ventura do not allow retail Cannabis locations. The Santa Claus location will have a large customer base to draw from and the and the sales from this location will be **HIGH VOLUME**.
- The Cannabis store is **not compatible with the other businesses** on Santa Claus Lane. The customer base for the other businesses on Santa Claus Lane is made-up primarily of families with kids, visiting the adjacent beaches. A retail Cannabis location will be totally incompatible with the

other family-oriented businesses.

- **Traffic and Parking** during the summer months is already beyond what would be considered maximum. Cars are constantly circling to find parking spots. I have observed many close calls as kids are dashing across Santa Claus Lane to access the cars parked on the other side of the road.
- The residents in the area who will be impacted by a retail sales outlet in this location, are in **total opposition** to this proposed location.

Please deny the Cannabis retail store use application for the Santa Claus location. As I stated at the start of this communication, it would be difficult to find a more **INAPPROPRIATE LOCATION** to site this store, in all of Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

Sarah Argyropoulos  
711 Sand Point Road,  
Carpinteria