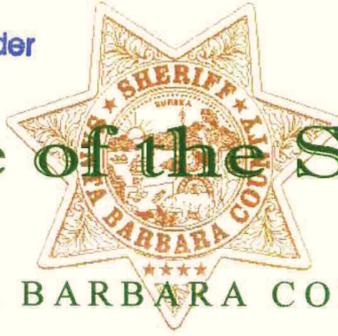


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Subject: Medical Marijuana Dispensary Application - 2122 Hutton Road, Nipomo

Dear Supervisors:

As Sheriff of Santa Barbara County, I would like join the South County Advisory Council in voicing opposition to the approval of the requested Minor Use Permit (MUP) for the proposed Marijuana Dispensary at 2122 Hutton Road, in Nipomo. It is my opinion the proposed Medical Marijuana Dispensary business will negatively impact communities in both San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County. As you are aware, the proposed dispensary location is located immediately north of the Santa Barbara County line, and is adjacent to Santa Maria, the most populous community within Santa Barbara County.

Marijuana dispensaries negatively impact the safety and well-being of our communities in a number of ways. Marijuana dispensaries are a target for both armed robberies and commercial burglaries, resulting in increased public safety service requirements and increased dangers to our public safety personnel who will need to respond to incidents associated with the dispensary. More importantly, the greatest dangers are those faced by our community members, who may have the misfortune of being caught-up as an innocent bystander during a critical incident stemming from the dispensary. When gauging the dangers posed by the proposed dispensary, it is important to recognize the remoteness of this location will require significant response times for the primary law enforcement agency (San Luis Obispo county Sheriff's Office), as well as other area agencies that will be called upon to assist in handling critical incidents.

For these reasons I oppose the approval of the Minor Use Permit (MUP) for the proposed Marijuana Dispensary at 2122 Hutton Road, in Nipomo.

Sincerely,

BILL BROWN
Sheriff – Coroner

c: South County Advisory Council, Nipomo