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Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 9:12 AM
To: Todd Bodem <tbodem@ci.guadalupe.ca.us>; 'Philip Sinco' <sinco.muni.law@gmail.com>; 'Ariston Julian' <ariston.julian@me.com>; Michael Cash <mcash@ci.guadalupe.ca.us>
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Good Morning All,

It is hard to keep up with all the recent media. I've attached two more items, an article & an interview for the City Council to consider regarding the first approved license. Frances

https://calcoastnews.com/2022/08/slo-county-upstarts-grab-a-slice-of-cannabis-kingpins-empire/

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From: Todd Bodem
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 1:30 PM
To: Juana Escobar; Amelia Villegas - City Clerk
Subject: FW: Proposed Cannabis Dispensary

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From: lannyebenstein@aol.com <lannyebenstein@aol.com>
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Mayor and Council
City of Guadalupe

Re: Proposed Cannabis Dispensary

Dear Mayor Ariston and Members of the Council,

As a longtime participant in Santa Barbara County civic affairs (including in Guadalupe), this letter is to encourage you to consider a dispensary application other than the one from SLO CAL Roots. No one who has watched the process of cannabis dispensaries unfold in Santa Barbara County could be positively impressed with how most cities have approved their applications to this point. Far too often, promises have been made by applicants that have not been kept, people have been involved of whom it was said they were not involved, and expensive and time-consuming litigation and community controversy have followed. There is no reason for this to occur in Guadalupe. You have too many important issues that you are considering.

A good principle for public agencies is to avoid even the appearance of inappropriate policy-making. The City of Guadalupe should not approve a cannabis dispensary with any applicant for whom there is a significant chance much controversy and possibly legal action would result.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to the community.

Sincerely,
Lanny Ebenstein
Santa Barbara