

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  
CORNER COPIA  
606 CRESTMONT DR, SLO , CA

Cornercopia Fresh Market is a farm stand located in the Edna Valley since 2009. The proposed hours of operation are Thursday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to dusk from late winter until late fall.

The farm stand is at a convenient location at a corner easily accessed by passers by and the local community, for whom the stand is within walking or riding distance. The 'cottage garden' farm stand creates a welcoming entrance to the corridor of the Edna Valley as well as the neighborhood of Rolling Hills. The location and hours provide the local residents the opportunity to buy fresh produce and products without having to drive into downtown for the SLO farmer's market on a specific night.

The inventory consists of produce that is grown on site or locally including lettuce, spinach, kale, radishes, carrots, celery, broccoli, beets, squash tomatoes, peppers, assorted herbs, apples, citrus, assorted berries, and assorted citrus. The inventory produced off site consists of baked goods, olive oils, pickled vegetables, jams and preservatives, all locally produced in certified facilities.

Cornercopia also contributes to the local educational system. It hosts field trips from nearby Los Ranchos Elementary School. The students walk down to the farm stand and experience where their food comes from and they get to participate in harvesting of various fruits. There are already two field trip requests for this spring, copies of which are included with this application. Additionally, the agriculture department of San Luis Obispo High School assigns students to put in 8 hours of agricultural related work. Five students in this program have come to my stand to learn about produce harvesting, handling and merchandising practices.

I feel that my stand is an asset to the community and school district and request approval of the MUP application so that I can continue to provide these services and opportunities.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Babb-Zwarg  
owner/operator

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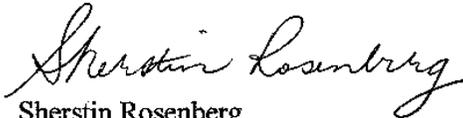
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Dear members of the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission,

I am a San Luis Obispo community member writing in support of "**Cornercopia**", the produce stand on 227 in Edna Valley owned by Jennifer Babb-Zwarg. From my local perspective, the lovely corner Jennifer has created marks the entrance to the beautiful Edna Valley. Just after passing the airport, my eyes are greeted by a corner flower garden and a classic country fruit stand. In forming this enticing oasis, Jennifer has added value to our city, community, and county.

As a Cornercopia customer, I relish the opportunity to visit the stand each week and purchase pesticide-free produce grown right here in our community. Although farmers' markets offer the same opportunity, Cornercopia's longer hours allow me the flexibility to squeeze my shopping into an extremely busy schedule. Jennifer's produce stand beautifies Edna Valley and supports local farmers. Clearly, it would be a tremendous loss to our community if she were no longer able to continue. Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



Sherstin Rosenberg  
2375 Corbett Canyon Road  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
805-458-6102

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September 7, 2013

To whom it may concern:

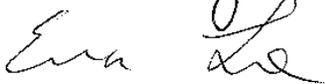
We (Ming and Eva Lo) resident at 5265 Edna Road, San Luis Obispo, are not adversely affected by the Cornercopia business located at Crestmont/Edna Road. In fact we feel that it is actually beneficial to our community.

Yours truly,

Ming Lo

Handwritten signature of Ming Lo in cursive script.

Eva Lo

Handwritten signature of Eva Lo in cursive script.

240 Cabrillo Lane  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

August 28, 2013

San Luis Obispo County  
Board of Supervisors  
1055 Monterey Rm D-430  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

To whom it may concern:

We are very fortunate to have Jennifer Babb-Zwarg operating Cornercopia Fresh Market in our neighborhood. Her pesticide free produce encourages us to buy local food. And my spirits are lifted each time I drive by her cheerful stand.

Sincerely,



Ann Thurston

January 15, 2014

San Luis Obispo County Planning & Building

Government center  
San Luis Obispo, CA

Gentlepersons:

I have owned the property at 570 Crestmont Drive since about 1976. I have a common property line with Jennifer and Jim Babb-Zwarg. They have been improving their property even before they built their home. They, on an ongoing basis, invest a lot of energy in maintaining their one acre, keeping their landscaped clean and neat.

Cornercopia seem to me to be an asset to the community by offering locally produced fresh food.

Most anyone who lives in Rolling hills or Country club can walk or bike to Cornercopia and purchase items without needing to drive a car or make a trip to town. Persons heading south can stop and pick up items as they pass by. This is a saving to the environment. It gives an option of supporting non corporate livelihood, supports local farmers, keep local money locally circulating, and plays a role in community bonding and inter dependancy. Being on the owner's property and not having to locate in a high rent district or pay Farmer's Market Fees allows for a price point that could favor the consumer.

Providing local items that have not been trucked in from far away should help reduce the carbon footprint of food distribution.

Since Cornercopia opened I have not had any problems of any sort. I have not had increase dust, noise or pests. In fact I only know that the stand is open if I leave the Rolling Hills area.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Jaleah Brynn

Sherry Witt

571 Wadsworth #2

Pismo Beach, Ca. 93449

August 12, 2013

To whom it may concern,

I started purchasing fruits and vegetables from Jennifer Babb two years ago. At first it was just a novelty to stop at her cute roadside vegetable stand. As the year went by I stated vegetable juicing, using more fruits and vegetables and Ms. Babb's "cute" vegetable stand became more important for fresh, organic, locally grown fruits and vegetables. Her produce is always fresh and unblemished. I was also a general manager for two local restaurants for fifteen plus years and have attended many food safety handling classes. It was an added benefit for me to see the precautions she takes when handling her fresh produce.

I am writing this letter for Ms. Babb and want to state that it has been a pleasure dealing with this hardworking, friendly, knowledgeable businesswoman. I can't understand why the city council members are spending time with this small "mom and pop" vegetable stand. To what purpose?

Respectfully,

  
Sherry Witt

January 27, 2014

Dear Supervisor Hill,

My name is Teri Block and I teach first and second grade at Los Ranchos Elementary School in San Luis Obispo. Besides teaching at Los Ranchos, I also live in the neighborhood. Our neighbor Jennifer Babb-Zwang has a lovely farm stand on the corner of Hwy. 227 and Crestmont Drive that my friends, family, and neighbors often visit because of the high quality produce and seasonal wares available. We also visit because Jennifer is a wonderful merchant who engages her customers. In the fall of 2013, I asked Jennifer if I could bring my class over for a walking fieldtrip to learn about farm to table production as well as to learn about people who make a difference in our communities. Both of these standards were easily met during our October fieldtrip to Cornercopia. Jennifer even went beyond, having my class pick extra apples to donate to the Food Bank. The end of our trip was topped off by Jennifer making a scarecrow with the class which she and her husband brought over to the school later and was placed in our class garden outside our door. Cornercopia is a lovely addition to our neighborhood and community

It has recently come to my attention that Jennifer is applying for a minor use permit to operate her farm stand. I hope to support her in attaining this permit. I believe Cornercopia is a valuable asset to this community and I am hoping to return there this spring with my class as we learn about reproduction in plants. School budget issues have made fieldtrips so challenging due to the high cost of busing. What a unique opportunity to be able to walk less than a mile to experience the hands-on science and social studies lessons that will be remembered for a lifetime.

I pledge my support in granting Jennifer the minor use permit and hope that you will agree that Cornercopia is a wonderful contribution to our fantastic community.

Sincerely,

Teri Block

