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Chair Cooney and County Planning Commission c/o Planning and Development, Hearing Support 123 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

## RE: Ever-Bloom Farm, 3508 Via Real, Carpinteria - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Cooney and Planning Commissioners:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce, from Goleta to Carpinteria, we wish to express our support for Ever-Bloom Farm and their permit applications. Cannabis is an integral piece of the local agricultural sector and the Santa Barbara County economy. Our organization advocates for responsible member businesses who contribute to the local economy and jobs. We believe that cooperation between local government and businesses supports a thriving community and economy.

The Chamber has worked with the cannabis farmers group CARP Growers to educate our members about responsible cannabis farming. We have been impressed by the significant efforts that have gone into controlling cannabis odors, as well as the environmental consideration paid by local greenhouse farms. The investments these businesses have made to comply with regulation and ensure that their farms fit in with local communities should not go unnoticed. These permit applications are further evidence of those efforts.

Cannabis farmers in Carpinteria Valley have operated successfully for the past 5 years, and members of CARP Growers, like Ever-Bloom, have continually set an example for complying with regulation. With continued county support these businesses will continue to build a strong foundation for responsible cannabis farming and county-wide economic development.

We ask that you support Ever-Bloom's permit applications.

Sincerely,

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