



Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau

Affiliated with the California Farm Bureau Federation and the American Farm Bureau Federation

May 29, 2020

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Honorable Gregg Hart, Chair
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau Cannabis Policy

Dear Chairman Hart and Members of the Board:

The Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau (SBCFB) Board of Directors would like to make you aware of its policy regarding the cultivation of cannabis in our county:

Agriculture is the number one industry in Santa Barbara County. Therefore, the encroachment of incompatible uses into agricultural areas should be prevented.

The Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau supports solely, the indoor cultivation of all cannabis within a sealed structure. This practice would eliminate any unintended consequences between conventional agricultural operations growing within the vicinity of cannabis production and processing. These structures must be equipped with an air purifying system capable of retaining all odors emanating from the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis. The Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau opposes the outdoor cultivation of all cannabis.

To accomplish having cannabis grown within sealed structures, the SBCFB Board of Directors respectively ask the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to streamline the permitting process for installing sealed structures on property zoned to grow cannabis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teri Bontrager".

Teri Bontrager
Executive Director