

Dear Planning Commissioners, David Villalobos and Staff,

December 8, 2017

I wish to thank you for, patiently, helping me with my slide show presentation, during the meeting, on December 6th. I also want to commend you for making diligent efforts, in navigating your way through the convoluted issues, relating to Cannabis Ordinances. When I attended your meeting, I had difficulty comprehending topics pertaining to APAC; prime; non-prime, super-prime, compatible vs. agricultural land use, etc. Like my elderly, eccentric neighbor, who owned the 40-acre parcel now being farmed by Dayspring, used to say, "It's like to drive me nuts!" Eleanor Ryzner would be turning over in her grave, to see what has become of her beloved, beautiful, oak-forested Tepusquet property. God Rest Her Soul!

Regarding the slide show I presented and other concerns:

1. The impact of excessive traffic on our very narrow, winding, undivided road
2. The abuse of speed laws, traffic lanes, registration, licensing, in which these vehicles/drivers/employees practice
3. Cannabis Growers constant abuse of County, State and Federal laws (I would be held accountable, why not them?)

Re Water Use: During the meeting, one of the commissioners mentioned 'possibly allowing growers to haul water in, when they had a well go dry, so they could get their current crop in.' This concept would totally undermine county efforts to eliminate these problematic issues! Why? Cannabis growers have a continual cycle of plants, under cultivation and which require water, at all times, throughout the growing season (January – December). These continuous plantings range in size from seedlings, to mature plants. They have *all stages of these plants, growing continually*, throughout the entire season. There is not just, 'one completed cycle of cultivation' followed by one completed harvest and then a new cycle of plants started. It is a continuous, non-stop cycle of plant stages, throughout the year. I hope I have made this point very clear. You may not live near a pot farm, but we do! We observe/photograph their activity, daily.

Please do not create a 'loop-hole,' by allowing growers to haul water, to purportedly 'complete their perpetual harvests.' You may as well give them a carte blanche to haul water in, year-round. This would be disastrous and would not resolve any of the issues we currently have, relating to heavy Cannabis traffic. It would also sanction violating Federal CEQA laws.

As we, personally, observe grower activity and their 'increase in operations,' *we are very familiar with how they operate.* We have thousands of photographs identifying the variety of vehicles they use to haul equipment, materials, chemicals, plants, water, employees, harvested Cannabis, etc., daily, year in and out. We have also been provided with photographs from neighbors, who have more 'intimate and accessible views,' indicating how these growers abuse the county's ordinances by grading, bull-doing oak trees, drilling wells, without containing drill slurry; dumping piles of trash, human waste, chemically toxic products and used potting soil, in massive piles on their farms. Their toxic wastes will, literally, being flushed downhill, into our creeks, which feed into the Sisquoc and Santa Maria Rivers and ultimately, the Pacific Ocean. HOW SAD IS THAT? What are you, or anyone in this county, doing to stop them, *after being informed?* Nothing!

I also wish you to remind you that many of our residents choose not to come to meetings or sign our petition to, "Prohibit Commercial Cannabis in Tepusquet Canyon." They have privately verbalized to me that they are 'concerned for their safety' and 'fearful of retribution from the growers.' I understand this, as it took us two years to become brave enough, after being threatened by our '*friendly neighborhood Cannabis growers,*' to bring our concerns to our community's and county's attention. We, too, fear retribution from these illegal operators who have become more brazen, as we continue to speak out, publicly. They have, correctly, deduced that there is neither law enforcement nor consequences, for their illegal actions. I wonder how you would feel, if you had to live under these circumstances, experiencing what we go through, every single day? How long would it take you, as a commissioner, to shut them down, if you lived next door? If we chose to bull-doze oak trees and build a house on our isolated properties, behind our locked gates, how long would it take County Planning to demand a legal permit, from us non-Cannabis residents? Our Civil Rights Are Being Abused!

As a result of growers' threats to us, if anything happens to me, my family or to those who support the Tepusquet Canyon Crisis Committee, I hope you find out who did it and nail the rackin' frackin' b\*%t#\*#s who, as Eliza Doolittle would so aptly state, "*Done us in!*" I may attempt to make light of this, but it is truly a real concern, for all of us. Please Help Us!

Sincerely Appreciative of Anything You Can Do,  
Renée O'Neill (Tepusquet Canyon Crisis Committee)

## Lenzi, Chelsea

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**From:** htjameson@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 2:10 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Wolf, Janet; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** 12-14-17 Meeting - Comments on Item I. Update on Cannabis Licensing and Land Use Permitting

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I submit the following for your consideration as you review your September 19 comments on cannabis licensing:

Thank you for opposing pot clubs that would allow onsite consumption of marijuana, a deadly menace to the driving public.

Please oppose marijuana microbusinesses, likely to be marginal, undercapitalized operations that could cut regulatory corners.

To protect young people, please favor a 1,000-foot buffer zone from marijuana businesses to schools, and youth and day-care centers.

If retail licenses are to be granted, please require they be for sales-by-delivery only, and not sales by storefronts, which bring increased risks for young people. Sales by delivery occur now, and it seems unlikely this channel will disappear. But sales by delivery can be controlled and carefully regulated by licensing a small number of dealers susceptible to close monitoring. For example, the county can require any seller-by-delivery to have a base location subject to inspection at any time; to employ screened, fingerprinted workers; and to keep careful records of sales and customers.

Carefully regulated sales by delivery would be preferable to opening a new channel of sales by storefronts, which pose a special threat to young people. With their physical presence and advertising, marijuana storefronts increase the visibility and acceptability of the drug for young people. Although storefronts could not legally sell to minors, they would provide an additional source for others to buy and pass on the drug to minors. Evidence from Colorado shows many minors who use marijuana receive pass-along supplies.

If marijuana retailing is to be allowed, please license a small number of closely monitored sellers-by-delivery under provisions recently considered by San Luis Obispo County--no storefront dealers and sales by delivery permitted only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sincerely yours,  
Hunter Jameson  
Santa Maria, California

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**From:** MY FARM <myfarmsb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 6:35 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Rob Bjorklund; Rogue Entertaining; connectdistribution2018@gmail.com; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Wolf, Janet; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Board meeting for 12/14/17, #17-00926

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Hello this is in regard to board of supervisors meeting  
12/14/17, #17-00926

Micro business licenses for legal non conforming medical marijuana operations must be included in licenses available. For perspective, lets compare it to an apple farm stand. At the stand, farmers provide to customers just apples but they also sale other apple products such as apple juice, apple cider, apple pies, apple sauce, etc. Its all available fresh, usually at a more affordable price and from that farm.

As a local medical marijuana farm collective we have already been doing the same and providing to our members just marijuana, but also products such as bubble hash, keif, infused oils, infused edibles, topicals, rosin tinctures, etc. To keep prices as low as possible and stay competitive, a micro business must be included for established businesses. A micro business just like the apple stand adds to the local community, and the local feeling of Santa Barbara which people really enjoy and feel comfortable at.

Regarding new taxes being discussed. If you must add a tax, after reviewing all the options made available to supervisors we agree with the HDL report and keeping it as gross receipts. We also agree with the recommendation to encourage having it well below the cumulative rate of 30%, so we can compete in the statewide market. Sales tax, excise tax, and cultivation tax by themselves add 25% or more. Please be aware that we want to keep prices low for our members so they stay apart of our collective as we go into the new regulations.

Reading more of the HDL report we also agree that as an established and existing operation, these taxes and regulations should be geared to helping us succeed in the legal market.

Temporary licenses should be made available to existing legal non conforming operations that were in compliance with state and local law prior to January 2016.

Thank you

Sincerely:

Robert Bjorklund- CEO & Cody Hemmah- COO of M.Y. Farm Collective Inc. Est 2009

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**From:** Graham Farrar <graham@ghsupplycompany.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das; Wolf, Janet  
**Cc:** Nelson, Bob; Litten, Jefferson; Bantilan, Cory; Elliott, Darcel; O'Gorman, Mary; sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment Cannabis Item - 12/14/17

Good morning Chair Hartmann and Honorable Supervisors,

As a current (registered :) ) cannabis cultivator, here are my suggestions for your hearing tomorrow:

**1. Please direct staff to issue existing medical cultivators a letter of local authorization that clearly allows us to apply for a State Temporary License (Action G).** I believe the industry and the County have the same objective here – to bring the industry into compliance as soon as possible. Securing a Temporary License is the first step. It will also help the industry transition more quickly to the new, much more highly regulated framework. The temporary license is the start of the new compliance pathway. For example, once a cultivator applies for a temporary license, they must “follow the statutes and regulations as would be required if the licensee held an annual license of the same type.” This means compliance with testing, labeling, packaging, security, water source disclosures, etc.

**2. Please do not take final action on the tax recommendation tomorrow.** We, as growers, have not had an opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the County about the enormous forthcoming costs of compliance, State taxes, and current experience with price compression. I’m very concerned that under the proposed rates, I could not be profitable or successful long term. I’ve run the numbers and the State tax is about 40%, which does *not* include new costs of doing business – testing, track and trace, odor control, security, etc.

It’s important to note that the industry is currently experiencing price compression. Prices have plunged in the summer due to oversupply. This is a newly legalized market, with high volatility. It is critical that the Board fully understand what the industry is experiencing before making a final recommendation on taxes – which will profoundly impact our ability to be successful.

I cannot overemphasize the risks of a compounding tax. I think that we all agree on the benefits of vertical integration (cultivation + manufacturing etc) The recommended rates would result in a layering tax, which would negatively impact our local business and employees. For example, under the proposal, my business would be taxed at multiple points within **my own** operation because I grow my own clones (nursery tax 2%), cultivate (4%), intend to extract my product to prepare it for market (manufacture tax 6%), and need a distribution license to transport my product (distribution tax 2%). This is unheard of for any other industry.

**3. Please support cultivation, manufacturing and distribution on Ag-1 parcels – no minimum parcel size.** The proposed land use policy (areas of “conceptual consensus” page 20 staff report) would not only **require me to shut down**, but would preclude me from being able to vertically integrate – a stated recommendation from the Ad Hoc committee (July 11<sup>th</sup> hearing).

I am currently cultivating at scale on a 4 acre parcel. The minimum acre cap of 7 acres would preclude me from being able to grow on my property in pre-existing infrastructure. Additionally, the conceptual land use policy would prohibit me from being able to extract (“manufacture”) my product and transport it (“distribute”) on Ag-1. **I urge the Board to support the Ad Hoc Committees original recommended land use table, which was also analyzed as the proposed project in the DEIR – which allows for cultivation, manufacturing and distribution on Ag-1.**

Thank you,

Graham

805-252-5755

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**From:** Ivan Van Wingerden <ivan@ever-bloom.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:15 PM  
**To:** Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Wolf, Janet  
**Cc:** Nelson, Bob; Litten, Jefferson; Bantilan, Cory; Elliott, Darcel; O'Gorman, Mary; sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment Cannabis

Good Morning Honorable Board of Supervisors,

My name is Ivan Van Wingerden and I am the owner and third generation grower of two farms which is currently cultivating cannabis in compliance with Article X on Ag-1-10 in Carpinteria. I'm writing to you today on behalf of my family businesses, who have been farming in Santa Barbara County since 1968. We utilize best management practices including odor control, water recapture and reuse, and use zero pesticides or fungicides. I have reviewed the materials for your consideration tomorrow, and would like to narrow my comments to three suggestions:

**1. Please direct Staff to issue a letter of local authorization needed to apply for Temporary State Licenses (item G)**

We are simply asking for a letter which will allow us to comply with the new state regulations. This is an important first step on the path to compliance. Without the temporary license, we cannot continue to operate.

As local residences and active community members, we are eager to secure permits as quickly as possible and operate in compliance with local and state requirements. Issuing us a local authorization is an important first step for the industry. We have been diligently preparing over the last year to comply with the new state operating requirements, which are onerous.

**2. We urge your Board not to take final action today on the tax recommendation, but rather direct staff to continue the dialogue with the industry (item A)**

Please provide us with the opportunity to have additional conversations with the county about a more balanced tax rate. Please do not provide final direction to staff today. The proposed rates will not enable us to be profitable or successful long term, and are higher than other benchmark counties. The state tax, and new costs of compliance are immense, not to mention we are experiencing price compression at this time. We would like to have a sustainable and stable business and so we urge you to take this into consideration.

**3. Please support cultivation, manufacturing and distribution on all Ag-1 parcels.**

It is absolutely vital to our business model to cultivate at scale in existing infrastructure on our farms. We suggest that farmers who are simply changing the use in their greenhouses should be able to obtain a permit with a zoning clearance or land use permit. A CUP or MCUP should not be required if there is no new construction.

We are eager to continue to be in compliance and good stewards in this industry. Keeping our greenhouses viable in Carpinteria is essential to our livelihood and will allow us to continue to be active members in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration through this complex process.

Sincerely,

Ivan and Kristin Van Wingerden

Ever-Bloom Inc.



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**From:** MY FARM <myfarmsb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Williams, Das; Wolf, Janet; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Rogue  
Entertaining; Rob Bjorklund; connectdistribution2018@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Sworn Affidavit/ Request Letter. Hearing #17-00854 and Hearing 17-00926  
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**December 13, 2017**

**From:** Robert Bjorklund  
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Santa Barbara Ca, 93111  
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**To:** County of Santa Barbara  
County Executive Office  
c/o Mindy Fogg and Jessica Metzger  
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**RE: Affidavit in accompaniment to the Request for a Letter of Authorization pursuant to State's Emergency cannabis regulations regarding Parcel 153-310-017 which rests under the protection of the Legal Nonconforming Uses exemption as provided by the County of Santa Barbara Code of Ordinances: Chapter 35; Article X; Sec. 35-1003(A)(2).**

**Sworn Affidavit**  
made by Robert Bjorklund

I, Robert Bjorklund, the undersigned, hereby attest and affirm, under penalty of California perjury law, that I qualify for the medical cannabis cultivation exemption in Article x of Chapter 35 on the county code of ordinances. I further attest and affirm, as above, that the property located at 1900 N San Marcos Rd, Santa Barbara Ca, parcel # 153-310017 qualifies under the provision of the County of Santa Barbara Code of Ordinances: Chapter 35; Article X; Sec. 35-1003(A)(2) for the legal non-conforming uses exemption.

1. My name is Robert Bjorklund, Owner of Maria Ygancio Farm Collective Inc
2. I have attached a copy of my State issued driver license.
3. I have attached a copy of my current doctor's recommend for my use of cannabis for medicinal purposes.
4. I own the property located at 1900 N San Marco Rd, Santa Barbara Ca. (aka—Parcel #153-310-017).
5. I am currently conducting medical cannabis cultivation activity on the property located at 1900 N San Marco Rd, Santa Barbara Ca. (aka—Parcel #153-310-017).
6. I have continuously conducted medical cannabis cultivation activity on said property since the year of 2009.
7. I have conducted medical cannabis cultivation activity as an organized provider under the state's legal provision of the California Health and Safety Code § 11362.768(b).
8. I have been conducting medical cannabis cultivation activity as a Qualified Patient who may associate within the State of California in order collectively or cooperatively to cultivate cannabis for medicinal purposes.” (HSC § 11362.775).
9. I was conducting the above described activities prior to the date of January 19, 2016—the day the Exemption under Article X was created.
10. I have continuously conducted the above described activities since and prior to the date of January 19, 2016.
11. I am currently conducting the above described activities in compliance with all local and state regulations.
12. I have attached my previous communication that was directed to the County of Santa Barbara on the date of October 16, 2017. Such communication requested an official letter to be sent from the County of Santa Barbara to the State of California (with a courtesy copy delivered to Robert Bjorklund) that confirms Parcel 153-310-017 is being used under the provision of Article X Exemption as a legal non-conforming use for the cultivation of medical marijuana.
13. I have attached my December 14, 2017, request for a Letter of Authorization as an accompaniment to this sworn affidavit.

14. I am looking forward to receiving the Letter of Authorization in a timely manner (prior to January 1, 2018) so that I may submit a State application for a Temporary License pursuant to the State's Emergency cannabis regulations.

I declare, under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing statements are made by me and are true and correct to the best of my understanding. I execute this sworn affidavit on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 in the City of Santa Barbara, California.

Signed:

Robert Bjorklund

Notary Public

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**RE: Request for a Letter of Authorization pursuant to State's Emergency cannabis regulations regarding Parcel 153-310-017 which lies within the protection of the Legal Nonconforming Uses Exemption as provided by the County of Santa Barbara Code of Ordinances: Chapter 35; Article X; Sec. 35-1003(A)(2).**

Dear County of Santa Barbara,

I, hereby, Request a Letter of Authorization.

The Letter of Authorization will be used to seek a Temporary State License for conducting commercial cannabis activity for Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective Inc.

This request for a Letter of Authorization is accompanied by my sworn affidavit attesting to my and my property's qualifications for the medical cannabis cultivation exemption in Article X of Chapter 35 on the county code of ordinances. The Affidavit also includes documentation that shows legal contracts dated prior to January 19, 2016, that provide for the provision of medical cannabis under the protection of the county code's exemption.

This request for the Letter of Authorization is in compliance with the actions taken on November 14, 2017, by the Board of the County of Santa Barbara.

Pursuant to the Emergency Regulations for Cannabis Cultivation; Article 2; § 8100(b)(6), the Letter of Authorization "shall include, at minimum, a written statement or reference that clearly indicates the local jurisdiction intended to grant permission to the applicant entity to conduct medical marijuana activity at the premises." Per Cal Cannabis requirements: A Copy of a Valid License, Permit, or Other Authorization- issued by local jurisdiction.

Please deliver the Letter of Authorization to Mr. Robert Bjorklund, 1900 N San Marcos Rd, Santa Barbara Ca 93111. You may send a courtesy copy of it to the State of California. It is reasonable to expect the Letter of Authorization be issued to Mr. Bjorklund prior to the date of January 1, 2018, in that the State applications will be given Priority Application Review as provided by § 8111.

Thank you,

Robert Bjorklund

cc: das williams;  
janet wolf;  
joan hartmann;  
peter adam;  
steve lavagnino.

- We appreciate all the hard work by staff, commissioners, and supervisors on these very complex issues and look forward to working together in future. Thank you. -Robert Bjorklund- Owner/ Founder, and Cody Hemmah- Chief Operating Officer of Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective Inc, Established 2009.

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805-886-4528: Cody Hemmah



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POST THIS PERMIT PROMINENTLY AT PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR WHICH ISSUED

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

## SELLER'S PERMIT

ACCOUNT NUMBER

12/1/2009 SR GH

MARIA YGNACIO FARM COLLECTIVE  
AGRICULTURE FARM COLLECTIVE, ET A  
1900 N SAN MARCOS RD  
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93111-1219

**NOTICE TO PERMITTEE:**  
You are required to obey all  
Federal and State laws that  
regulate or control your  
business. This permit does  
not allow you to do  
otherwise.

IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SALES AND USE TAX LAW TO ENGAGE IN THE  
BUSINESS OF SELLING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ABOVE LOCATION.  
THIS PERMIT IS VALID ONLY AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

THIS PERMIT IS VALID UNTIL REVOKED OR CANCELED AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY OTHER ADDRESS.  
OR DROP OUT OF A PARTNERSHIP. NOTIFY US OR YOU MUST BE REISSUED FOR SALES AND USE TAX  
OWNED BY THE NEW OPERATOR OF THE BUSINESS.

NOT VALID AT ANY OTHER ADDRESS

For general tax questions, please call our Information Center at 800-400-7115.

For information on your rights, contact the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office at 888-324-2798 or 916-324-2798.

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### A MESSAGE TO OUR NEW PERMIT HOLDER

As a seller, you have rights and responsibilities under the Sales and Use Tax Law. In order to assist you in your endeavor and to better understand the law, we offer the following sources of help:

- Visiting our website at [www.bce.ca.gov](http://www.bce.ca.gov)
- Visiting a district office
- Attending a Basic Sales and Use Tax Law class offered at one of our district offices
- Sending your questions in writing to any one of our offices
- Calling our toll-free Information Center at 800-400-7115

As a seller, you have the right to issue resale certificates for merchandise that you intend to resell. Conversely, you have the responsibility of not misusing resale certificates. While the sales tax is imposed upon the retailer,

- You have the right to seek reimbursement of the tax from your customer
- You are responsible for filing and paying your sales and use tax returns timely
- You have the right to be treated in a fair and equitable manner by the employees of the Board
- You are responsible for following the regulations set forth by the Board

As a seller, you are expected to maintain the normal books and records of a prudent businessperson. You are required to maintain these books and records for no less than four years, and make them available for inspection by a Board representative when requested. You are also expected to notify us if you are buying, selling, adding a location, or dropping a partner, officer, or member, or when you are moving any or all of your business. If necessary to surrender this permit, you should only do so by mailing it to a Board office, or giving it to a representative.

If you would like to know more about your rights as a taxpayer, or if you are unable to resolve a problem, contact the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office for help by calling toll-free, 888-324-2798 or 916-324-2798.

Please post this permit at the address for which it was issued and at a location visible to your customers.

Robert Bjorklund  
805/705-1154

Date: May 20, 2010

From: Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective  
Robert Bjorklund  
1900 North Los Marcos Road; Santa Barbara, CA 93111  
805 705-1154

To: Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department  
Sheriff Bill Brown  
Narcotics Division: Commander Salinas & Brad Welch  
434 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**RE: Medical Marijuana Program; Farm Collective**

Dear Sirs,

This letter is to inform your office of Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective's full compliance and cooperation with the State of California Attorney General, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Guidelines for the Security and Non-diversion of Marijuana Grown for Medical Use program which was implemented into the County of Santa Barbara in February, 2006. This letter follows the previous letter that was sent by me to your office over a year ago, April 8, 2009. Both letters express that I and the Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective desire to work with transparency and in conjunction with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

My name is Robert Bjorklund. I have read and am familiar with the Regulations & Statutes, as found on the California Department of Public Health's website, including but not limited to: Senate Bill 420, Compassionate Use Act, Health and Safety Code, etc.

Pursuant to the Attorney General's Guidelines, I have created a collective organization called: Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective. The farm collective is located at the above address. The collective grows, for its members, a garden variety of organic foods including medicinal marijuana. Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective grows specifically and only for those who have joined the Maria Ygnacio Farm Collective and who have verified their physician's statement pursuant to the Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5. In addition, I have contacted with a few other collectives, (also in compliance with the above referenced regulations and statutes), to grow for their named member/patient users. In total, I am responsible for growing medicine for over one-hundred patients.

I intend to work closely with local law enforcement officers, to insure non-diversion of medical marijuana. Although no officer from your department made a site visit during the past year, the invitation still stands. Because of privacy reasons, we have not included the patient's physician statements. However, our books are open for inspection by your department with notice. Upon request, we will bring our books to your office for review by a qualified officer who shall be in compliance with government privacy law. Otherwise, the books shall remain on the site of the Maria Ygnacio Farm

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SECRET  
JAN 26 2015

The name of this corporation is MARIA IGNACIO FARM COLLECTIVE, INC.

II

This corporation is a nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation organized under the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity, other than credit union business, for which a corporation may be organized under such law.

III

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Robert Bjorklund  
1900 N. San Marcos Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

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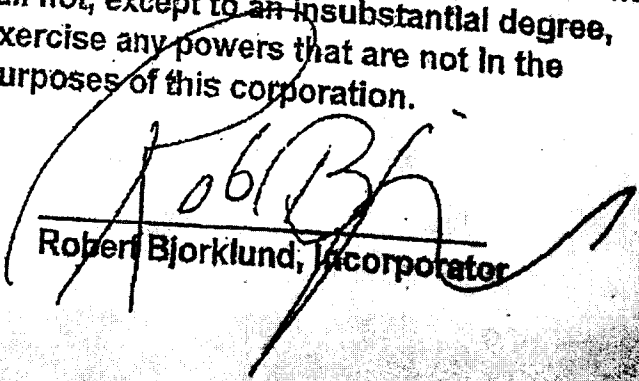
The physical address and mailing address for this corporation is 1900 N. San Marcos Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93111

V

A. The specific purpose of this charitable corporation is to allow qualified patients and primary caregivers to come together to collectively cultivate physician-recommended marijuana pursuant to Corporations Code §7110 et seq.

B. Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in the furtherance of the specific purposes of this corporation.

Dated:

1-23-2015  
  
Robert Bjorklund, Incorporator

CALIFORNIA

DRIVER LICENSE

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CLASS CM1

END NONE

EXP 10/22/2022

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FN ROBERT IVEN

1900 N SAN MARCOS RD

SANTA BARBARA, CA 93111

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# Physician's Statement & Recommendation

California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5

Patient:

Physician:

DOB:

Name:

MILTON A. MILLER M.D.

Date of ISS: 03/24/2017

Licence No.:

Date of EXP: 03/24/2018

Phone:

Name: ROBERT IVEN BJORKLUND

DOB:

24/7 Online Verification: <http://420verificationcenter.com>

24/7 Phone Verification:

The purpose of this medical marijuana recommendation is to clearly represent that the individual (i.e., patient) whose information is indicated on this recommendation is a patient who was evaluated by the California Licensed Physician whose name and license is indicated below who concluded that based on the patient's medical problems (i.e., medical conditions), he or she is permitted to possess and or cultivate medical marijuana in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5, Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (i.e., Proposition 215).

The physician who evaluated said patient acts only as a consultant and NOT as a primary care provider. The patient confirms the fact that the potential medical benefits and risks of the use of medical marijuana were discussed with the physician during the evaluation. The patient further confirms the fact that they have been clearly informed NOT to drive, NOT to operate heavy machinery and NOT to engage in any activity that requires alertness while using medical marijuana.

The patient assumes full medical and legal responsibility for any and all legal and health risks associated with the use of medical marijuana as a treatment option. The patient authorizes the physician (i.e., this office) to discuss the nature of their medical problems (i.e., conditions) and the information contained in this document only for verification purposes. The patient agrees to NOT transfer nor allow any other individual to use this recommendation neither on their behalf nor in any way whatsoever other than by the patient whose name is indicated herein.

The patient understand and agrees that this medical marijuana recommendation can be revoked by the physician (i.e., this office) if said terms and conditions are violated by the patient and or at any time without notice. By signing below, I confirm that I have been advised and fully understand the terms and conditions stated above and that the prolonged use of Medical Marijuana (i.e., Cannabis) in any form may cause damage to any of the organs and cells of the human body.

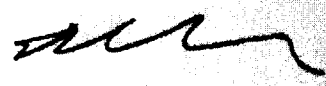
I understand that this recommendation is valid ONLY in the State of California and is void if used across state lines.

By signing below, I confirm that I have been advised and fully understand that the daily and prolonged use of Medical Marijuana (i.e., Cannabis) in any form may cause damage to any of the organs and cells of the human body.

I understand that this recommendation is valid ONLY in the State of California and is void if used across state lines.

Patient Signature:

Physician Signature:



## Lenzi, Chelsea

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**From:** Eduard Van Wingerden <ed@ever-bloom.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Wolf, Janet  
**Cc:** Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; O'Gorman, Mary; sbcob  
**Subject:** Of Extreme Importance

Good Morning Honorable Board of Supervisors,

In order for cannabis growers to be successful in Santa Barbara County, your leadership and sound decision making at tomorrow's meeting is crucial.

I am the owner of Ever-Bloom, Inc. where we currently cultivate medical cannabis in compliance with Article X on Ag-1-10. For many years, also before growing cannabis, we have been leaders in biological pest control and currently only use predacious insects to control pests; no insecticides are used on our facility. Our irrigation water is 100% recycled in a closed-loop system and our odor control has been extremely effective, so much so, that some of our immediate neighbors figured that we no longer grew cannabis, as the odor has been mitigated.

The 3 most important items I would like to address are:

1. Without a temporary license, we cannot continue to operate. Please direct your staff to issue such a letter that will clearly allow us to apply for State temporary licenses.
2. From a cannabis production "Net Margin" perspective, it has become a "race to the bottom". With this in mind, we implore that your board not take final action today on the tax recommendation. Instead please direct staff to continue dialogue with the growers and those in the industry. The State is already at 40%, if every step of production, manufacturing and distribution are taxed as well, it will be unsustainable.
3. Smaller growers also need to be brought into the fold, therefor by supporting cultivation, manufacturing and distribution on all Ag-1 parcels, smaller farms can also contribute to the success of this relatively new crop in Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

Eduard Van Wingerden  
CEO  
Ever-Bloom, Inc.

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**From:** Sofia Van Wingerden <sofiavanwingerden@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:41 PM  
**To:** Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das; Wolf, Janet  
**Cc:** Nelson, Bob; Litten, Jefferson; Bantilan, Cory; Elliott, Darcel; O'Gorman, Mary; sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cannabis

Chair Hartmann and Supervisors,

I hope you and your families are safe and recovering well from this recent crisis. It has been an intense past two weeks.

My name is Sofia Van Wingerden, General Manager at a farm that is currently cultivating cannabis in Carpinteria. I'm writing you today on behalf of my family business, which has been farming in the county for 50 years. There are three key topics I'd like to address:

1) Please direct staff to issue a letter of local authorization from the county that will allow us to apply for State temporary licenses. We want to comply with state regulations but will not be able to operate without a temporary license.

2) The current tax recommendations are too high and unsustainable. We believe that everyone in the valley can benefit from this crop, but the high cost of compliance coupled with a cultivation tax of 4% and manufacturing at 6% of gross receipts will very quickly diminish the viability of our family nurseries (a problem the large corporations of the world will have no trouble with). Staying compliant with regulations has already cost us thousands of dollars and as the state regulations come online we are looking at hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to keep up.

I have also come to understand that a 'nursery tax' is being discussed - which means we are taxed twice for a plant that we have grown and cut ourselves. (We cut clones from our more mature plants and use those to make new plants for ourselves. We do not buy from others). It is unreasonable and unsustainable to be taxed twice for such a growing method.

3) Please support cultivation, manufacturing and distribution on all Ag-1 parcels and do not adopt a minimum acre parcel size. We are currently cultivating on two farms that are less than seven acres and the proposal would preclude us from being able to grow and force us to shut down.

We have grown, packed and shipped a variety of plants on fewer than 7 acres for many years now and we change our crop as the demands of the market change. Cannabis is agriculture and should be allowed on Ag-1 land. We support the original land use proposal from the ad hoc committee that was analyzed as the proposed project in the DEIR which allowed cultivation manufacturing and distribution on Ag-1. Once again, we are simply changing our crop and have the efficient infrastructure to do so which is why we oppose requiring a CUP for cultivation. I strongly urge for requiring a Zoning Clearance or Land Use Permit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Sofia Van Wingerden



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**From:** Amir Eskandari <ameq805@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:03 PM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter  
**Cc:** Litten, Jefferson; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Elliott, Darcel; O'Gorman, Mary; sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Cannabis

County Supervisors,

My name is Amir Eskandari and I run operations at a small family farm on an Ag-1-10 zone growing cannabis in Carpinteria. I wanted to write in today to let you know that I'm one of many people in the industry that is concerned that the tax recommendations are too high. I don't think that many farms will be able to stay in business with a cultivation tax of 4% on top of the state's existing 40% tax, not to mention what appears to be a double tax for nurseries that grow their own clones. There are also a lot of other costs that we have had to commit funds to, including odor control, and while these are important and necessary expenses, they are costing us hundreds of thousands of dollars a year already. I think that additional conversations with farmers in our county would lead you to the conclusion that a 2% tax is a much more feasible.

Taxes are my main concern as far as long-term sustainability, but in the short term I'm also worried about getting our temporary license in time. I am doing all I can to follow state law but without a letter of local authorization from your offices I cannot apply for a temporary license, and therefore I will not be able to continue operate. Please help those of us that are doing all we can to stay in compliance with your recommendations, and please continue your conversations with the industry regarding a sustainable amount of taxation.

Thanks,

Amir

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