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Farinaz Hadian <farinaz@valleycrestfarms.com>

Friday, August 16, 2019 3:52 PM

Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory;

Plowman, Lisa

Subject: G & K Farms/K & G Flower Cannabis Cultivation Appeal- 3561 Foothill Road

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Subject: G & K Farms/K & G Flower Cannabis Cultivation Appeal- 3561 Foothill Road

Hearing Date: Aug 20th, 2019

Comment Letter From: Alex and Case Van Wingerden at 3450 Via Real

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors-

Our family has lived and worked in Carpinteria for almost 60 years. We cherish our community and support those who add to the quality of life here.

As local farmers on Via Real, we are neighboring farms to Mr. Farrar. Since day one, Mr. Farrar has demonstrated excellent communications with neighboring farms and residences. We have found him approachable and engaged with the community; many of our neighbors feel the same.

As a community of farmers, we support one another in our business operations and welcome each their opportunity to cultivate cannabis in the sun drenched shores of Santa Barbara. Together we will raise the bar for the expectations of this crop, increase the wealth and diversity found in this agricultural community, and share in the rewards reaped from our hard work.

We support G & K Farms/K&G Flower and ask, in the best interest of our neighborhood and community, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors deny the Appeal. As with all our farmer neighbors, G & K Farms/K&G Flower have been open and communicative with all who reach-out and we believe they'll be a great addition to our Carpinteria Valley.

Thank you for your consideration and all of the hard work you do for Santa Barbara County.

Best,

Alex and Case Van Wingerden

Farinaz Hadian

Business Representative & Compliance Manager



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From: Eric Edwards <eric@goheadwaters.com>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 4:20 PM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory;

Plowman, Lisa; Tristan Strauss

Subject: Public Comment D2 Support 3561 Foothill Road

Attachments: Public Comment D2 Support 3561 Foothill Road-Tristan.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Public

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Dear Supervisors,

Please see the two attached public comment letters in support of the proposed project @ 3561 Foothill Rd., in Carpinteria.

Thank you,



Eric Edwards

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

August 15, 2019

RE: G&K Farm/K&G Flower Cannabis Cultivation Appeal, Case No. 19APL-00000-00018, First Supervisorial District

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing today on behalf of Headwaters, a licensed Carpinteria cultivator and member of CARP Growers. As a local business owner and cultivator facing similar hurdles to G&K Farms/K&G Flower, I urge this Board to reject the appeal and allow the project to proceed.

The G&K Farms/K&G Flower project should serve as a model for industry participants. Despite the misinformation being espoused by an extremely vocal minority, cannabis increasingly benefits the local community and will continue to do so for many years to come: legal cannabis brings higher paying jobs and prevents diversion to our local youth; commercial cannabis has led to increased property values and associated property taxes; legal cannabis reduces the overall pesticide usage occuring County-wide; and on top of everything else, commercial cannabis is breathing new life into Carpinteria's agricultural heart.

And while many of our neighbors are rightfully concerned with those refusing to play by the rules, appealing and delaying legitimate and compliant businesses does a disservice to the community at large. At the end of the day, the issues raised in this appeal are either premature -- as no commercial cannabis operations have ever taken place at the proposed project site; or without merit -- as many of the remaining issues were addressed in the County's PEIR. The County, and industry opposition, would be better served by using extremely limited resources to target industry miscreants as opposed to non-operational, fully compliant applicants.

As an applicant myself, I urge this Board to accept staff's recommendation to reject this appeal and approve the G&K Farms/K&G Flower project.

Sincerely.

Tristan Strauss, CEO

Headwaters



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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing today on behalf of Headwaters, a licensed Carpinteria cultivator and member of CARP Growers. Headwaters supports the proposed project located at 3561 Foothill Rd., Carpinteria, CA 93013, and strongly urges this Board to reject the appeal and allow the project to proceed.

G&K Farms/K&G Flower's project should be a model for others wishing to participate in this process and entertaining appeals of this nature will only delay the County's ability to enforce against those who refuse to play by the rules. This project, along with many others going through the County's cannabis entitlement process, have consistently proven themselves to be reliable partners in this process, good neighbors and the types of operators that community stakeholders, including the appellant, should be actively encouraging. In fact, the proposed project is exactly the type of project that various community residents and cannabis detractors have been demanding since day one: get entitlements and business licenses first; grow second.

In addition, many, if not all, of the issues raised in this appeal were addressed by the County's PEIR or not relevant to the proposed operation (which has yet to even plant a single cannabis plant!).

If approved, this project will use and repurpose existing infrastructure, resulting in no increased impacts to the local community; instead, the local economy will only benefit from the revitalization of Carptineria's greenhouses. And if approved, this project will serve as a model for other industry participants who are venturing down the same path of compliance. And when approved, this project will bring the County one step closer to achieving industry-wide oversight and regulation.



10/2 Casitas Pass Road #323 Carpinteria, CA 93013

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Please accept staff's recommendations to deny this appeal and approve the project.

Respectfully,

Eric S. Edwards

Director of Compliance

Headwaters

From:	Winfred Vanwingerden < gerberagrower@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, August 16, 2019 5:06 PM
To:	Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc:	Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory;
	Plowman, Lisa
Subject:	G&K Farms/Flower Cannabis Cultivation Appeal 3561 Foothill Rd. Please deny the appeal.
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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Winfred Van Wingerden and our family has been a part of the Carpinteria community for over half a century. We've been farming flowers since 1967 and for the past four years have worked in addition to flowers with cannabis.

I've known Graham for over 4 years now and he is a leader and an articulate spokesperson for the cannabis industry. Graham is president of the CARP Growers organization that sets the highest standards for growing the new Carpinteria crop. Graham is the gold standard for what it means to be compliant. The nursery at 3561 Foothill Rd is not even active with the crop and so I urge you to deny the appeal for this location.

Please focus on the farms that are not compliant or do not have odor control in place. Graham and many other growers in the Carpinteria Valley have done their very best to install the latest odor control systems, have no pesticide use, recycle their water, pay higher wages, and have renovated their greenhouses. These are all sound business practices that they should be praised for.

Please deny the appeal for 3561 Foothill Rd and allow Graham an opportunity to grow one of the safest crops ever grown in the Carpinteria Valley.

Thank you for your support.

Winfred Van Wingerden

Maximum Nursery Inc.
President
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From: Ivan Van Wingerden <ivan@ever-bloom.com>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 7:52 PM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory;

Plowman, Lisa

Subject: G & K Farms/K & G Flower Cannabis Cultivation Appeal- 3561 Foothill Road

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Dear County Board of Supervisors and Staff,

I am writing to urge you to deny the appeal for:

G & K Farms/K & G Flower Cannabis Cultivation Appeal- 3561 Foothill Road

Hearing Date: Aug 20th, 2019

As a fellow cultivator in Carpinteria, I have interacted with Graham Farrar and his team over the last few years through industry and County meetings. Their organization has upheld the highest levels of integrity, excellence in compliance, proactive community outreach, and reward their crew with competitive living wages fit for expensive Santa Barbara. This is not a delinquent or irresponsible organization, but one of the best in the state. Graham was been waiting for over 12 months, paying all the bills, property taxes, and rigorous county compliance process without being able to grow on this property; his commitment to following the letter of the law is evidenced in this. Frankly, this is the type of business that the local voters of Prop 64 envisaged and support, as it embodies so many positive attributes for a responsible cannabis industry and our tight-knit Carpinteria community.

I urge you to continue to support the industry leaders and stewards who have unequivocally endeavored to follow the law. Businesses like this G&K Farms project have tremendous positive economic and social impacts that eclipse the outdated "Reefer Madness" rhetoric that a minority of well-intentioned citizens continue to expel exclusive of factual agency. This project will continue growing plants on a property with pre-existing infrastructure that has grown plants for many decades. Cannabis is the cleanest crop to grow bar no other crop. There aren't any practical, economic, or legal reason why this crop shouldn't be grown at this property. Please support the most responsible business leaders in an emerging industry that have and will continue to make our small Ag town thrive.

As always, thank you very much for your consideration on these complicated issues.

Sincerely, Ivan van Wingerden

From:

david fishman <dfishman.carp@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, August 17, 2019 9:41 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

8/20/19 G&K Appeal/Cannabis Ordinance Comments

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Dear Chair Lavagnino & Board Members

My name is David Fishman and I live on Shepard Mesa Rd. I have been growing grapes and producing wine for my family and friends consumption since 2010. I am very concerned about the potential terpene contamination of my grapes and therefore the health of my family drinking it.

I am also in support of the G&K appeal re: density, lack of odor control standards/testing, and lack of symmetry between coastal and inland zone regulations. Your consideration to this matter would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely, David Fishman

From:

Gregory Gandrud < Greg@gandrudfinancial.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 16, 2019 10:06 PM

To:

sbcob; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

Subject:

Appeal #19-00719

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Dear Members of the Board,

If cannabis is to be grown directly adjacent to homes and other sensitive receptors, it should only be grown in a completely closed environment (not in a greenhouse that "breathes"). Any air that is released must be scrubbed with carbon filters.

There is a huge misconception that this is all about odor control. It's not. It's about clean air. My husband suffers from asthma that is made much worse by the terpenes from the cannabis and from the vapor phase odor control system. The Byers system has never been tested on humans. It has only been tested on rats for a four-hour period. http://www.byers-scientific.com/assets/bsm---cpf-memo-health-assessment-12 8 20172.pdf

Aside from air quality issues, the permitting process must adequately address the impacts from excessive density, demand for parking, noise, traffic. There should be buffers between cannabis operations and other sensitive receptors. Traditional agriculture must be allowed to continue traditional applications of pesticides. It is the cannabis industry that needs to adapt itself to the built environment, not the other way around.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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From: Hans Brand <hans@autumnbrands.com>

Saturday, August 17, 2019 11:34 AM Sent:

To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Bozanich,

Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory; Plowman, Lisa

Cc: Hans Brand

Subject: BOS letter to Deny Appeal for G&K Farms

Attachments: Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and Staff.docx

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Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors and Staff,

Please see my attached letter asking for denial of the Appeal of G&K Farms.

Thank you



Hans Brand





Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and Staff-

I urge you to deny the appeal of G&K Farm/K&G Flower at 3561 Foothill Road.

My name is Hans Brand, I am the direct neighbor to the project at 3615 Foothill Road. With the prevailing wind if anybody is going to be affected by this project it will be me and my wife Esther as any odor will blow straight into my bedroom window.

As you know I am a current Cannabis grower as well and set out a few years ago to find a solution for our in-effective odor control misting system. Which actually was a masking system that used a huge amount of water as well. Through my nationwide search I found the Byers Scientific system which now is being used in Carpinteria by about 12 farms. The G&K Farm project has this system installed and is ready to implement it. I am confident this will be sufficient and effective!

I currently have 4 acres of Avocados between us and we will not be put out of business nor will this project have any effect on my Avocados!

Graham is a responsible business owner and just like us takes being a good neighbor extremely serious. Just like us Graham is a founding member of the CARP growers and as members we have all agreed to a strict set of guidelines to be the leaders of this new industry. This is exactly the type of operator you want in the county if you ask me! The greenhouse is currently empty and not generating any income, this is a hardship we can talk about with experience as we still have empty space waiting to go through the whole permitting process. Appealing the process for reason of delaying should not be allowed and is creating undue hardship onto a good organization that again has shown to be the exact type of business leader you want to attract to your community.

You at the BOS have been attacked for creating an ordinance that I feel is one of the best if not the best in the state.

Through the process you deal almost with all the impacts of this new blossoming industry. No Lights will brighten up Carpinteria at night!

Effective Odor control has to be in place!

There is a mandate to lower energy cost and bring in Green Energy!

And we are bringing in tax money that is being used to shut down illegal growers and keep open Libraries to name a few benefits.

Again, please deny the appeal and send a strong message to not only the appealing community members but also the illegal growers still stinking up this place that you mean business when it comes to the ordinance and you will start holding businesses and growers accountable! We are ready!

Thank you

Hans and Esther Brand 3615 Foothill Road Carpinteria, CA 93013

From: RUSSELL RUIZ <ruizsblaw@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2019 1:19 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: Lavagnino, Steve; Adam, Peter; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; christian beamish; Nick

Welsh; tina-f@cox.net; Liz Rogan; ED VW; peter dugre; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan

Subject: Re: Reply to Concerned Carpinterians Supplement; Board Agenda Item 2, August 20,

2019, 19-00652

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Honorable Members of the Board:

After reading the Concerned Carpinterians Supplement I had to add the following Comment. As someone who held himself out as a CEQA expert for almost 30 years and who has his name permanently in the California Supreme Court Reports under one of the most significant environmental cases to ever come out of Santa Barbara County, the Hyatt Hotel case, now the Bacara Resort, I have to say the air pollution and odor claims in this Appeal in general, and specifically in the Supplement, are ludicrous. Look at where this Project is located. Right next to the 101! We all know only too well how much traffic, therefor air pollution is created at that location by the Freeway. One relatively small property's contribution in the way of Cannbis cultivation, to what is generated on that Freeway every day is infinitesimal and clearly legally insignificant. Anyone who lives in that immediate area of Via Real has a lot more serious air pollution concerns for their health than a Cannabis farm.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Ruiz

Carpinteria resident and former CEQA expert

On August 16, 2019 at 8:53 AM RUSSELL RUIZ <ruizsblaw@cox.net> wrote:

Honorable Members of the Board:

I have reviewed the Agenda material and I support the Staff Recommendation. As I do not see this Appeal going anywhere I will be short and concise. I have addressed your Board on the local Carpinteria Cannabis issues in the past so I will not repeat myself. Briefly to remind you of who we are, my 12 year old daughter is a 9th generation South Coast local; I am retired after a local career in Water and Land Use. I served on the City of Santa Barbara Water Commission for almost 10 years, half those years as Chair. I have closely followed the Cannabis Ordinance issues from the outset out of local interest and especially as it pertains to Carpinteria because this is where I am raising my only child and will live for the rest of my life, God willing. Also to remind you, my backyard is less than 100 ft. from Everbloom greenhouses that at one time was the largest greenhouse farm in the Carpinteria Valley. Our home is about a long city block from the High School where supposedly there is overwhelming Cannabis odor. My family and I smell nothing and we have not for over a year, since effective odor control was installed. I invite each and every one of you to visit us at my home. I will provide the beverage of your choice, and

smell for yourselves. I am very active with our Schools and I am personal friends with our longtime Principal at Carpinteria High, Gerardo Cornejo and he and the School District have not participated in these recent County hearings on Cannabis because odor at the High School is no longer an issue.

On substance, these people are not sophisticated land use experts, the Appeal shows that. Of course you are not going to re-open the EIR and the time to challenge that is long past. The only CEQA legal question is, was this Project properly processed under the Program EIR? This Project is exactly why you have a Program EIR. You can fault the decision to prepare a PEIR in the first place but now that is your policy, this Project is exactly how the process is supposed to be administered under CEQA.

I am not going to get into any other of the so called substantive arguments. You have heard from these people in past hearings before you over the past year. With all due respect to your Board, I am getting frustrated with them and so I will call a spade a spade. Mo Foley the Appellant is a certifiable nutcase. She was recently driven off our School Board and resigned for conduct very similar to her Appeal here. She is a true believer, make no mistake she really believes all these claims, the sky really is falling, but she is a nutcase with no credibility. Concerned Carpinterians is a very small group of wealthy white people who live on or near Foothill Rd. They are adamant anti-Cannabis Reefer Madness activists. I grew up here and know our community as well as anyone today. I see very little popular support for their Agenda. As you would expect, half our residents wonder what all the commotion is about and are happy with where we are and where we are going. Less than 10% have the Concerned Carpinterians viewpoint. Then there are the rest of us who are informed, reasonable, friends with our local Farmers who are responsibly pursuing their business, and we recognize the long term benefits of Cannabis farming in the Carpinteria Valley. Contrary to the outrageous claims, in a just published report by the Sheriffs' Office, crime is down. Property values in the area are booming. There is great demand for residential housing and little supply and everything that comes on the market sells quickly for full asking price. At your last hearing on Cannabis the farmworkers came out and addressed your Board. It is estimated that there are over 1,200 good paying jobs in the Cannabis industry in the Carpinteria Valley alone. Those are local residents supporting their families working in these businesses.

One statement in the Appeal stuck out for me and I believe characterizes the Appellants and this Appeal: "...people are working behind the scenes to manipulate the process to the benefit of Cannabis farmers...." Supervisor Adam, you are the only Member of the Board who is their audience for that claim. Do you believe Supervisor Lavagnino has been conspiring "behind the scenes" with Staff to illegally game the system? That is their claim and you are their only audience. You can put an end to that nonsense now. At the Planning Commission Appeal the vote was 4-1. Commissioner Brown voted by herself based on her personal position about Cannabis farming in Carpinteria. Like the Appellants she does not like the Ordinance as it exists and voted accordingly. For good reason she is no longer on the Commission and I expect we will have a more fair and reasonable perspective on Cannabis farming in the Carpinteria Valley in the future from that seat.

I agree with and support the statement made by Tina and Greg Frontado in their written Public Comments. Those are core Carpinteria residents who are informed and reasonable, and represent the perspective of most of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Ruiz

Carpinteria Resident

From:

Susan Mailheau <susan.mailheau@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, August 18, 2019 4:00 PM

To:

sbcob; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

Subject:

Meeting of Tuesday August 20

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Dear Commissioners,

I want you to know that your permissive decisions in granting an overwhelming number of Cannabis permits and licenses in Carpinteria and the surrounding parts of the County have greatly affected many. You already know this, yet you persist in granting more permits.

This has effectively robed my husband and me of the life we dedicated over fifteen years to build. We searched three states during these fifteen years for the right location to eventually retire, then within two years of selecting Carpinteria and purchasing our house, you destroyed our dreams.

And it is not even the stench alone, or the allergy symptons that simultaneously arose with it that greatly troubles us. It is the rank attitude of the growers, saying "we are here to stay - like it or not."

If you must allow them to take over our valley, at least require them to plant perimeter trees to sequester carbon, thus doing something beneficial please.

Susan Mailheau susan.mailheau@gmail.com

From: Howard Keum < howard.keum@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2019 4:35 PM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory;

Plowman, Lisa

Subject: G&K Flower Cannabis Cultivation Appeal

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Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

As a business owner in SB County, I urge you that you DENY THE APPEAL of G&K Farms/K&G Flower Cannabis and allow them to operate.

It's commonsense that any business such as G&K who has had an open communication and outreach program that way this group has should be allowed to operate a business in our community.

G&K has been a great neighbor and highly compliant. We want legitimate and genuine business people operating in this community.

Please DENY the merit-less appeal and allow G&K to operate.

Lets continue to focus on the illegal groups and not the legal operators who are compliant, providing jobs, local business contracts and improving the overall business environment.

Thank you for the time and effort you all have put into making SB better!

Best and warm wishes,

Howie Keum

From:

jmariner < mariner@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, August 18, 2019 4:38 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

appeal on G&K Flowers in Carpinteria

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We support the of the appeal on G&K Flowers in Carpinteria

- 1. This development does not meet the county's standard for odor abatement to prevent odors from being experienced within residential zones unless it moves to a zero emission (non-venting) greenhouse.
- 2. EIR did not cover VOC's from cannabis cultivation

These two points above are most important to us. The horrid order that emanate for the existing cannabis greenhouses on Casitas pass, besides being nauseating to drive near, frequently travels miles from the green houses to invade residences. Depending on prevailing winds and inversion we frequently have to deal with the overwhelming and sickening odor forcing us to be inside with our windows sealed tight.

- 3. Over concentration of cannabis growing in Carpinteria Valley at such density necessitates a site-specific EIR for this development
- 4. This development would be a public nuisance according to the Toro canyon plan
- 5. Put this project on hold until after the planning commission and Board of Supervisors has reviewed the impact of cannabis operations along the urban rural boundary as well as conflicts with existing agricultural operations in the inland and coastal zones
- 6.Make zoning treatment consistent between Inland and coastal zone

Jeff & Ursula Kosowitz

From: Anna Carrillo <Annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2019 5:02 PM

To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

Subject: G&K Appeal #19-00719

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To: Board of Supervisors From: Anna Carrillo August 18, 2019

I urge you to uphold the appeal that Concerned Carpinterians and Maureen Claffey made on G&K Farms.

- 1. The Planning Commission has been tasked with proposing new buffers, distances, higher-level of permitting to mitigate the odor and other impacts of cannabis operations. Please wait for these proposals before approving any new projects.
- 2. In the Carpinteria Valley, the over concentration and cumulative impact of this much cannabis cultivation in our very small valley was not not properly examined in the PEIR. The PEIR did not evaluate the impacts or mitigation measures beyond 22,000 sq.' or the clustering of cultivation on adjacent parcels. This new 8 acre operation with 356,070 sq.' would currently join 3 other cultivators in a very small space, one being right next door, holding 19 provisional cultivation licenses on approximately 4.36 acres of their eventual CDP request for 11 acres. Another grower nearby has 15 cultivation provisional licenses on approximately 4 acres. These 2 operations have Byers Odor Abatement systems in place, but it is not working as residents are still complaining.
- 3. Since the EIR was completed there has been new information from Carpinterian residents regarding the effects of the Byers Odor Abatement System. We only found out after the fact that in the best of circumstances 90% of the odor is captured, it doesn't work when there is no wind, the 9-10 foot distance from the pipes to the vents is problematic and Carpinterian residents are now concerned with the long term health and air quality concerns regarding the system. Residents have the right to know what is being put into the air and what are the effects on their health and the environment. According to the inventor of the system the residue doesn't dissipate for 28 days. I also heard from another odor abatement company that achieving 100% is not possible with vapor phase systems. Little did anyone know that. The best system uses carbon filters in sealed greenhouses.
- 4. The air inversion experienced in the Carpinteria Valley was not adequately analyzed in the PEIR. In this location, the Director should request a wind air quality test to make sure that the 3 growers who have the Byers System in place are capturing the malodors.
- 5. It would be good for APCD to place a monitoring station in this area, as the only one in our area is by the county line near Ventura.
- 6. Until all the 19 operators with provisional permits have an odor abatement system in place and it's verified that no odors are occurring, new applications must not be approved because of the difficulty in identifying the source of the odor.

- 7. At the 6/5/19 Planning Commission meeting a new odor abatement policy was passed out right before the appeal. There were some significant changes. I'm only listing a few. The following 2 sentences were removed: "The Odor Abatement Plan shall be implemented prior to commencement of use and/or issuance of final building inspection and/or throughout the operation of the project, as applicable." "If the Department receives three verified complaints regarding odor events in any 365 day period, the Permittee shall implement corrective actions to comply with the odor-abatement requirement of Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance Section 35-144U.C.6.". The following underlined words were added to this statement: "The odor abatement plan must prevent odors from being experienced within residential zones as determined by the Director."
- 8. One of the stated goals in the EIR is to limit adverse impacts on children and sensitive populations by ensuring compatibility of commercial cannabis activities with surrounding existing land uses, including residential neighborhoods, agricultural operations, etc. The approximate 1000 residents living in the EDRNs of La Mirada, Padaro Lane, and the Polo Club are currently being affected by the 3 commercial cannabis grows in this vicinity.
- 9. There needs to be measurements made of the amount of water being used by the on-site well.
- 10. The PEIR never analyzed the affect of cannabis cultivation on nearby avocado orchards the viability of these long standing orchards is being affected by rules required for the testing cannabis.
- 11. Any development in the Toro Canyon Plan area must not be a public nuisance. If it would be a public nuisance, that development shall be denied.

From: Valerie Bentz <valeriebentz@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2019 9:42 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: Concerned Carpinterians

Subject: Support of appeal regarding Cannibas growing

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To Whom it May Conern:

I have been adversely effected by cannabis growing in Carpinteria.

I live near the fields and cannot keep my windows open at night without chocking and coughing.

The odor reduction systems do not help as they just contribute more contaminants to the air. I have already written about several letters about this to the county board of supervisors.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bentz, Homeowner and resident of Carpinteria

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CHANGE THE WORLD, START WITH YOURS.

From: Gail Herson <devesi@me.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2019 9:57 PM

To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve

Subject: Letter in Support of Appeal on G and K Flowers

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am submitting this letter in support of the Appeal on G and K Flowers in Carpinteria. Since I live in Carpinteria, love my home and ranch and hope to live here forever, I have naturally been concerned about the many negative effects from the over concentration of cannabis growers in our dear valley. I have spent the last several months studying this situation, to find a win/win situation where we can all coexist happily. While I have found what I feel is a realistic and workable win/win solution, the mandating of zero emission sealed greenhouses powered by alternative energy, we are not there yet. Sealed greenhouses eliminate all emissions while still providing the growers an enormous return on their investment. By preventing the release of emissions that cause odors, sealed greenhouses, unlike the questionable vapor phase systems

ringing open vented and leaky greenhouses currently going online, meets the County's standard for Odor

Abatement Plan. The G and K Flowers Development does not meet the County's standard.

I am asking you to support the Appeal on G and K Flowers because:

- 1. This development does not meet the county's standard for odor abatement to prevent odors from being experienced within residential zones unless it moves to a zero emission (non-venting) greenhouse. The vapor phase odor abatement is not working adequately AND I don't want our citizens to breathe the still questionable substances they are emitting in their quest to "neutralize" odors. With no oversight of these systems it is not clear when and if they are being used. Sealed zero emissions greenhouses remove the necessity to treat the external air with questionable emissions.
- 2. The EIR did not cover VOC's from cannabis cultivation, or the emissions from the Vapor phases systems like Byers thus we do not yet know the effect of open venting greenhouses that G and K Flowers proposes to use on creating air pollution when these emissions mix with air and NOx to form ground level ozone air pollution that is a serious respiratory and environmental concern. While residents are rightly concerned by odors, ozone air pollution must be addressed in the EIR.

The concentration and density of developments like G and K will concentrate the air pollution impacts from VOC/ozone air pollution from cannabis cultivation that are being reported in Colorado and Cities in Canada. This is a public nuisance and in light of the Coastal Zoning ordinance please support the appeal.

3. Over concentration of cannabis growing in Carpinteria Valley at such density necessitates a site-specific EIR for this development. There are already too many growers in the vicinity of G and K Flowers that are not properly able to address the odor issue with open vented greenhouses and ineffective and questionable odor control technology. Please do not allow another grower to add to this nuisance; when I visit friends in the la

Mirada neighborhood I am already bowled over by the odors that the odor abatement is not effectively stopping from current growers. I fear the day the projects near my neighborhood start growing. Too much density!

- 4. This development would be a public nuisance according to the Toro Canyon Plan.
- 5. Put this project on hold until after the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors has reviewed the impact of cannabis operations along the urban rural boundary as well as conflicts with existing agricultural operations in the inland and coastal zones. After that G and K should be considered in light of new regulations aimed at fixing the problems that have become clear now that density and unsuccessful odor abatement have shown we need to take a different tack, like mandating emissions free sealed greenhouses powered by alternative energy.
- 6. Vapor phase odor abatement systems such as Byers, that G and K proposes to use have not been tested for health effects of long term low level 24/7 exposure. Additionally we know they are at least 10% ineffective, and when multiplied by density that brings an unacceptable level of failure plus the unknown risk of exposure to untested emissions.

Despite my inquiries of what compound or molecule is created when the Byers solution surrounds the cannabis VOC, we are not told what this supposed "neutralized" compound is and what the effect is of our citizens breathing 140,000 pounds of it a year. While the APCD says the individual ingredients of the Byers mist are ok in California, they have **not** examined what this "neutralized" compound is, especially in light of people's experience that touring the facilities using it rendered their noses unable to smell anything for weeks. And the ingredients of this mist are in themselves irritating to many sensitive individuals, as are cannabis terpenes-I have neighbors whose dormant asthma has been worsened driving past the growhouses on the 192. Citizens are being forced to breath these unknown risk molecules, literally being unwilling participants in an experiment not of their making.

Again, by mandating emissions free sealed greenhouses you can eliminate these problems and still then enable growers to make huge profits.

- 7. This project violates the coastal zoning ordinance in regard to cannabis to protect the public health, the neighborhood character, and minimize negative effects on people communities and the environment.
- 8. As an avocado grower who does not use poisons or chemicals on my pristine avocado trees and soil, I question the effect of the vapor phase residues on my avocado orchard and other established agriculture. I've read the Byers manual and the Safety Data sheet for the Ecosorb 100 it uses. It says don't release it into the environment and don't put it in the watercourses! But it's ok for us to breathe 450,000 pounds of it a year due to your projected density and grow our food in it? Please support the appeal to prevent additional and undue exposure to these residues.
- 9. Additionally, please make zoning treatment consistent between Inland and the Coastal zone.

For all these reasons and more, please support the appeal on G and K Flowers. Thank you for your careful consideration. Our future is in your hands.

Sincerely, Gail Herson

Carpinteria

From: William Cole <pcole@svahacorp.com>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 7:08 AM

To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve

Subject: Stop approval of cannabis Byers Systems

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am submitting this letter in support of the Appeal on G and K Flowers.

This development does not confirm with the County's standard for odor abatement. The vapor phase systems are not working suitably and should not be approved as adequate odor abatement. The best practices odor abatement is the use of emissions free closed vented greenhouses powered by Alternative energy. The vapor phase systems like Byers have not been tested for low level long term exposure and as such should not be permitted. No one wants to breathe 450,000 pounds of this a year which we will be exposed to. We are being used as guinea pigs without our permission.

This project violates the coastal zoning ordinance in regard to cannabis to protect public health, neighborhood character and minimize negative effects on people, communities and the environment. Please make zoning treatment consistent between Inland and Coastal zones.

The concentration of cannabis growers like G and K Flowers will multiply the the air pollution impacts from VOC/ozone pollution to create those that are being reported in Canada and Colorado. The EIR didn't cover VOC's from cannabis cultivation or Vapor Phase systems. Ozone pollution must be addressed in the EIR.

Over concentration of cannabis cultivation at the densities we experience in Carpinteria call for a site specific EIR.

According to the Toro Canyon Plan, this development would be a public nuisance.

First fix the problems with the effect of cannabis growing on the urban rural boundary and out this appeal on hold until new regulations are written.

Thank you for reading this and please support the Appeal of G and K Flowers.

Sincerely, William Cole

From: Barbk <barbk77@cox.net>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 7:19 AM

To: Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das

Cc: Miyasato, Mona; sbcob

Subject: CANNABIS ORDINANCE CHANGES

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Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for establishing an overall acreage cap on cannabis cultivation in the County. This is still a massive amount of cannabis for utilization within our County, but it gives us some limit on cultivation. While the cap helps with the overall acreage issue, there has not been much discussion or consideration of the issue of over concentration, which is clearly a huge problem. Allowing too much marijuana to be grown on one parcel, or allowing marijuana to be grown on adjacent or nearby marijuana parcels, puts the community at greater risk for all the impacts that we have been trying to reduce, as well as putting the ag farmers at risk of losing their crops, vintners at risk of losing their businesses, and tourists steering clear of visiting the North County because of the stink. We are already experiencing the disastrous effects of over concentration in the Carpinteria area.

This would be an easy situation to avoid and regulate by establishing a parcel cap, or a percentage cap, on each parcel (3%?). Many counties have done this thoughtfully and effectively. San Luis Obispo only allows a small percentage of a parcel to be cultivated.

It would also be advantageous to residents if a CUP was required on ALL parcels since every location has different issues depending on where it's located in proximity to neighborhoods and businesses, pre-existing agriculture, and over concentration.

I highlighted a few things below that were sent out in Mona's letter in May. She states that CUPs will be required in all existing rural neighborhoods. Is this correct? Residents strongly believe that CUPs should be required for every applicant in all zoning districts, including the Coastal Zone. I believe the Planning Commission also recommended this for the Coastal Zone. Mona also stated that residents should be involved in policy development, which we have been trying to do. Keep in mind that we are not against cannabis, but we are not supportive of shortsighted, reckless implementation of this industry that has the potential to change our living experiences for all time.

We have this opportunity to correct some negative impacts that we didn't foresee. Please help enact more balanced regulations. Thank you, Barb Kloos

On May 31, 2019, at 6:17 PM, County of Santa Barbara <sbcwebmaster@countyofsb.org> wrote:



One County. One Future.

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May 31, 2019 To the Residents of Santa Barbara County:

County government's role is to balance numerous sides of a complex issue, no side or the other.

Protecting neighborhoods has been at the forefront of discussions. To that end, permitted cannabis operators are required to meet strict development standards conditional use permits are now required of cannabis operators in existing rural neighborhoods to help reduce further impacts.

We urge all residents to engage in local government and policy development.

One County. One Future. www.countyofsb.org

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From:

Lillian Clary <mzlil2988@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2019 8:01 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Lil Clary

Subject:

Public comment letters for 8 20 19

Attachments:

Public Comment 8 20 19.docx; ATT00001.txt; Public Comment G K 8 20 19.docx

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Please add these two letters to public comment for the meeting of 8 20 19

The document titled Public Comment 8 20 19 pertains to agenda item 19-00652

The document titled Public Comment G K 8 20 19 is for Case # 19APL-00000-00018

Thank you.

Lil Clary

Public Comment 8 20 19 BOS

Agenda item 19-00652

We urge the Board to support a firm cap on the number of acres of cannabis cultivated (including nurseries) in this county.

That cap in the inland area should be 500 acres and the cap in the Carpinteria area should be temporarily held at 186 until such time as a reduced cap can be negotiated.

Our reasoning is that no one expected the concentration of cannabis nor that the state would allow license stacking on parcels.

The initial EIR never considered this situation and that oversight must be corrected now.

No matter where cultivation sites exist, these are NOT good neighbors. Our Tepusquet experience is fully documented: total disregard for neighborhood matters (fire safety, noise, traffic safety, security, odor, night lighting and other environmental issues) and utter arrogance in dealing with neighbors whose peace, quiet and personal safety is threatened.

We see no reason for this county to support a cannabis industry that makes us the world 'leader'. It is time to step back from the abyss.

Sincerely,

David and Lil Clary Tepusquet Canyon Public Comment G&K Appeal 8 20 19

Case # 19APL-00000-00018

We ask that the Board deny a permit to G&K. We support the appeal. We are in agreement with reasons stated by the SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis.

The unanticipated concentration of cannabis cultivation in Carpinteria has had a huge impact on the quality of life of residents.

No neighborhood should be subjected to the traffic, odor, air quality and public safety issues created by this Land Use Permit.

Look at the Cannabis ordinance section 35.42.075 A. 1.

"Purpose. This Section establishes standards that are designed to protect the public health, safety, and welfare...protect neighborhood character, and minimize potential for negative impacts on people, communities, and the environment...."

Sincerely,

David and Lil Clary Tepusquet Canyon

From: anna bradley <annaberit@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 10:14 AM To:

sbcob; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

[DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Cannabis Subject:

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Dear Supervisors,

Hoping my letter is not too late for the meeting tomorrow. I cannot attend. I would attend and would be wearing bright red. Please can we just control the existing cannabis operations before adding new permits? EVERY DAY our neighborhood above foothill in the La Mirada estates is filled with cannabis odor. I fill out the forms to complain, I get the same answers. Wait till permitting before anything can happen. Please consider the residential properties (and most importantly schools) and those that live there that cannot escape the impacts.

Please can we not halt issuing permits until we fix the existing problems? The density of growing in the residential area is more than the community can support.

Thank You Anna Bradley 1934 Paquita Dr Carpinteria

COUNTY OF BANKS AND GARAGE

TO: Chair Lavagnino & Board of Supervisor Members

RE: 8/20/19 Hearing: G&K Appeal/Cannabis Licensing Ordinance Comments

We are an Unincorporated Association representing 30+ Carpinteria residents and homeowners.

Unless and until adequate and defined standards are adopted we believe the G&K application should be denied. These proposed standards apply not only to G&K, but to the Cannabis Licensing Ordinance as a whole:

- ➤ Your Sept 3rd **Odor Control** edict is too vague and requires standards to provide guidance and meaning. We continue to urge this Board to adopt a dilution Olfactometer-based zero detection limit at the property line, akin to the Denver Ordinance. Without specificity the edict itself is meaningless.
- ➤ **Greenhouses** that leak/vent should be considered "outdoor grows" as they are in other jurisdictions. We continue to urge this Board to require airtight facilities that are able to capture and control emissions. Vapor phase systems are not researched for long term health effects and should not be deemed acceptable. We are a densely populated neighbor-centric area that requires such a change immediately and/or over time.
- We continue to urge this Board to develop **Coastal Zone limits** on AG-I cultivation comparable to the Inland Zone. It is maddening that the Coastal Zone is now less "protected" than the Inland Zone. Our quality of life, values and lifestyle should not be relegated to second class citizen status.
- Finally, certain members have farms that they have enjoyed for years. Some residents grow Avocados and Cherimoyas while others grow and process wine grapes including: **Pinot Noir**, **Chardonnay** and **Sauvignon Blanc**. This Board needs to know—terpene contamination of wine grapes is a known/proven fact and that these crops deserve consideration and protection.

For the reasons outlined above, we continue to urge this Board to act by adding balance to an Ordinance that remains wholly one-sided without regard for existing crops and/or our pre-Prop 64 quality of life.

From: Alex Zornitsky <alex.zornitsky@crescolabs.com>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 12:10 PM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; Terra Stephan; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Bantilan, Cory;

Nelson, Bob; Plowman, Lisa

Subject: Public Comment D2 Support 3561 Foothill Road

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Please approve the application for G&K Farms, and deny the appeal. Santa Barbara County residents have voted in favor of legalizing cannabis in our County, and we need to allow farmers to grow cannabis, especially if they are committed to doing it the right way, and being good stewards in the Carpinteria Valley.

G&K Farms has already installed odor abatement, before they have even placed a plant into their greenhouse. This is evidence that they are willing to take on the expenditure ahead of the County's requirement. The odor abatement system is also safe, effective, and the best available technology in the industry for cultivation odor. G&K wants to provide a harmonious existence between resident and farmer, and Mr. Farrar has been in the forefront of neighborly outreach and care to listen to the neighbors in his offset.

There are other ways that G&K has proven to be the caliber of cannabis farmer that Carpinteria wants in our area- G&K has supported many community fundraising needs, and Mr. Farrar was instrumental in making the Food Liaison's Christmas in July fundraiser as successful as it was this year (~\$37k raised in 5 days). Our community needs cannabis, and needs farmers like Mr. Farrar who care about our city, in every aspect.

Please deny the appellants motion to take G&K out of business. There is no valid reason to uphold the appeal, as there was no valid reason to file it in the first place.

Thank you,

Alex Zornitsky | Compliance Agent 3889 Foothill Road | Carpinteria, CA 93103

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From: Stefanie Herrington < stefanie@montecitolawgroup.com>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:31 PM

To: Hartmann, Joan; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve

Cc: Bozanich, Dennis; sbcob; Litten, Jefferson; Elliott, Darcel; Nelson, Bob; Bantilan, Cory;

Plowman, Lisa

Subject: Public Comment D2 Support 3561 Foothill Road

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Dear Chair Lavagnino,

I live in the Carpinteria Valley on an organic farm directly above the largest concentration of mixed-light cannabis facilities in the county. I have spent considerable time in the greenhouses and in the flower processing facilities, and I have not experienced any reaction to being in close proximity to cannabis plants. Advanced odor control systems installed on compliant farms in the Carpinteria Valley have effectively neutralized the natural terpenes emitted by flowering plants, utilizing a safe and natural combination of filtered water and essential oils.

Denying the appeal of the G&K Farm/K&G Flower Cannabis Cultivation Project (the "Project") is necessary to lend legitimacy to Santa Barbara County's regulatory process. Graham Farrar has worked diligently to comply with complex and evolving regulations and has set a gold standard for prudent business practices in the industry.

I commend the Board of Supervisors for implementing stringent regulations surrounding the cultivation and sale of cannabis products for medical and recreational use. After much research, I echo statements made by Graham Farrar that California-cultivated cannabis makes organic look dirty. Kudos to this state and Santa Barbara County for holding the industry to such a high standard.

Graham Farrar is a demonstrated leader in the local nonprofit arena, serving as a trustee of the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation and supporting elementary arts education in Carpinteria. Carpinteria's flower farmers have been dedicated supporters of local nonprofits for decades, and their generous support allows our small community to showcase world-class youth development organizations.

The introduction of cannabis to the Carpinteria Valley has revitalized the local economy while preserving the community's roots in agriculture. As a small business owner who works closely with clients who are small business owners, the economic ripple effect of cannabis cultivation in the Carpinteria Valley has been widespread. From contractors and

electricians, to restaurants and retail shops, and the professionals who support them, we all benefit from a strong agricultural economy. Please support the Project by denying this appeal.

Stefanie

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