Eric Porter

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To: Eric Porter

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Project: Clayton Creek Storage/Peng APN 049-300-02

Dear Mr. Porter,

I recently became aware of the proposal to adopt a Negative Declaration to allow the rezoning of the property across the street from our property to allow retail commercial cannabis sales.

My wife and I own the parcel 122-350-01 and use it for agricultural purposes. We strongly oppose the granting of this rezoning from C3 to C2 on parcel 049-300-02. There are several good reasons not to allow this rezoning:

- 1. There will be an increase in both vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Hiway 29. We have already had a car in the past 8 months drive through our fence and tearing up our soil. We have enough problems with pedestrians stealing the mail out of our mailbox, without increasing the traffic of such people.
- 2. The increased incidents of people trespassing on our property while looking for the Cannabis store. Also, people who have acquired their cannabis will seek out the open fields in the front of our property to smoke their cannabis. These dramatically increases the fire risk to our property and the community.
- 3. Cannabis is smoked and people driving by will increase the incidence of lit cigarettes and cannabis being tossed out the window. In view of the fact that CALTRANS does not trim the weeds growing beside the highway in their right away, there is a huge increase in the fire danger
- 4. We already have a large problem of littering by drivers on Hiway 29. This will only increase with the increased traffic to the cannabis store. Don't for one minute think that cannabis users don't litter. The medical studies clearly show that the use lowers inhibitions.
- 5. There will be an increase in crime in our neighborhood if this rezoning is allowed to occur. Most studies have proven this to be the case. When you combine that fact with the California Legislature limiting the jailing of misdemeanor criminals when they commit the most common crimes there is no protection for us law abiding citizens.
- 6. There will be an increase in Homeless people looking for a place to stay and an increase in the spreading of disease. This will be on our property and our neighbor's.
- 7. This proposal puts a cannabis store in the middle of a community that heretofore has been in a zone that excludes cannabis stores. There is no good reason to make this change.
- 8. Finally, there has been an illegal marijuana grower behind our property and the neighbor's. They have been stealing our water and trespassing on all of our properties. Giving them a commercial outlet to sell their product adds insult to injury.

Thank you for allowing me to present my views. Let me know if you need anything else.

Sincerely, Thomas Maddock

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