

**From:** Fang Yang  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** against marijuana shops  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2018 11:24:56 AM

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Dear Ms. Burke,

My name is Fang and I am deeply concerned with the proposal to open up to five recreational marijuana outlets in our city and with inadequate regulations. The impact of increased traffic, crime, air pollution, loitering and drug exposure to school-age children is irreversible. Please vote against it in the city council meeting.

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Sincerely,  
Fang

**From:** Bob H Nguyen  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** cannabis dispensary at Grant-Phyllis  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:38:50 PM

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Dear Ms. Burke,

I am writing you to implore that a dispensary not be located at this intersection. I live in the Waverly Park neighborhood, and my 6 year old little girl attends Huff Elementary. My concern is having this element so near my home and her school. The impact of air pollution, loitering, drug exposure and possibly increased crime are extremely worrisome for me as a parent.

Please do what you can to prevent this.

Thank you,  
Bob H. Nguyen, M.D., M.P.H.  
Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

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**From:** Sam Alonzo  
**To:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis License Inquiry  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2018 12:17:38 PM

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Hello,

Good day! I would like to know if the city is still accepting applications for all types of Cannabis business permits ( Cultivation, Manufacturing and Distribution) and what is the process, timeline and cost? Any information will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Best,  
Sam Alonzo

**From:** Stuart Eichert  
**To:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis Regulations - Written comment  
**Date:** Sunday, September 16, 2018 4:21:03 PM

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Hi Clarissa,

I probably won't be able to attend the meeting in person. Below is my written comment, which I hope is useful and on-topic.

"I don't use cannabis in any form and have no interest in doing so. I also don't use alcohol or tobacco. I try to keep my sugar intake to an absolute minimum. However, those are my personal choices and I don't seek to impose them on others in Mountain View. Like many in Mountain View, I support keeping cannabis, alcohol, tobacco, and sugar legal and off the black market. Therefore, I strongly recommend that City Council adopt as few regulations regarding cannabis as possible. To be more specific, there should be no designated zone in the city for cannabis. We collectively chose legalization and therefore no neighborhood should be spared the possibility of having a pot shop on the corner. No one neighborhood should have all of them either. In addition, the City should not impose any unique taxes on cannabis. If the City has an economic interest in the sale of cannabis, then the City will be incentivized to favor pot shops over other businesses and even residents. How many pot shops Mountain View has and where they are located should be determined by market forces, not the desire of the City to raise revenue."

Thanks,  
Stuart Eichert  
[REDACTED] Drive  
Mountain View

**From:** Pamela Tsang  
**To:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Cc:** [Xiaoyue Jiang](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis Regulations concern  
**Date:** Friday, September 21, 2018 6:51:53 AM

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Hi Clarissa,

I am writing to you to express my concern on cannabis regulation in our beloved city of Mountain View. The current plan has a lot of areas near schools and residential neighborhoods, especially near elementary schools. This plan will introduce additional unwanted traffics in our neighborhood and schools that may risk the safety of our children or residents. If this is an initiative to increase revenue for the city, I doubt this will be an effective avenue because most of these stores will probably deal in cash. And with little control over the clientele and tax flow in the expense of our neighborhood safety, this proposal does not seem like a good one.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best regards,  
Pam Francisco (Waverly Park)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** Cheryl W  
**To:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis regulations  
**Date:** Monday, September 17, 2018 3:36:27 PM

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In theory, I have no issue with cannabis legalization but I do have serious concerns about retail locations anywhere there are children, pedestrian traffic and other areas that will affect the public.

I know the law says they aren't supposed to smoke in public, etc. However, we know that's not going to stop them. Cigarettes are supposed to be smoked near entrances and that happens all the time. Also, even now, we have people smoking Cannabis in public.

I am very allergic to Cannabis products. (I can have severe asthma and I feel the effects very strongly from even second hand smoke)

Having retail locations near heavily populated areas and near children will lead to more people smoking around these areas. I don't want to be exposed, I don't want children exposed.

I'm also concerned about people driving under the influence in populated areas and near children.

Perhaps there is some spot over by Shoreline park that is open and away from pedestrian traffic? Maybe in an old building in one of the industrial parks that isn't spiffy and new so doesn't have full occupancy? Maybe a mobile facility that parks in an empty lot during certain hours? I don't know but I do think it would be a big mistake to have retail locations with other types of retail.

Thank you,

Cheryl Walterskirchen

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Cheryl

**From:** Wyatt Lin  
**To:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Subject:** CannAbis retail  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 8:17:50 AM

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Please email me info on the proposed location , thanks

**From:** Cindy Wang  
**To:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Subject:** NO marijuana near my house, school and children  
**Date:** Sunday, September 16, 2018 10:44:07 AM

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Don't know how the bill got passed last year, but I am long time MV resident and an active voter and I am strongly against marijuana in my city. Now that it passed, you are planning to open multiple cannabis stores. That's a NO NO!!! We don't want more environmental pollute and we don't want more DUI. My children bike to and from school and that's very dangerous road already. You want to put our kids in more danger by allowing drug users to be close by? Thank you and please be considerable as if your children are here.

Best regards,  
Cindy Wang  
MV resident and voter

**From:** yang chen  
**To:** [epc@mountainview.gov](mailto:epc@mountainview.gov)  
**Cc:** [Burke, Clarissa](#); [Siegel, Lenny](#); [Matichak, Lisa](#); [Abe-Koga, Margaret](#); [Clark, Chris](#); [McAllister, John](#); [Rosenberg, Ken](#); [Showalter, Pat](#)  
**Subject:** objection to opening cannabis store in mountain view  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 10:18:15 PM

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Dear Sir and Madam,

This is Chen Yang, living in the Morgan Street, mountain view for more than 8 years. I commute to San Francisco almost every day this year. I prefer driving to the city rather than taking the bart even though driving takes me more than 2 hours per way. Why I don't take bart? Because many times, I saw people use cannabis in the bart, their reactions and behavior after using of cannabis make the bart cabin dangerous. Even it is prohibited by state law to use cannabis in public, people still do it, and there is not enough police officers to execute the regulations.

Just like the police officer admitted in tonight's meeting, Mountain View also don't have enough staff to execute those regulations. Where are we going, Mountain View? A city of new technology, safe, beautiful neighborhood, or a city full of cannabis smell, attractive to heavy cannabis users, traffic jam and dangerous driver who just use cannabis.

Mountain View anticipates more than 1 Million tax from cannabis store. But other business owners and home owners will probably move out of Mountain View because of cannabis stores. The house value will not increase as much as the nearby cities, it may even decrease. City gets less than expected tax dollars from property tax and other business owners, at the same time, City needs to pay more for public safety reason, more staffing issue. I am not really sure whether this makes economic sense for city to propose opening cannabis store.

If City really wants to open a cannabis store, please don't do it in my neighborhood. We are close to Crittenden Middle School, but the planning map shows a lot of area in North bay shore and area near Crittenden Middle School are considered for cannabis store. Opening cannabis store will definitely give middle school students more and easier access to the use of cannabis, and since it is highly addictive drug, it will very likely bring mental and physical harms to these middle school students, and financial burdens to their families.

In short, I don't like the idea of opening cannabis store in Mountain View, but if that is not avoidable, please don't open it close to my neighborhood!

Thanks for your time and any help is really appreciated!

Best wishes,  
Chen Yang,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pengchong Jin  
**To:** [epc@mountainview.gov](mailto:epc@mountainview.gov); [Burke, Clarissa](#); [Siegel, Lenny](#); [Matichak, Lisa](#); [Abe-Koga, Margaret](#); [Clark, Chris](#); [McAllister, John](#); [Rosenberg, Ken](#); [Showalter, Pat](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing Cannabis retailing stores in Mountain view neighborhood  
**Date:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 9:28:46 PM

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Dear EPC and council member of the city of Mountain View,

I am a resident of Mountain View, and I work in a tech company Mountain View. I am writing to express my opinion against opening of cannabis retailing stores in the Mountain View neighborhood.

As far as I know, no nearby city such as Los Altos, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale has permitted trading activity of cannabis. I understand that there are people who claim to have benefit from the medicinal use of cannabis. However, the beneficial effect of cannabis is strictly based on the controlled use and professional administration. Opening a recreational cannabis store is not going to help those people. All medical use of such substance must go with a doctor's prescription, and the substance should be obtained from a pharmacy rather than a retail store. In fact, cannabis IS illegal under federal law, and is a federally regulated, schedule 1, controlled substance, like heroin or LSD from a federal regulatory perspective. All use, purchase and disposal of such substance for research is strictly regulated. I strongly doubt if the city is able to contribute enough effort to control over cannabis in the retail store. Therefore, I can't support cannabis sale in a residential area in my city.

On the other hand, as a father of a young child, I absolutely cannot support the opening of cannabis retail near schools, daycare, and After schools. It opens the door for kids/teenagers to have greater exposure to cannabis. Mountain View is a professional, family oriented city. I don't want to expose my little child to the danger of "cannabis chocolates" or "cannabis candies" when he growth up. I don't want my child walking down the street past "Apple store" style distribution centers that try to make drug use look cool or the norm. Cannabis IS a gateway drug, we are gambling with our children's health. The city of Mountain View should NOT be promoting its consumption, but should be discouraging the use and availability of cannabis and other drugs to children and young adults.

Last but not the least, Mountain View is merely a small city, and it should not consider to set up retail store of cannabis in city. Comparing the number of permits in big cities such as San Jose to Mountain View is not realistic. Mountain View doesn't even compare to San Jose regarding size. If using San Jose as a guide, there should be zero dispensaries in Mountain View. Not having cannabis sold or delivered here does not affect those who want to get them in other cities anyways. Please consider the residents here who have a big concern and want a healthy living environment!

Sincerely,

Pengchong Jin

Mountain View resident

**From:** Jerry Xie  
**To:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Cc:** [Jiao Tao](#)  
**Subject:** Please ban any cannabis!  
**Date:** Saturday, September 15, 2018 2:09:16 PM

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Clarissa,

There have been increases in drugged driving and marijuana use. As a stakeholder in our communities — I have a voice, and want to push back against this dangerous social experiment. My wife and I have big concern on Cannabis regulations (e.g., Chaper9&36), and its bad effect to our kids and communities.

Public health and safety matter! Please ban any cannabis/marijuana in our community!

Hope our voice will be heard.

Thanks.

Jerry  
[REDACTED] Drive, Mountain View, 94040

**From:** xin He  
**To:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote against the ordinance that permits up to five cannabis outlets in Mountain View  
**Date:** Friday, September 21, 2018 8:42:05 PM

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Dear Clarissa

My name is Xin and I am a citizen of Mountain View who is deeply concerned with the proposal to open up to five recreational marijuana outlets in our city and with inadequate regulations. The impact of increased traffic, crime, air pollution, loitering and drug exposure to school-age children is irreversible. Please vote against it in the city council meeting.

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Regards

Xin

**From:** Dan Mathews  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Please vote against the ordinance that permits up to five cannabis outlets in Mountain View  
**Date:** Friday, September 21, 2018 10:37:42 PM

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Dear Clarissa Burke,

My name is Dan Mathews and I am a citizen of Mountain View who is deeply concerned with the proposal to open up to five recreational marijuana outlets in our city and with inadequate regulations. The impact of increased traffic, crime, air pollution, loitering and drug exposure to school-age children is irreversible. Please vote against it in the city council meeting.

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Sincerely,

Dan Mathews

**From:** Wendy Hu  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Please vote against the ordinance that permits up to five cannabis outlets in Mountain View  
**Date:** Saturday, September 22, 2018 11:18:50 PM

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Dear Clarissa Burke:

My name is Xiaoping Wendy Hu and I am a citizen of Mountain View who is deeply concerned with the proposal to open up to five recreational marijuana outlets in our city and with inadequate regulations. The impact of increased traffic, crime, air pollution, loitering and drug exposure to school-age children is irreversible. Please vote against it in the city council meeting.

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Sincerely,

Xiaoping Wendy Hu



**From:** grace  
**Subject:** Please vote against the ordinance that permits up to five cannabis outlets in Mountain View  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2018 9:12:48 PM

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Dear Mayor,

My name is Grace and I am a citizen of Mountain View who is deeply concerned with the proposal to open up to five recreational marijuana outlets in our city and with inadequate regulations. The impact of increased traffic, crime, air pollution, loitering and drug exposure to school-age children is irreversible. Please vote against it in the city council meeting. The approval of these five cannabis dispensaries is an acceptance of a Trojan horse that would come in under the facade of supposed increased tax revenues, while the dangers inside of the horse, a known drug with potential harmful effects, marijuana, is being ignored. The lack of enforcement regulation for public marijuana smoking makes it impossible to prevent the second-hand smoke affecting children as most of these proposed locations are within family-friendly shopping centers near residential neighborhood. The DUI also poses threat to public safety. Increase in robbery cases and the number of heavy users from nearby cities can be predicted with the opening of these cash-only dispensaries. The traffic congestion problem will also worsen with a lot of customers coming from neighboring cities. Proposition 64 provides each locality with the right to reject recreational marijuana and many cities have done so prudently. Only 1 out of 7 cities in California have approved recreational pot so far. Our neighboring cities have all banned cannabis dispensaries. With more than 1 million populations San Jose has a ceiling of 16 marijuana outlets operated with stringent requirements. Mountain View has only 80,447 in population. Using comparable store to population ratio with San Jose the maximum number of allowed cannabis dispensaries in Mountain View should be only ONE. The buffer zone for school should be at least 1,000 feet.

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I have been lived here for several years and I Love Mountain View! Please help keep this beautiful city and protect this nice living area for all residents. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Grace Hsu

**From:** Wilson Hong  
**Subject:** Please vote against the ordinance that permits up to five cannabis outlets in Mountain View  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2018 9:16:59 PM

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Dear Mayor,

My name is Wilson and I am a citizen of Mountain View who is deeply concerned with the proposal to open up to five recreational marijuana outlets in our city and with inadequate regulations. The impact of increased traffic, crime, air pollution, loitering and drug exposure to school-age children is irreversible. Please vote against it in the city council meeting. The approval of these five cannabis dispensaries is an acceptance of a Trojan horse that would come in under the facade of supposed increased tax revenues, while the dangers inside of the horse, a known drug with potential harmful effects, marijuana, is being ignored. The lack of enforcement regulation for public marijuana smoking makes it impossible to prevent the second-hand smoke affecting children as most of these proposed locations are within family-friendly shopping centers near residential neighborhood. The DUI also poses threat to public safety. Increase in robbery cases and the number of heavy users from nearby cities can be predicted with the opening of these cash-only dispensaries. The traffic congestion problem will also worsen with a lot of customers coming from neighboring cities. Proposition 64 provides each locality with the right to reject recreational marijuana and many cities have done so prudently. Only 1 out of 7 cities in California have approved recreational pot so far. Our neighboring cities have all banned cannabis dispensaries. With more than 1 million populations San Jose has a ceiling of 16 marijuana outlets operated with stringent requirements. Mountain View has only 80,447 in population. Using comparable store to population ratio with San Jose the maximum number of allowed cannabis dispensaries in Mountain View should be only ONE or Zero. The buffer zone for school should be at least 1,000 feet.

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Sincerely,  
Wilson Hong

**From:** Nick Soldner  
**To:** [epc@mountainvlew.gov](mailto:epc@mountainvlew.gov)  
**Cc:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Cannabis legislation  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 6:54:37 PM

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+Clarissa

On Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 18:34 Nick Soldner [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello,

I am aware that there are discussions of legalizing cannabis in Mountain View. As a homeowner and resident I writing you to let you know that me and my family oppose this legislation.

Best,

Nicholas Soldner

**From:** Soroush Kaboli  
**To:** Siegel, Lenny; Showalter, Pat; Rosenberg, Ken; Matichak, Lisa; McAllister, John; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Clark, Chris  
**Cc:** Burke, Carlssa  
**Subject:** Re: Cannabis regulation and location  
**Date:** Friday, September 14, 2018 1:55:00 PM

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Dear Council members,

My name is Soroush kaboli and I am the owner of a commercial property in Mountain View.

I was not able to be at the Planning Commission meeting but just finished watching it in its entirety.

I would like to bring a couple of points to your attention and hope to see you exercise your ability to correct them.

If I am not making a mistake, I learned that the license for the cannabis operation runs with the location/property. This is wrong. It is the operator that brings a first class operation and associated revenue to the City and not the property owner.

I am a commercial property owner but do not believe that the property owner should not be able to get a windfall because of the work of the operator/tenant and should not have the ability to raise the rent to any level knowing that the operator has no other choices.

Additionally, just as the Storefront has the ability to also ship its products to any other location in the state, you should give the same but reverse ability to the Nonstorefront by at least allowing them to have a small showroom for public to visit, feel, touch and choose the product they want and then have it shipped to them. You also take the back-room and clandestine feel of the Nonstorefront operation away from it by allowing limited public access.

Lastly, I would like to re-emphasize what was said by many parents in the meeting in that the best way to limit our children's exposure to cannabis operations is by making the locations points of destination for adults versus locations where teens hang out and could easily access.

Thank you,

Regards,

Soroush Kaboli



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> On Sep 4, 2018, at 2:44 PM, Soroush Kaboli < > wrote:

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> Dear Council Members,

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> By reading the staff report report it seems that the zoning and land use as it relates to permitted locations for both Storefront and Nonstorefront Retail seems to be one of the major issues before you.

> I think the staff and the City could have gained valuable information by studying other similar size cities in

California/other states and their experience.

> The staff is correct in wanting to see buffer zones to schools, childcare, residential areas and parks.

> But is it really the children in the childcare that we want to protect/buffer or should we be more concerned about middle and high school kids? In my opinion it is the latter.

> This could be achieved best if the designated locations are destination points for adults vs where teens could easily access.

> If you agree, then traditional retail such as downtown areas with variety of stores, shopping malls, neighborhood centers, movie theaters and parks where the kids hang out should not be included in the Storefront Retail. This is where I have strong disagreement with the staff report.

> By locating both the Storefront and Nonstorefront in areas such as CS, you clearly make the locations a destination, harder for teens to get and are active.

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> Thank you for all your hard work and diligence,

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> <Staff Report.pdf>

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> Regards,

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> Soroush Kaboli

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**From:** Ami  
**To:** [Planning Division](#)  
**Cc:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Cut down the number of planned cannabis dispensaries to 1 in Mountain View  
**Date:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 3:53:05 PM

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Thank you !

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2018, at 1:52 PM, , Planning Division <[Planning.Division@mountainview.gov](mailto:Planning.Division@mountainview.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for your input regarding Cannabis Regulation. Your email will be forwarded on to the Council for their consideration at their public meeting. Also it will be part of our file and part of the public record.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

Linda Brooks, Planning Secretary  
Phone: 650-903-6307 (Voice Mail)  
Phone: 650-903-6306 (Department)

City of Mountain View, Planning Division  
City Hall - First Floor, 500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

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**From:** Ami Huang [  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2018 2:48 PM  
**To:** [epc@mountainview.gov](mailto:epc@mountainview.gov); City.Council  
**Subject:** Cut down the number of planned cannabis dispensaries to 1 in Mountain View

To Whom It May Concerned,

My name is Ami Huang. I am not supportive of cannabis stores in Mountain

View, but if we are going to have them, then we should only have 1 store, and it should not near any preschools, after school, little kids gym, any community centers, any residential neighborhoods, or other sensitive areas.

Consider What message we are sending to our youth. Studies show a connection between increased anxiety with MJ use during teen years. If we institute local dispensaries that are easy to manipulate, we are telling our youth that getting high is ok for all. Given what we know about brain development, the teenage brain cannot withstand significant exposure over long periods of time. Let's keep them focused on education and garnering happiness in their lives. I don't want my children walking down the street past "Apple store" style distribution centers that try to make drug use look cool or the norm. It opens the door for kids/teenagers to have even greater access to cannabis. We ask 1,000ft or more buffer to school, preschools, residential neighborhoods, daycare, and Mountain View Adult Education Center, which also serves high school ages as well as adult.

Thank you for reading my email, and I hope councilmembers will change their minds. If Mountain View open many cannabis store, it will affect the city imagiens and families will move out of Mountain View, and no families want to move in.

Best,  
Ami Huang

**From:** Phaphakdy, Joy  
**To:** "wei wang"  
**Cc:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** RE: Need information regarding cannabls shop & sending opposition  
**Date:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 9:01:31 AM

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Good morning Wei,

It will be Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

-Joy

-----Original Message-----

**From:** wei wang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 6:06 AM  
**To:** Phaphakdy, Joy  
**Subject:** RE: Need information

Hello Joy:

. Is it true that the issue will be voted by city council members on Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm?

Wei

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On Wed, 9/19/18, Phaphakdy, Joy <Joy.Phaphakdy@mountainview.gov> wrote:

**Subject:** RE: Need information  
**To:** "wei wang" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 4:39 PM

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Hi Wei,

Please send your opposition to  
citycouncil@mountainview.gov.  
Thank you.

Joy  
Phaphakdy  
Office Assistant  
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City Clerk's Office  
500 Castro Street, 3rd  
Floor  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Phone: (650) 903-6304

From: wei wang  


Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 4:19 PM

To: City.Council

Subject: Need information

To Whom  
This May Concern:

We  
would like to send our opposition to the proposal to open up  
to five pot

outlets in the city and related issues. Please let me know  
where shall we send our opposition.

Thanks.

Wei  
Wang

[REDACTED]

Mountain  
View, CA 94041

**From:** [Planning Division](#)  
**To:** [Pengchong Jin](#)  
**Cc:** [Burke, Clarissa](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Opposing Cannabis retailing stores in Mountain view neighborhood  
**Date:** Friday, September 14, 2018 10:45:33 AM  
**Attachments:** [Image001.png](#)  
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[Image005.png](#)

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Thank you for your input regarding Cannabis Regulation. Your email will be forwarded on to the Council for their consideration at their public meeting. Also it will be part of our file and part of the public record.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

Linda Brooks, Planning Secretary  
Phone: 650-903-6307 (Voice Mail)  
Phone: 650-903-6306 (Department)

City of Mountain View, Planning Division  
City Hall - First Floor, 500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

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**From:** Pengchong Jin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 9:28 PM  
**To:** [epc@mountainview.gov](mailto:epc@mountainview.gov); Burke, Clarissa; Siegel, Lenny; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Rosenberg, Ken; Showalter, Pat  
**Subject:** Opposing Cannabis retailing stores in Mountain view neighborhood

Dear EPC and council member of the city of Mountain View,

I am a resident of Mountain View, and I work in a tech company Mountain View. I am writing to express my opinion against opening of cannabis retailing stores in the Mountain View neighborhood.

As far as I know, no nearby city such as Los Altos, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale has permitted trading activity of cannabis. I understand that there are people who claim to have benefit from the medicinal use of cannabis. However, the beneficial effect of cannabis is strictly based on the controlled use and professional administration. Opening a recreational cannabis store is not going to help those people. All medical use of such substance must go with a doctor's prescription, and the substance should be obtained from a pharmacy rather than a retail store. In fact, cannabis IS illegal under federal law, and is a federally regulated, schedule 1, controlled substance, like heroin or LSD from a federal regulatory perspective. All use, purchase and disposal of such substance for research is strictly regulated. I strongly doubt if the city is able to contribute enough effort to control over cannabis in the retail store. Therefore, I can't support cannabis sale in a residential area in my city.

On the other hand, as a father of a young child, I absolutely cannot support the opening of cannabis retail near schools, daycare, and After schools. It opens the door for kids/teenagers to have greater exposure to cannabis. Mountain View is a professional, family oriented city. I don't want to expose my little child to the danger of "cannabis chocolates" or "cannabis candies" when he growth up. I don't want my child walking down the street past "Apple store" style distribution centers that try to make drug use look cool or the norm. Cannabis IS a gateway drug, we are gambling with our children's health. The city of Mountain View should NOT be promoting its consumption, but should be discouraging the use and availability of cannabis and other drugs to children and young adults.

Last but not the least, Mountain View is merely a small city, and it should not consider to set up retail store of cannabis in city. Comparing the number of permits in big cities such as San Jose to Mountain View is not realistic. Mountain View doesn't even compare to San Jose regarding size. If using San Jose as a guide, there should be zero dispensaries in Mountain View. Not having cannabis sold or delivered here does not affect those who want to get them in other cities anyways. Please consider the residents here who have a big concern and want a healthy living environment!

Sincerely,

Pengchong Jin  
Mountain View resident

**California Coalition against Recreational Marijuana**

California for Liberty

**Concerned Citizens of Mountain View**

Momstrong

Organization for Justice and Equality

Patients' Advocate

(by alphabetical order)

For Immediate Release

September 21, 2018

Our coalition is very concerned with the proposal of the City of Mountain View to open up to five recreational marijuana outlets in the city and with lenient regulations. Many residents and businesses of the city believe that it is pernicious and even calamitous for the city in various aspects! This proposal, if passed, can also open up the door to more bills favorable to the marijuana industry. We urge Mountain View legislators to reject this unreasonable and unacceptable proposal and ask all Mountain View citizens to stand up against it especially by going to the public hearing of October 2<sup>nd</sup> and sending in letters to the council members.

To begin with, the City of Mountain View can be liable in different aspects if the legislators approve the above-mentioned proposal and Department of Justice, DOJ, takes action afterwards against marijuana operations in the city. FDA maintains that marijuana is category I prohibited drug and all marijuana operations violate federal law.

*Frank Lee, Bay Area Director of California Coalition against Recreational Marijuana maintains, "Mountain View may also be liable if residents and/or businesses file legal action against recreational marijuana operations in the city based on Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO). Recently, a precedent in our country was set by a federal court victory by marijuana victims against pot operations in Colorado. This is Safe Streets Alliance v. Hickenlooper."*

*Proposition 64, moreover, clearly gives each locality the right to reject recreational marijuana and many cities have done so sagaciously. Only 18 out of 58 counties and 1 out of 7 cities in California have approved recreational marijuana so far. In Colorado, after so many years, 40% of the counties still disapprove it. Proposition 64 actually provides city legislators with much latitude to work so that local residents' preferences can be respected and followed. We demand Mountain View legislators to respect the wills of the constituents.*

The Coordinator of Concerned Citizens of Mountain View, Tootoo Thomson, wants the city legislators to learn from the neighboring cities, "Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Sunnyvale, have not approved to open any marijuana outlet. Please learn from them. Otherwise, the drug addicts, criminals, and homeless people, will flock to our city."

The biggest concern city residents have is that recreational pot possibly allows on-site consumption and that is very dangerous to our community. According to an AAA study, related

traffic accidents hiked 100% right after the legalization of recreational marijuana in the State of Washington. Such accidents have already occurred in the Bay Area.

According to California District Attorneys Association and law enforcement units, furthermore, a big problem of marijuana operations is the incoming of organized criminal gangs. Based on the testimony of the District Attorney of Denver, crime rate has skyrocketed over 50% after the legalization of recreational marijuana and their hands are full in dealing with marijuana cases.

Dr. Stanton Glantz, Director of Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education in UCSF, maintains that *second-hand pot can cause cancer and is more harmful than second-hand tobacco and alcohol*. Long-term consumption of marijuana can easily cause different types of health problems. A cardiologist and President of Patients' Advocate, Dr. Evelyn Li, accentuates that there are different types of pain-killing medications that can replace marijuana which can cause serious negative side effects to patients.

Dr. Li reiterates that marijuana is certainly deleterious to our youngsters and can even cause permanent brain damage to them. Colorado, after legalization of marijuana, now becomes the state with the highest number of youngsters' consumption of pot in the whole nation. In the Bay Area especially in San Francisco, marijuana cookies can be readily available under-the-table for \$4 apiece, based on parents' testimonies. The situation is so pernicious and out of control already! The Bay Area Coordinator of Momstrong (victimized parents) specifies, "If a youngster in a family suffers from drug addiction continuously, the whole family suffers tremendously!"

It is a myth that marijuana businesses can bring in much net revenue to the city. Based on the experience of other regions, the expenses spent on marijuana such as creation and implementation of marijuana laws, rehabilitation of pot addicts, additional police and hospital expenses, etc., far outweigh the tax revenue from marijuana. According to Jerome Horton, board member of California Board of Equalization, data from the board indicates that black market sales of cannabis will increase significantly and that 40 percent of the projected tax revenue will not be collected.

Regardless, having five marijuana outlets in Mountain View is indeed too many. San Jose has more than 1 million population, their regulations can allow only a maximum of 16 marijuana outlets and with stringent requirements. Mountain View has less than 100,000 in population, based on this guideline there should be only a maximum of 1 pot outlet; and the distance between it and places where children congregate should be at least 1,000 feet especially for schools, youth centers, and churches. The current selected locations also left much to be desired.

Suffice it to say, recreational marijuana operations will cause tremendous problems to residents and businesses in Mountain View in various aspects including traffic fatalities, crime rate, environmental problems, health issues, youngsters' consumption, etc. We demand Mountain View legislators to definitely reject this proposal which has much room to perfection. We also urge citizens in the city to stand up firmly against it.



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City Council

Please be informed that

I cannot attend the meeting  
scheduled on October 21, 2018.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a small business owner in Mountain View, I am concerned with the legalization of cannabis in our city, and especially concerned with the potential deterioration of downtown as a result of allowing store fronts in the main retail and restaurant corridor of Castro St. Because Mountain View is one of the only cities between San Jose and Oakland to legalize sales, I'm worried that the influx of people to the city will be more detrimental than beneficial.

From a report published in November 2017, looking back on the last 5 years of legalized marijuana use in Colorado and Washington, a report based on data from the Spokane Valley and Seattle police departments showed a rise in black-market marijuana crime. The report also highlighted a correlation showing a disproportionate increase in traffic-related insurance claims in states where cannabis has been legalized, as well a correlation between cannabis legalization and an increased homelessness rate.

This is not what we want for downtown Mountain View.

Thank you very much.

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Guang-Yu Xu  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 3:23 PM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov  
**Subject:** Regarding local cannabis dispensaries

To whom it may concern:

I am very concerned upon hearing that the City of Mountain View is considering allowing more than a couple of cannabis dispensaries within city limits that are close to schools and residential areas. Please seriously consider the message we are sending to our kids. Studies show a connection between increased anxiety with MJ use during teen years. Given what we know about brain development, the teenage brain cannot withstand significant exposure over long periods of time. If we institute local dispensaries that are easy to access, we are telling our kids that getting high is ok for all. I don't want my children walking down the street past "Apple store" style distribution centers that try to make drug use look cool or the norm. Let's keep them focused on education and garnering happiness in their lives instead of trying to get high.

I strongly ask the planning committee to limit the number of dispensaries within our city limit, and set up a 1,000ft or more buffer to school, daycare, and Mountain View Adult Education Center, which also serves high school ages as well as adult.

Your concerned resident,

-Guang-Yu Xu, Xiaoping Hu, -

## Brooks, Linda

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**From:** Winnie Zheng  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 2:27 PM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov; Burke, Clarissa; Siegel, Lenny; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Rosenberg, Ken; Showalter, Pat  
**Subject:** Opposing Cannabis retailing stores in Mountain view neighborhood

Dear EPC and council member of the city of Mountain View,

I am a resident of Mountain View and a postdoctoral research scientist in Stanford School of Medicine. I am writing to express my opinion against opening of cannabis retailing stores in the Mountain View neighborhood.

As a scientist who are trained in the field of molecular biology and medicine, I understand about the chemistry and the medicinal use of cannabis. However, the beneficial effect of cannabis in medicine is strictly based on the controlled use and professional administration. Opening a retail store of cannabis is not going to help those people who claim would be beneficial from its medical use. All medical use of such substance must go with a doctor's prescription, and the substance should be obtained from a pharmacy rather than a retail store. In fact, cannabis IS illegal under federal law, and is a federally regulated, schedule 1, controlled substance, like heroin or LSD from a federal regulatory perspective. All use, purchase and disposal of such substance for research is strictly regulated by EHS in research institutes such as Stanford University (<https://ehs.stanford.edu/topic/chemical-safety/controlled-substances-and-precursor-chemicals>). I am strongly doubt if the city is going to give such strict control over cannabis in each of the retail store. Therefore, I can't support cannabis sale in a residential area in my city.

On the other hand, as a mom, I absolutely can't be able to support the opening of cannabis retail near schools, daycare, and Mountain View Adult Education Center. It opens the door for kids/teenagers to have greater exposure to cannabis. Mountain View is a professional, family oriented city. Cannabis has no place in the cradle of creativity. I don't want my children walking down the street past "Apple store" style distribution centers that try to make drug use look cool or the norm; I don't want my children to walk down the street breathing contaminated air with the smell of cannabis that passively threatening their health. Cannabis IS a gateway drug, we are gambling with our children's health here. The city of Mountain View should NOT be promoting its consumption, but should be discouraging the use and availability of cannabis and other drugs to children and young adults. How could the city create an environment promoting the use of gateway drugs while trying to educate the young generation that the substance is dangerous to their health?

Last but not the least, Mountain View is merely a small city, and it should not consider to set up retail store of cannabis in city. Comparing the number of permits in big cities such as San Jose to Mountain View is not realistic. Mountain View doesn't even compare to San Jose regarding size. If using San Jose as a guide, there should be zero dispensaries in Mountain View. Not having cannabis sold or delivered here does not affect those who want to get them in other cities anyways. Please note the statewide vote for cannabis legitimacy is only 57% to 43%. And the 43% count!

Sincerely,

Wei Zheng  
Mountain View resident

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Olivia Cai <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 2:47 PM.  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov  
**Subject:** Please StopCannabis Sale in Mountain View

Hi Dear Officer,

This is Olivia, a resident from Mountain View. I am writing to ask your help to stop Cannabis sale in Mountain View. Please protect our neighborhood from going down. Thank you!

## Brooks, Linda

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**From:** Ivy Xu <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 1:35 PM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov  
**Cc:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Cannabis Dispensaries Regulation

Dear EPC members,

My name is Ivy Xu and I am a Mountain View voter and a parent living in Cuesta park area. I am writing to express my concern about the cannabis dispensaries that may open in our neighborhood, in Grant-Phyllis shopping center to be specific. I am strongly against opening a marijuana dispensary in this location for the following reason:

There are two elementary schools within walking distance to this shopping center, 8 minutes walk from Bubb elementary and 5 minutes from Huff elementary. We are talking about a lot of children who go to the shopping center regularly for grocery, lunch, snacks and music classes. It's a very youth-oriented family-friendly shopping mall. Any drug, alcohol or tobacco shop should not be allowed to open in this location. Marijuana use, particularly among youth, greatly increases the risk for mental illnesses, and can be detrimental to a young person's social, psychological, and intellectual development. Regardless of its legal status in a particular community, marijuana should not be accessible to young people and should not be allowed to interfere with their healthy development.

I believe the mission of the Environmental Planning Commission is to make Mountain View a family-friendly business-friendly livable urban place – environmentally, economically, socially and culturally.

First, cannabis stores are definitely hurting the environment. A study conducted by Jake Brenner, an assistant professor in the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences at Ithaca College, and Van Busic, a specialist at the University of California Cooperative Extension, proved it. It was published earlier last year in the journal *Environmental Research Letters*. "Planting cannabis for commercial production in remote locations is creating forest fragmentation, stream modification, soil erosion and landslides. Without land-use policies to limit its environmental footprint, the impacts of cannabis farming could get worse, according to a new study published in the November issue of *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*. The amount of land and water used for growing cannabis has not traditionally been a concern, especially when compared to other agricultural products grown in California. But where the cannabis is grown has potential ecological consequences.

Brenner and Busic examined grow sites in three northern California counties and found that their usual placement had potentially negative impacts on two threatened fish species."

Second, economically cannabis dispensaries may generate some tax revenue like any business. However, the hidden cost behind it can be much higher. The potential risk of robbery that target on these cash-only dispensaries and their customers is foreseeable. Let's not forget money laundering that is usually related to such business. Thus it will create a huge burden to our already understaffed Mountain View Police Department. The shops that are in the same mall with the dispensaries, especially grocery stores and music/art schools will be very likely to lose its customers due to the different clientele that they target.

Although the cannabis is legalized in California, it is still classified as schedule I substance under DEA (drug enforcement administration) meaning there's high potential for abuse. Even Cocaine is Schedule II substance. And what's the one and only objective of the big marijuana industry? Profit! Its only way to do that is to increase heavy use and irresponsible use. They don't make a lot of money from the people who consume occasionally or now and again. They're making

money from the heavy users. According to one study of Colorado's pot market, conducted by the Marijuana Policy Group for the Colorado Department of Revenue, found the top 29.9 percent heaviest pot users in the state made up 87.1 percent of demand for the drug. For the marijuana industry, that makes the heaviest users the most lucrative customers. The more marijuana dispensaries a neighborhood has, the greater the number of marijuana-related hospitalizations as the best customers of these dispensaries are heavy users. Can all heavy users pay their own medical bill while already spending so much on purchasing Marijuana? Who is paying the medical bill? The tax payers in Mountain View.

Socially allowing more cannabis dispensaries does not promote any positive communication in the community. Why do we need a store that sells drugs and likely attracts a lot of heavy users while we could have another pharmacy, or boutique, or karate school and dance school that do have positive impact in connecting the community.

As for the cultural aspect, since when using marijuana becomes a culture at all? Exploration is one thing; promoting drug use is a totally different issue. If we want to vision Mountain View as a Cannabis heaven for buyers (including addicts) from all over the country and are willing to pay the high price we are going to pay, then be it. If we want to cultivate a culture that focuses on being responsible, being healthy and making the right choice for our next generation, we should definitely say NO to open cannabis dispensaries in our neighborhood and our city.

So all in all, I oppose opening any cannabis store near Cuesta park neighborhood and we should definitely limit the cannabis store to 1, if not 0, in Mountain View. And set a big buffer to each store, preferably 5000 feet to schools.

Sincerely

Ivy Xu

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** L pat  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; epc@mountainview.gov  
**Cc:** Siegel, Lenny; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Rosenberg, Ken; Showalter, Pat  
**Subject:** Comments for cannabis regulations

Hi Clarissa and epc members,

First of all, I would like to thank you for your efforts.

Regarding to the cannabis regulation documents, I have following comments.

1. According to the population (81438) in city of Mountain View, 5 cannabis stores are way too much. The population in San Jose is over 1 million and there are 16 stores allowed.

2. For p-27 (Grant-Phyllis) precise plan, adding provision uses for cannabis business ( storefront retail) is inappropriate. The plaza is closely between Huff and Bubb elementary schools and there are two music schools, one tutoring center and one swim school for little one (in City Sports club) within the plaza. Therefore, there are lots of young kids around during weekdays and weekends. All the retail stores permitted in this shopping center should be family oriented.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Patricia

Feel free to contact me with any additional comment or questions. Thank you,

Clarissa Burke | Planning Division  
City of Mountain View | 650.903.6306  
[clarissa.burke@mountainview.gov](mailto:clarissa.burke@mountainview.gov)

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**From:** PJ Platt [<mailto:>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 03, 2018 3:30 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** RE: key points of view - cannabis regulations

PS – Parents at my schools in Mtn Vw can't attend the city meeting on Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> because that is the same night as "back-to-school night" where us parents get to meet our children's new school teacher for the year.

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**From:** PJ Platt  
**Sent:** Monday, September 3, 2018 2:33 PM  
**To:** [clarissa.burke@mountainview.gov](mailto:clarissa.burke@mountainview.gov)  
**Subject:** key points of view - cannabis regulations

Hi Clarissa,

Please be sure my key points of view below are included in the considerations for Mtn Vw. Cannabis regulations.

Note: I am have lived in Mtn Vw for 4+ years; I have a 9 y/o daughter who attends our local public elementary school.

What is important to us:

1. How safe is it for our kids to go to school?
  - o I don't want my child walking through or past major smoking areas on the way to school – elementary, middle or high school.
2. How family friendly is Mtn Vw?
  - o Anywhere cannabis is being smoked freely is a place that my friends and I will avoid with our children.
    - We need major shopping strips, recreational areas (parks, playgrounds, pools), and areas around community buildings (e.g., library) to be smoke free.
  - o Case in point: My daughter and I already walk the long way to school at Huff Elementary to avoid the bad behavior among some of the homeless campers and cars at Nob Hill Shopping Center. Bad behavior includes: smoking pot, doing whatever drugs, defecating in public, and calling out to my young daughter.
3. How friendly is Mtn Vw for people with a range of disabilities?
  - o I submit that people with diagnosed intolerances to smoke, artificial fragrance and other chemicals have equal rights to safe passage around shops, schools and community buildings.
    - Particularly, anyone who was sensitive during the wildfire smoke, is sensitive to smoke from cannabis.
    - Specifically, my daughter and I have mast cell activation syndrome (MCAS) or chemical intolerances.

Thank you,  
Pam Platt

## Brooks, Linda

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**From:** PJ Platt <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 12:30 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** RE: key points of view - cannabis regulations

Hi Clarissa,

Thank you. Given the information you sent I have a few more thoughts:

- Yes – commercial pot businesses should be concentrated in a warehouse type district
  - This makes Mtn Vw more family friendly. It is like creating a “red light district” for pot.
    - Otherwise, with commercial pot retailers all around, it normalizes use of pot despite the known negative effects of pot.
    - Also, policing the pot age limit becomes easier with a “red light district” for pot. That is, if my child buys pot as a teen, I want you to catch her, scare her, and stop her.
- Can we add health warning signs outdoors at the retail sites?
  - E.g., The genetic predisposition of x% of the population to have psychosis from pot. It is very eye-opening and makes kids consider/push back...what if I'm one of the 20%?
  - Can the police hand out or have a warning speech re: negative health impact for every time they catch underagers?
  - Is there a “driving school” type seminar for underagers or such to attend when they break the pot laws/regulations?

Of course, I'd rather not have pot retailers here at all, but that's not up for vote anymore.

Thanks,  
Pam

**From:** Burke, Clarissa [mailto:Clarissa.Burke@mountainview.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 10:24 AM  
**To:** PJ Platt <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: key points of view - cannabis regulations

Hi Pam,

Thank you very much for your input on this subject. I have noted your comment. I urge you to stay informed and continue to give your input through the process. You can do this through the following ways:

- Visit the Cannabis Regulation webpage  
(<https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/planning/activeprojects/cannabis.asp>)

- Attend Environmental Planning Commission and City Council meetings.

The conflict with back-to-school-night has been brought to our attention. Unfortunately, we are unable to change the meeting date as continuing the meeting to a later date would allow the moratorium on commercial cannabis activities to expire prior to adoption of regulations. However, we have adjusted the meeting agenda to allow time for elementary school parents interested to attend the cannabis regulations agenda item. Please see the agenda [here](#).

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Vivain Wang <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 11:58 PM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov  
**Subject:** Strongly against Cannabis Sale in Mountain View

Hi Dear Officer,

This is Vivian, a resident from Mountain View crossings. I enjoy living in Mountain View and be part of one seeing it become more and more attractive for high tech and young people. I have seen how great our city has been doing and do not want see it be ruined by Cannabis Sale.

First of all, Cannabis is illegal under federal law. Cannabis sale is a land use issue. It will make community like a ghetto area. I can not image how much it will damage our property value.

Secondly, as a mom, i am with all parents. We do not want our kids grown in an enviroment that they walk by a Cannabis store as common as a book store.

Lastly, with wide spread cannabis sale, we could not even have fresh air any more.

Please stop Cannabis sale in Mountain View! Please do not ruin our small neighbourhood!

Thank you!

Debbie Chin

To: Clarissa Burke  
Environmental Planning Commission

RE: CANNABIS REGULATIONS

Date: September 4, 2018

Ms. Burke,

I strongly urge you and the entire Environmental Planning Commission to make recommendation to the City Council against opening Cannabis dispensaries in Mountain View, especially non-medical/adult-use cannabis. I am dismayed that selling non-medical cannabis in Mountain View is even being considered and even more appalled by the piecemeal process being followed to force it onto residents.

For example, the public hearing is scheduled for the same evening as Back to School Night for all MVWSD elementary schools, meaning most parents will be unable to attend the hearing. Thus by design, cutting out a large segment of voices on the anti-cannabis side.

In addition, the EPC will make a recommendation to the City Council on September 5, the same day as the Public Hearing. It is unclear how much impact the Public Hearing attendees will have given that EPC must be prepared to make their recommendations the same day.

According to Proposition H, a sales tax of 9% is expected to earn the city \$1M per year. That is \$9M in marijuana or 900,000 "dime bags" per year. For roughly 60K MV residents over 18, that comes out to 15 "dime bags" per resident per year.

Obviously the majority of adults in MV do not want or need cannabis. Where will the excess buyers come from? Outside our city, increasing traffic and draining city resources. Increased traffic and pressure on city services always comes up as a sticking point during commercial development projects but seems that is not important in the cannabis discussion because we can just add a "sin tax" to pay for the impact.

I understand the 9% tax is meant to mitigate the footprint of a large amount of non-residential recreational cannabis users. However, we are going to end up with

similar issues that we did by making MV an RV dweller haven. In order to show compassion and assist people within our own city with certain needs, we ended up opening our city borders and importing many more RV dwellers than our city could support, creating a refugee impact on several of our neighborhoods and red zones our children must now avoid. The same will happen with cannabis dispensaries.

I've read that the mayor said cannabis retailers will probably set up shop downtown and delivery businesses in industrial areas. Operations will also be allowed in commercial areas outside of downtown and no cannabis businesses will operate near schools. MV is not that big. We have 12 public schools within our borders plus private and charter schools. Based on the January survey, seems 600ft is the benchmark for not being near a school. That's about one or two major city blocks. If dispensaries are set up downtown, they will be less than one mile from Graham, Castro and Landels schools, The View Teen Center, Eagle Park, and the library. How can we expect our children to make good choices if we are adding bad choices all around them? By adding cannabis dispensaries to MV we are creating a problem, not reacting to one. This bad choice will have many ripple effects that will be difficult to manage or undo.

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Please recommend to City Council not to allow cannabis dispensaries, especially non-medical ones to operate anywhere in Mountain View. If I wanted to raise my children in Haight-Ashbury I would have bought a home there instead of here in Mountain View.

Respectfully,  
Debbie Chin  
Telford Avenue, MV

## Brooks, Linda

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**From:** Jianfeng Yang <...>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 11:08 PM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov  
**Subject:** Concerns on recreational cannabis

Dear commissioners,

I am Jianfeng, a parent and resident from Cuesta Park. I am writing this email to express strong concerns on recreational cannabis on behalf of 20 MTV residents/parents/voters.

First of all, please do not mis-interpret MTV voters' opinion on recreational cannabis business. 8 of the 20 MTV residents that I represent actually agreed to legalize recreational cannabis in California. They respect persons who might need recreational cannabis. But, none of them want to recreational cannabis in their neighborhood. To open any recreational cannabis business, MTV should get local residents' approval. E.g., to open a store in downtown, city should have approval from downtown residents, not from shoreline park, vice versa.

Secondly, recreational cannabis will cause a lot of liability to MTV. If a kid got cannabis indirectly from local store, can their parents sue MTV? If a store owner got arrested by FBI as recreational cannabis is illegal, could the owner sue MTV?

Thirdly, recreational cannabis is still illegal under federal law. When state law conflicts with federal law, federal law preempts state law. I believe, that all EPC members and city council members ever promised to respect federal law in their life, and I hope they can keep their words.

Fourthly, MTV has got a lot of trouble (e.g. drug) from recreational vehicles, a sign that the city can not enforce regulations as promised. How could we be confident that city can enforce regulations on recreational cannabis?

Finally, I would like to increase buffer for school and day care. For EPC members and city council members who want to decrease school buffer, I would like them to state clearly 1) do they have kids in MTV schools? and 2) will there be recreational cannabis store next to their kids' school? If any of the answer is no, their proposal should be considered as irresponsible and evil.

Let us work together to make MTV better!

Thanks for your kind considerations!

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Sincerely,  
Jianfeng Yang

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Ilya Gurin <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 10:27 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Cannabis regulations

**Follow Up Flag:** Flag for follow up  
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Hi Clarissa,

I took a quick look at the proposed cannabis zoning. I support opening Mountain View to cannabis businesses. Just please note the anticipated new LASD school on Showers Dr, in what would otherwise be an attractive area for these businesses.

Regards,  
Ilya

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Tootoo Thomson <.....>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 10:03 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; epc@mountainview.gov  
**Subject:** too fast, too soon

Hi dear EPC members,

Hope you are having a nice day.

I am a Mt. View resident, a registered voter and a mother of 3 little ones.

I am writing regarding the store opening and locations of cannabis.

While I acknowledge there are plenty of demand of cannabis, there are still plenty of people have reservations to have stores in Mt. View.

To name a few concerns:

Traffic impact

Crime impact-- what if someone addicted but run out of money?

psychological impact to kids---It's so much harder to steer kids away if they see the shops everywhere.

Money laundry --- cash transaction unavoidably lead to money laundry, common sense.

I admit there's no enough data to support these concerns yet since this is still a new subject nationwide. But I hope EPC and city would be responsible to take things at a conservative pace, not too fast too soon.

I'd propose to have one store at a subtle location far from school and neighborhoods to test the temperature. Perhaps start in shoreline office zone where it's too far for the younger kids to bike to.

I won't be voting for members who support cannabis store in the Nov. election.

Thanks kindly  
Yue Thomson

## Brooks, Linda

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**From:** Crystal Nanavati  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Cannabis Regulations

**Follow Up Flag:** Flag for follow up  
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Dear Ms Burke

I am unable to attend tomorrow night's meeting due to Back to School Night at Monta Loma Elementary. However, I did want to reach out and let you know my opinions as a resident of Mountain View.

I have fibromyalgia, and cannabis has made an unimaginable difference in my life. A cannabis shop in Mountain View would mean I wouldn't have to go to San Jose to purchase cbd pills. I can speak to how many thousands of dollars I am currently pumping into San Jose's economy because there is no better, more local, alternative. Commercial cannabis will bring in money, and it's absurd to be opposed to that revenue stream.

Crystal Nanavati

## Brooks, Linda

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**From:** Juan Huang  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 3:20 PM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov; Burke, Clarissa; Siegel, Lenny; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Rosenberg, Ken; Showalter, Pat  
**Subject:** My strong opposition to cannabis sales in MV

To whom it may concern,

I'm a long-time Mountain View resident living next to Stevenson elementary school, and I'm writing to you to express my strong opposition to opening up cannabis stores in Mountain View.

Everyone knows that cannabis sales would bring in tax money to the city, which is probably one of the main reasons behind such proposal. However, I hope that our city councils and EPC members would have the wisdom and vision of real political leaders, and could see the devastating consequences of retailing cannabis in environment, public safety and health.

Firstly, cannabis stores attract certain types of people to our city. And let's face it, statistically they're people with higher possibilities of engaging in violent crimes. Mountain View has proudly been a high-tech professional, family oriented city. We do not want or need such wasted people wandering around our neighborhoods. When they can afford the high costs of their "recreational" needs, that's one thing. What if they couldn't? Do you really believe that they will just leave, peacefully? NO! They will bring in more car thefts, house burglaries and even more dangerous incidents. Normal residents will suffer from a deteriorating environment, and the city will spend much more to police resources trying to fix these newly created problems.

Secondly, cannabis sales would encourage more public usage. And what could more public usage of marijuana bring to our city? Troubles and tragedies. I hope that you haven't forgotten the deadly crash in Fremont on 05/16 when someone was driving under the influence of marijuana. This is not a stand-alone incident. A number of official sources have showed substantial increase in traffic deaths and hospital visits in areas that recreational cannabis are legalized. Not to mention that there has been studies showing that second-hand cannabis smoke is as bad as regular smoke, if not worse.

Lastly, I'd like to share with you a personal experience just a couple of weeks ago, when we took our kids to Castro street to enjoy some ice cream treats. We were in line outside the popular gelato shop, together with many other families with young children, when two guys smoking pot came to the line, bringing the awful stench of marijuana smoke. Like many other families in line, we left immediately. This is a perfect example of what cannabis sales would do to other local businesses in the proximity. People would limit or stop altogether their visits to those local businesses to avoid unpleasant encounters. In the end, it's the local businesses that take the loss, and the city will lose tax money as well.

Mountain View has been known as the innovation center of silicon valley. Please do not cloud this reputation with marijuana smoke!

Best Regards,  
Juan Huang

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Soroush Kaboli  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 2:45 PM  
**To:** Siegel, Lenny; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Rosenberg, Ken; Showalter, Pat  
**Cc:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Cannabis regulation and location  
**Attachments:** Staff Report.pdf

Dear Council Members,

By reading the staff report report it seems that the zoning and land use as it relates to permitted locations for both Storefront and Nonstorefront Retail seems to be one of the major issues before you.

I think the staff and the City could have gained valuable information by studying other similar size cities in California/other states and their experience.

The staff is correct in wanting to see buffer zones to schools, childcare, residential areas and parks.

But is it really the children in the childcare that we want to protect/buffer or should we be more concerned about middle and high school kids? In my opinion it is the latter.

This could be achieved best if the designated locations are destination points for adults vs where teens could easily access.

If you agree, then traditional retail such as downtown areas with variety of stores, shopping malls, neighborhood centers, movie theaters and parks where the kids hang out should not be included in the Storefront Retail. This is where I have strong disagreement with the staff report.

By locating both the Storefront and Nonstorefront in areas such as CS, you clearly make the locations a destination, harder for teens to get and are active.

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Thank you for all your hard work and diligence,

Regards,

Soroush Kaboli

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Xiaowen Xu  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 1:30 PM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov  
**Subject:** Please ban cannabis sale in Mountain View

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm strongly against cannabis sale in the city of Mountain View.

Cannabis is a gateway drug. We are risking with our children's safety and well-beings in this city by making cannabis available to our children. On the contrary, the city should discourage the use and availability of cannabis and other drugs to children and young adults.

Not to mention such sales will put existing retail at risk by decreasing the sense of public safety, cleanness and walkability. Sale, Oregon is a perfect example of how cannabis retail has become a magnet for burgeoning homeless population and public nightmare.

Please consider this issue carefully for it has far-reaching repercussions. Do not be swayed by the tax money. Thank you.

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Xiaowen Xu

## Brooks, Linda

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**From:** Xiaoyue Jiang  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 1:08 PM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov; Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** slow down cannabis business

Hello EPC members,

I am a Huff elementary parent and I am very upset with your recent recommendation for cannabis regulation in the city. You recommended Grant/Phyllis plaza for cannabis storefront, which is extremely close to Huff elementary. What's even worse, Huff does not have its own parking lot, and most families use the plaza for parking during drop off and pickup, so the south part of the plaza is considered part of the school. No storefronts should be allowed in that plaza at all.

The city is moving too aggressively on this topic. The city does not care about the next generation, a family-oriented environment at all. As the only city allowing MJ business, we all expect a lot more traffic, in the city and AROUND SCHOOLS. There are also a lot of other unpredictable problems. First, what if people drive under the influence (DUI)? Does California have clear law/scientific method to test influence of MJ yet? Second, what if people use it in the plaza right after buying it? You want preschoolers and students to watch and inhale second smoke? Third, the MJ is still illegal in federal, which means only cash purchase. When economy is in downturn, all the storefronts tend to become places for crimes. There are so many things that can go out of control, just like the RV parking in shoreline. It is unfair only MTV residence suffer all of these ([https://nextdoor.com/news\\_feed/?post=89671746&comment=199124527](https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=89671746&comment=199124527)). What's even worse, there are no neighbor city considering/allowing MJ sale. MTV will take all the consequences itself. Why could not you start slow, by using over 1000ft school buffer, a couple of stores first and in a place where people dislike MJ don't have to be bothered? You can always revisit the topic every year if nearby city is also taking actions. I am very disappointed with the city. You might think the city can get a lot of money out of it. But check this news <https://mjbizdaily.com/some-oklahoma-doctors-reportedly-wont-recommend-medical-cannabis/>.

Regards,

Frustrated MTV residence

Xiaoyue

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Manjesh Nilange  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 10:30 AM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov  
**Subject:** Opinion for cannabis stores location recommendation

Hi,

I'm a home-owner in the Townsquare community and have recently learned of a recommendation currently being considered to allow cannabis stores to operate in the area across View Street from our community. I do not support this idea. My wife and I bought a house in this community two years ago when we were about to have our first child assuming that the location under consideration would stay as office space. If we had known that the space could be used for retail, then our thinking would have been different. To change the purpose of this space now would be very unsettling to us. In addition, this block is already under a lot of contention for parking owing to the Caltrain station and the Farmer's Market. Retail space here would make this congestion worse. Please consider this opinion while making a decision. Thanks.

- Manjesh

## Brooks, Linda

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**From:** Tingting Zhang  
**Sent:** Monday, September 03, 2018 10:45 PM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov  
**Subject:** Please NO cannabis store in Cuesta Park

Dear officers,

I am a resident in Cuesta Park and a mother of two young kids. I hope that no cannabis store will be open in my neighborhood. We have many schools and preschools in this area, cannabis store will have a negative impact on our children.

First, having a cannabis store along the street will make kids think it is OK to use cannabis. As is known to all, cannabis do harm to kids, especially to the still-developing adolescent brain. Kids shouldn't use cannabis. But if we have a cannabis store on the street, next to a restaurant or a grocery store, kids will think marijuana is as normal as grocery or toys. Then they are more likely to try marijuana once they got a chance. Don't mention if they see an "Apple style" cannabis store, they will think it is cool to use cannabis. We shouldn't send such wrong message to our kids.

Second, it make kids have greater access to cannabis. It's not a secret that marijuana is widely used in high school. Today it's very easy for a high schooler to get a card. Having a cannabis store in the city will only make getting marijuana much easier. Children and teens are curious, they are more likely to be tempted. As adults, we have the responsibility to keep a good environment for them, to make them focus more on education and other important things in their lives.

Third, 600 feet school buffer and 250 feet daycare buffer are far from enough. As is mentioned above, we need to keep cannabis store away from kids. A 1000 feet buffer for both school and daycare will be more reasonable. Even if young kids in daycare center will not likely to walk to cannabis store by themselves, I still have the concern that second hand smoke will have effect on them. People are seen smoking around cannabis stores in SF and SJ. Studies showed second hand marijuana smoke may have similar cardiovascular effects as tobacco smoke. Keep young kids away from second hand marijuana smoke, please.

To thumb up, I do not want cannabis store in my neighborhood, please keep it as far as possible from school and daycare. Thank you!

Best,

Tingting Zhang

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**From:** Renate  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 01, 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** cannabis regulations

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Good day Clarissa,

I received the notice in the mail about the upcoming cannabis regulations meeting on Wednesday. I'm unable to attend, unfortunately.

I do feel strongly about limiting Mountain View's exposure to cannabis in terms of sale and use as much as possible. I work in downtown Oakland and it's such an offensive smell walking down the street, not to mention an unsettled feeling when seeing how some of the people behave. I want this product to remain far away from the city. Whatever can be banned, that's what I support.

thanks much

Renate Birwe

## **Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Gloria Wall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 6:58 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** cannabis regulations

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I am allergic to hemp and the quality of my life has declined since smoking it publicly had been become more acceptable. When I visit my daughter in Seattle I spend every evening with nasty burning runny eyes because there is so much public smoking there. After all the years we spent fighting second hand smoke, now we are letting it back in again. We are not even allowed to use our fire places most winter days because of air quality issues, so now are we going to let people fill our air with medically active drugs? I know people who use cannabis for medical reasons, but they don't smoke it so I don't have to take it too.

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Debbie Chin  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 11:56 AM  
**To:** epc@mountainview.gov; Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Cannabis Regulations

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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EPC / Ms. Clark,

I hope this reaches the proper party in time. I respectfully request that the Cannabis Regulations topic be postponed until the next EPC meeting. September 5 is Back to School Night (BTSN) for all Mountain View public elementary schools from 6-7:30pm. Both parents are strongly encouraged to attend BTSN and participation is generally quite high.

All Mountain View public school parents have a vested interest in Cannabis regulations in our city. Having the public hearing on the same night as BTSN puts undo conflict on parents who have a strong interest in both.

I understand the public notice sent to all residence addresses mentions a path for written comments. However, it has been my personal experience that submitting written comments and not attending in person has resulted in my comments not being acknowledged, let alone addressed.

Please consider rescheduling Cannabis regulations for the next meeting following Sept 5.

Respectfully,  
Debbie Chin

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Teresita Martin <...>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:37 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Cannabis Regulations Opinion - Teresita Martin

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Hello,

It saddens me very much that cannabis might be legalized, because people are giving dignity to something that destroys them. This drug is being sold in stores that make people think it is "cool" or the new thing, specially to irresponsible and illadvised teenagers. My question is, will the people that do not smoke recieve this drug from second hand, just as in San Francisco? What about the crimes caused by cityzens under intoxication? Where is this country headed?

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Julia Diaz <  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 6:24 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Chapter 36 Cannabis Regulations Comments

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Clarissa;

I am a current resident of Mountain View, and received a flier about the updates to Chapter 36 of the City Code and the hearing on Sept 5th. I am unable to attend the hearing, and wondering how best to provide input to the process? Is there a form I could fill out ahead of time?

Thank you;  
Julia Diaz

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**From:** Cindy Loka <r  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 6:07 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** I'm against the Cannabie Project

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Hello Clarissa,

I'm a resident of Mountain View.

I'm against Cannabis in any kind to sell or to be bought and used by residents of the entire Bay Area, State of California, or even in the entire WORLD.

Please count and bring up my voice against the project!

Regards,  
Cindy Loka

## Brooks, Linda

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**From:** Mark Lakata <  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Environmental Planning Commission hearing on commercial cannabis

I am an 18 year resident of Mountain View, and have 2 young children.

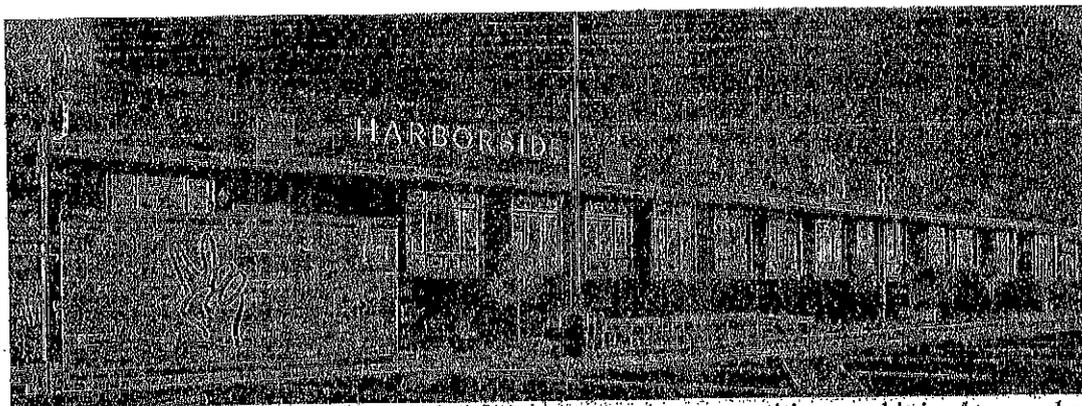
I had an epileptic seizure earlier this year due to brain surgery, and have been using small quantities of cannabis along with prescribed antiseizure medication to help treat insomnia as well as the seizures. CBD is also now recognized by the FDA to treat certain kinds of seizures for children. In any case, I do not have a license to drive a car because of the seizure, and the closest dispensaries to Mountain View are a long ride via bus or taxi. I am looking forward to having one that is within walking distance.

I have visited two cannabis dispensaries in the bay area, and would like to point out to those that have never seen a commercial dispensary, there are big differences.

A model dispensary is Harborside, located in Oakland (and San Jose, but I am not been there). Here is a picture I have grabbed from Google images of the interior



and the exterior



As you can see, this is not the "opium" den of popular superstition, and it is clean and well lit inside. All of the cannabis is behind the counter. There are only displays of the products under glass. There is also no advertising or signage that even hints that it is a dispensary on the outside. It also has heavy security at the door (as do all dispensaries) that check age with IDs, and does not allow smoking or vaping on premises.

I hope that any environmental regulations focus on requiring that dispensaries keep a well maintained and safe building, don't solicit via on-site advertising, have adequate parking, and don't allow on-site smoking or vaping. Otherwise, I don't think there should be any limitation of the number of dispensaries that would like to operate in the city, nor where they are located (except for the 600 foot rule from schools). Any rules that apply to alcohol and cigarette sales should be applied directly to cannabis sales as well. I think it would be fine to stock cannabis behind the counter as Walgreens, the same way supermarkets and drug stores sell cigarettes.

sincerely,  
Mark Lakata

**Brooks, Linda**

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**From:** Gordon Andrews  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 25, 2018 6:45 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Cannabis regulations

I recommend cannabis stores be allowed in the city limits.  
I have heard that some stores are having trouble with cost of doing buisness so I suggest that Mountain View city not impose a tax on cannabis sales or employee's of cannabis stores. The rents are already very high.

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Gordon Andrews

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 25, 2018 11:17 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Comment for 5 Sept. Meeting

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Keep cannabls sales out of Mountain View!

Best Regards,  
  
Peter F. Rusch

