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Carpinteria Unified School District

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TO: County Board of Supervisors FROM: Diana F. Rigby, Superintendent

RE: Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Medical Marijuana Status Determination

and Termination of Exemption Ordinance Amendment

I am writing another memo in response to the County Board of Supervisors meeting on 2/6/18 on behalf of the Carpinteria Unified School District. As the new School Superintendent, I am responsible for student and staff safety in our schools, including Carpinteria High School which is located on 4810 Foothill Road surrounded by cannabis growers and greenhouses. As currently reported by the Carpinteria High School Principal, Gerardo Cornejo, the air quality in the high school classrooms is compromised by the strong objectionable cannabis odors originating from agricultural operations located on properties in the unincorporated County area in close proximity to 4810 Foothill Road. By afternoon, our students and staff are reporting ill effects such as headaches from the nauseating odor. As a high school, we are considered a "sensitive receptor" and it is proposed in the Code Draft that a 600' radius is sufficient to protect our students and staff from the dangers or nuisance of the cannabis activities. Clearly, a more effective distance such as 1000-1500 feet from property lines and odor controls are required to ensure that the cannbis activites are not compromising the health and safety of our students and staff at Carpinteria High School.