

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 3:01 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** 3/5 city council meeting; no need to open recreational cannabis dispensaries in MV

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear officer and council members,

I do not think MV should open local recreational cannabis dispensaries. Below are the rationales:

- 1) cannabis delivery has existed (order online or via phone, deliver in 30 mins). For instance, <http://www.siliconvalleyfarms.org/> . MV residents' need for cannabis is secured and satisfied. There is no need to open local cannabis dispensaries.
- 2) Tax revenue benefit is questionable. California's marijuana tax revenue is way off from the projection (one of many reports). Wondering how confident MV is in positive financial benefit from local cannabis dispensaries.
- 3) Other than MV, I have not heard of any major city would like to allow cannabis store in residential area and downtown. Last year's city council proposal on cannabis dispensaries is quite silly.

Thanks,

--  
Sincerely,

COPIES TO COUNCIL, CM, CA & ACM, CDD, AP Burke

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:28 AM  
**To:** City.Council  
**Subject:** Cannabis Stores in MV

Dear City Council Members,

It has come to my attention by many of our parents that a possible cannabis storefront would be opening just a short walk from our school. I would like to take a moment to pass on our parent concerns that such a storefront would be such a short distance from our school.

Should it be acceptable to look into the zoning of these storefronts so close to schools, our parents would be appreciative of the council to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,



**COPIES TO COUNCIL, CM, CA & ACM, CDD, AP BURKE**

---

**From:** CRMinfo=mountainview.gov@mg.comcate.com on behalf of Kara Beall  
<CRMinfo@mountainview.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:08 AM  
**To:** Wong, Wanda  
**Subject:** A Comcate eFM case has been reassigned

Case ID#: 45474

Case Detail page: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic>Subtopic: City Council>Contact City Councilmembers

Case Location:

Your role on this case: Primary Owner

**Original Request:**

Council Members Kamei, Hicks, Matichak and Abe-Koga should remember the overwhelming majority of their constituents that voted in favor of the marijuana ordinance. Small groups of residents should be advised that they had their vote and to change it they need to generate a ballot issue to revote on the issue.

COPIES TO COUNCIL, CH, CA, ACM, DCM, CDD, AP BURKE

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:13 PM  
**To:** City.Council  
**Subject:** Pot Shops?

Incumbents Showalter and Siegel publicly endorsed pot shops in the election runup. They lost to Hicks and Kamei. There is a reason for this: the voters spoke... democratic process. To the new members: Do not let yourself be bullied by public displays of outrage! Please continue to honor what the voters asked for.

COPIES TO COUNCIL, CM, CA & ACM, ACM/CDD, ACDD, A.P. BURKE

---

**From:** >  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 17, 2019 4:01 PM  
**To:** City.Council  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Pot distribution

City Council: Councilmembers are quite right to give further consideration to whether and, if so, where pot sellers may operate in Mountain View. A statewide vote to partly de-criminalize pot for consumption by adults 21 and older did not authorize sales except as allowed locally. Most cities have not authorized local shops or dispensaries. And pot sales remain illegal under federal law. With pot sales not allowed (so far) in many cities, the Council might consider shops for locations that can handle visitors from other cities. Parking on and near Castro is scarce. Best wishes,

COPIES TO COUNCIL, CM, ACM/CDD, ACD, **Dr. Burke**

February 18, 2019 9:09 PM

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**  
**Attachments:**

il  
outlets  
docx

The science seems to have pushed some folks with mental illness into mental illness and sometimes violence. **It seems** the evidence that marijuana use has been mostly ignored by our "journalists".

Of course more availability will not make MV a better place.

Note the NIH source at the attached article.

# Imprimis

Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence

January 2019 • Volume 48, Number 1 • Alex Berenson

Alex Berenson, Author,

Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence

Alex Berenson Alex Berenson is a graduate of Yale University with degrees in history and economics. He began his career in journalism in 1994 as a business reporter for the Denver Post, joined the financial news website TheStreet.com in 1996, and worked as an investigative reporter for The New York Times from 1999 to 2010, during which time he also served two stints as an Iraq War correspondent. In 2006 he published *The Faithful Spy*, which won the 2007 Edgar Award for best first novel from the Mystery Writers of America. He has published ten additional novels and two nonfiction books, *The Number: How the Drive for Quarterly Earnings Corrupted Wall Street and Corporate America* and *Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence*.

The following is adapted from a speech delivered on January 15, 2019, at Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship in Washington, D.C.

Seventy miles northwest of New York City is a hospital that looks like a prison, its drab brick buildings wrapped in layers of fencing and barbed wire. This grim facility is called the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Institute. It's one of three places the state of New York sends the criminally mentally ill—defendants judged not guilty by reason of insanity.

Until recently, my wife Jackie—Dr. Jacqueline Berenson—was a senior psychiatrist there. Many of Mid-Hudson's 300 patients are killers and arsonists. At least one is a cannibal. Most have been diagnosed with psychotic disorders like schizophrenia that provoked them to violence against family members or strangers.

A couple of years ago, Jackie was telling me about a patient. In passing, she said something like, Of course he'd been smoking pot his whole life.

Of course? I said.

Yes, they all smoke.

So marijuana causes schizophrenia?

I was surprised, to say the least. I tended to be a libertarian on drugs. Years before, I'd covered the pharmaceutical industry for *The New York Times*. I was aware of the claims about marijuana as medicine, and I'd watched the slow spread of legalized cannabis without much interest.

Jackie would have been within her rights to say, I know what I'm talking about, unlike you. Instead she offered something neutral like, I think that's what the big studies say. You should read them.

So I did. The big studies, the little ones, and all the rest. I read everything I could find. I talked to every psychiatrist and brain scientist who would talk to me. And I soon realized that in all my years as a journalist I had never seen a story where the gap between insider and outsider knowledge was so great, or the stakes so high.

I began to wonder why—with the stocks of cannabis companies soaring and politicians promoting legalization as a low-risk way to raise tax revenue and reduce crime—I had never heard the truth about marijuana, mental illness, and violence.

Over the last 30 years, psychiatrists and epidemiologists have turned speculation about marijuana's dangers into science. Yet over the same period, a shrewd and expensive lobbying campaign has pushed public attitudes about marijuana the other way. And the effects are now becoming apparent.

Almost everything you think you know about the health effects of cannabis, almost everything advocates and the media have told you for a generation, is wrong.

They've told you marijuana has many different medical uses. In reality marijuana and THC, its active ingredient, have been shown to work only in a few narrow conditions. They are most commonly prescribed for pain relief. But they are rarely tested against other pain relief drugs like ibuprofen—and in July, a large four-year study of patients with chronic pain in Australia showed cannabis use was associated with greater pain over time.

They've told you cannabis can stem opioid use—"Two new studies show how marijuana can help fight the opioid epidemic," according to Wonkblog, a Washington Post website, in April 2018— and that marijuana's effects as a painkiller make it a potential substitute for opiates. In reality, like alcohol, marijuana is too weak as a painkiller to work for most people who truly need opiates, such as terminal cancer patients. Even cannabis advocates, like Rob Kampia, the co-founder of the Marijuana Policy Project, acknowledge that they have always viewed medical marijuana laws primarily as a way to protect recreational users.

As for the marijuana-reduces-opiate-use theory, it is based largely on a single paper comparing overdose deaths by state before 2010 to the spread of medical marijuana laws— and the paper's finding is probably a result of simple geographic coincidence. The opiate epidemic began in Appalachia, while the first states to legalize medical marijuana were in the West. Since 2010, as both the epidemic and medical marijuana laws have spread nationally, the finding has vanished. And the United States, the Western country with the most cannabis use, also has by far the worst problem with opioids.

Research on individual users—a better way to trace cause and effect than looking at aggregate state-level data—consistently shows that marijuana use leads to other drug use. For example, a January 2018 paper in the American Journal of Psychiatry showed that people who used cannabis in 2001 were almost three times as likely to use opiates three years later, even after adjusting for other potential risks.

Most of all, advocates have told you that marijuana is not just safe for people with psychiatric problems like depression, but that it is a potential treatment for those patients. On its website, the cannabis delivery service Eaze offers the "Best Marijuana Strains and Products for Treating Anxiety." "How Does Cannabis Help Depression?" is the topic of an article on Leafly, the largest cannabis website. But a mountain of peer-reviewed research in top medical journals shows that marijuana can cause or worsen severe mental illness, especially psychosis, the medical term for a break from reality. Teenagers who smoke marijuana regularly are about three times as likely to develop schizophrenia, the most devastating psychotic disorder.

After an exhaustive review, the National Academy of Medicine found in 2017 that "cannabis use is likely to increase the risk of developing schizophrenia and

other psychoses; the higher the use, the greater the risk." Also that "regular cannabis use is likely to increase the risk for developing social anxiety disorder."

Over the past decade, as legalization has spread, patterns of marijuana use—and the drug itself—have changed in dangerous ways.

Legalization has not led to a huge increase in people using the drug casually. About 15 percent of Americans used cannabis at least once in 2017, up from ten percent in 2006, according to a large federal study called the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. (By contrast, about 65 percent of Americans had a drink in the last year.) But the number of Americans who use cannabis heavily is soaring. In 2006, about three million Americans reported using cannabis at least 300 times a year, the standard for daily use. By 2017, that number had nearly tripled, to eight million, approaching the twelve million Americans who drank alcohol every day. Put another way, one in 15 drinkers consumed alcohol daily; about one in five marijuana users used cannabis that often.

Cannabis users today are also consuming a drug that is far more potent than ever before, as measured by the amount of THC—delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, the chemical in cannabis responsible for its psychoactive effects—it contains. In the 1970s, the last time this many Americans used cannabis, most marijuana contained less than two percent THC. Today, marijuana routinely contains 20 to 25 percent THC, thanks to sophisticated farming and cloning techniques—as well as to a demand by users for cannabis that produces a stronger high more quickly. In states where cannabis is legal, many users prefer extracts that are nearly pure THC. Think of the difference between near-beer and a martini, or even grain alcohol, to understand the difference.

These new patterns of use have caused problems with the drug to soar. In 2014, people who had diagnosable cannabis use disorder, the medical term for marijuana abuse or addiction, made up about 1.5 percent of Americans. But they accounted for eleven percent of all the psychosis cases in emergency rooms—90,000 cases, 250 a day, triple the number in 2006. In states like Colorado, emergency room physicians have become experts on dealing with cannabis-induced psychosis.

Cannabis advocates often argue that the drug can't be as neurotoxic as studies suggest, because otherwise Western countries would have seen population-wide increases in psychosis alongside rising use. In reality, accurately tracking psychosis cases is impossible in the United States. The government carefully tracks diseases like cancer with central registries, but no such registry exists for schizophrenia or other severe mental illnesses.

On the other hand, research from Finland and Denmark, two countries that track mental illness more comprehensively, shows a significant increase in psychosis since 2000, following an increase in cannabis use. And in September of last year, a large federal survey found a rise in serious mental illness in the United States as well, especially among young adults, the heaviest users of cannabis.

According to this latter study, 7.5 percent of adults age 18-25 met the criteria for serious mental illness in 2017, double the rate in 2008. What's especially striking is that adolescents age 12-17 don't show these increases in cannabis use and severe mental illness.

A caveat: this federal survey doesn't count individual cases, and it lumps psychosis with other severe mental illness. So it isn't as accurate as the Finnish or Danish studies. Nor do any of these studies prove that rising cannabis use has caused population-wide increases in psychosis or other mental illness. The most that can be said is that they offer intriguing evidence of a link.

Advocates for people with mental illness do not like discussing the link between schizophrenia and crime. They fear it will stigmatize people with the disease. "Most people with mental illness are not violent," the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) explains on its website. But wishing away the link can't make it disappear. In truth, psychosis is a shockingly high risk factor for violence. The best analysis came in a 2009 paper in PLOS Medicine by Dr. Seena Fazel, an Oxford University psychiatrist and epidemiologist. Drawing on earlier studies, the paper found that people with schizophrenia are five times as likely to commit violent crimes as healthy people, and almost 20 times as likely to commit homicide.

NAMI's statement that most people with mental illness are not violent is of course accurate, given that "most" simply means "more than half"; but it is

deeply misleading. Schizophrenia is rare. But people with the disorder commit an appreciable fraction of all murders, in the range of six to nine percent.

"The best way to deal with the stigma is to reduce the violence," says Dr. Sheilagh Hodgins, a professor at the University of Montreal who has studied mental illness and violence for more than 30 years.

The marijuana-psychosis-violence connection is even stronger than those figures suggest. People with schizophrenia are only moderately more likely to become violent than healthy people when they are taking antipsychotic medicine and avoiding recreational drugs. But when they use drugs, their risk of violence skyrockets. "You don't just have an increased risk of one thing—these things occur in clusters," Dr. Fazel told me.

Along with alcohol, the drug that psychotic patients use more than any other is cannabis: a 2010 review of earlier studies in *Schizophrenia Bulletin* found that 27 percent of people with schizophrenia had been diagnosed with cannabis use disorder in their lives. And unfortunately—despite its reputation for making users relaxed and calm—cannabis appears to provoke many of them to violence.

A Swiss study of 265 psychotic patients published in *Frontiers of Forensic Psychiatry* last June found that over a three-year period, young men with psychosis who used cannabis had a 50 percent chance of becoming violent. That risk was four times higher than for those with psychosis who didn't use, even after adjusting for factors such as alcohol use. Other researchers have produced similar findings. A 2013 paper in an Italian psychiatric journal examined almost 1,600 psychiatric patients in southern Italy and found that cannabis use was associated with a ten-fold increase in violence.

The most obvious way that cannabis fuels violence in psychotic people is through its tendency to cause paranoia—something even cannabis advocates acknowledge the drug can cause. The risk is so obvious that users joke about it and dispensaries advertise certain strains as less likely to induce paranoia. And for people with psychotic disorders, paranoia can fuel extreme violence. A 2007 paper in the *Medical Journal of Australia* on 88 defendants who had committed homicide during psychotic episodes found that most believed they were in danger from the victim, and almost two-thirds reported misusing cannabis—more than alcohol and amphetamines combined.

Yet the link between marijuana and violence doesn't appear limited to people with preexisting psychosis. Researchers have studied alcohol and violence for generations, proving that alcohol is a risk factor for domestic abuse, assault, and even murder. Far less work has been done on marijuana, in part because advocates have stigmatized anyone who raises the issue. But studies showing that marijuana use is a significant risk factor for violence have quietly piled up. Many of them weren't even designed to catch the link, but they did. Dozens of such studies exist, covering everything from bullying by high school students to fighting among vacationers in Spain.

In most cases, studies find that the risk is at least as significant as with alcohol. A 2012 paper in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* examined a federal survey of more than 9,000 adolescents and found that marijuana use was associated with a doubling of domestic violence; a 2017 paper in *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology* examined drivers of violence among 6,000 British and Chinese men and found that drug use—the drug nearly always being cannabis—translated into a five-fold increase in violence.

Today that risk is translating into real-world impacts. Before states legalized recreational cannabis, advocates said that legalization would let police focus on hardened criminals rather than marijuana smokers and thus reduce violent crime. Some advocates go so far as to claim that legalization has reduced violent crime. In a 2017 speech calling for federal legalization, U.S. Senator Cory Booker said that “states [that have legalized marijuana] are seeing decreases in violent crime.” He was wrong.

The first four states to legalize marijuana for recreational use were Colorado and Washington in 2014 and Alaska and Oregon in 2015. Combined, those four states had about 450 murders and 30,300 aggravated assaults in 2013. Last year, they had almost 620 murders and 38,000 aggravated assaults—an increase of 37 percent for murders and 25 percent for aggravated assaults, far greater than the national increase, even after accounting for differences in population growth.

Knowing exactly how much of the increase is related to cannabis is impossible without researching every crime. But police reports, news stories, and arrest warrants suggest a close link in many cases. For example, last September, police in Longmont, Colorado, arrested Daniel Lopez for stabbing his brother Thomas to death as a neighbor watched. Daniel Lopez had been diagnosed with

schizophrenia and was “self-medicating” with marijuana, according to an arrest affidavit.

In every state, not just those where marijuana is legal, cases like Lopez’s are far more common than either cannabis or mental illness advocates acknowledge. Cannabis is also associated with a disturbing number of child deaths from abuse and neglect—many more than alcohol, and more than cocaine, methamphetamines, and opioids combined—according to reports from Texas, one of the few states to provide detailed information on drug use by perpetrators.

These crimes rarely receive more than local attention. Psychosis-induced violence takes particularly ugly forms and is frequently directed at helpless family members. The elite national media prefers to ignore the crimes as tabloid fodder. Even police departments, which see this violence up close, have been slow to recognize the trend, in part because the epidemic of opioid overdose deaths has overwhelmed them.

So the black tide of psychosis and the red tide of violence are rising steadily, almost unnoticed, on a slow green wave.

For centuries, people worldwide have understood that cannabis causes mental illness and violence—just as they’ve known that opiates cause addiction and overdose. Hard data on the relationship between marijuana and madness dates back 150 years, to British asylum registers in India. Yet 20 years ago, the United States moved to encourage wider use of cannabis and opiates.

In both cases, we decided we could outsmart these drugs—that we could have their benefits without their costs. And in both cases we were wrong. Opiates are riskier, and the overdose deaths they cause a more imminent crisis, so we have focused on those. But soon enough the mental illness and violence that follow cannabis use will also be too widespread to ignore.

Whether to use cannabis, or any drug, is a personal decision. Whether cannabis should be legal is a political issue. But its precise legal status is far less important than making sure that anyone who uses it is aware of its risks. Most cigarette smokers don’t die of lung cancer. But we have made it widely known that cigarettes cause cancer, full stop. Most people who drink and drive don’t have fatal accidents. But we have highlighted the cases of those who do.

We need equally unambiguous and well-funded advertising campaigns on the risks of cannabis. Instead, we are now in the worst of all worlds. Marijuana is legal in some states, illegal in others, dangerously potent, and sold without warnings everywhere.

But before we can do anything, we—especially cannabis advocates and those in the elite media who have for too long credulously accepted their claims—need to come to terms with the truth about the science on marijuana. That adjustment may be painful. But the alternative is far worse, as the patients at Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Institute—and their victims—know.

[https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/marijuana-mental-illness-violence/?appeal\\_code=MK119EM1&sc=MK119EM1&utm\\_campaign=imprimis&utm\\_source=housefile&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=january2019marijuana&hsenc=p2ANqtz--Vk-V4vCAacRujCDqyO0ih-KGTHrAxyo17i-kbl7zC5EIKib1F-PuzFRli4WROXc0iZoebO5MpZnyH18zhD JgkuNOfg&hsmi=69315155](https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/marijuana-mental-illness-violence/?appeal_code=MK119EM1&sc=MK119EM1&utm_campaign=imprimis&utm_source=housefile&utm_medium=email&utm_content=january2019marijuana&hsenc=p2ANqtz--Vk-V4vCAacRujCDqyO0ih-KGTHrAxyo17i-kbl7zC5EIKib1F-PuzFRli4WROXc0iZoebO5MpZnyH18zhD JgkuNOfg&hsmi=69315155)

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/marijuana/there-link-between-marijuana-use-psychiatric-disorders>

COPIES TO COUNCIL, CM, CA & ACM, ACM/CDD, ACDD, AP BURKE

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 8:22 AM  
**To:** City.Council  
**Subject:** armed guards at cannabis shops?

Dear Councilmembers,

I'm not sure if this is true, but it is deeply concerning so I hope you will be able to find out.

I have heard that, in part because cannabis is not legal at the federal level, sales are done in cash. And, that to protect that cash means armed guards, which could mean guns downtown.

I really hope this is not the case, and I do not want to set off a panic if it is not true. On the other hand, if it is true, it's a really important consideration.

Is there some way you can find out before this moves forward? If it's not the case, please just let me know. And, if it is the case, could you please ensure this becomes part of the conversation?

Thank you very much!

**From:** ,  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 6:44 PM  
**To:** , City Clerk  
**Subject:** New petition to you: MV City Council- Respect Our Vote & the Law for Safe, Legal Cannabis and Tax Revenue

**change.org** New petition

**City Clerk** – MV United started a petition on Change.org and listed you as a decision maker. Learn more about MV United's petition and how you can respond.

### Mountain View City Council : Respect Our Vote and the Law on Legal Cannabis



Petition by MV United · Started Feb 24, 2019

We are Mountain View residents, businesses and neighbors who voted overwhelmingly not ONCE (64.6% in favor of Prop. 215 in 1996 to legalize medical cannabis), not TWICE... [Read more](#)

[View the petition](#)

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

##### 1. View the petition

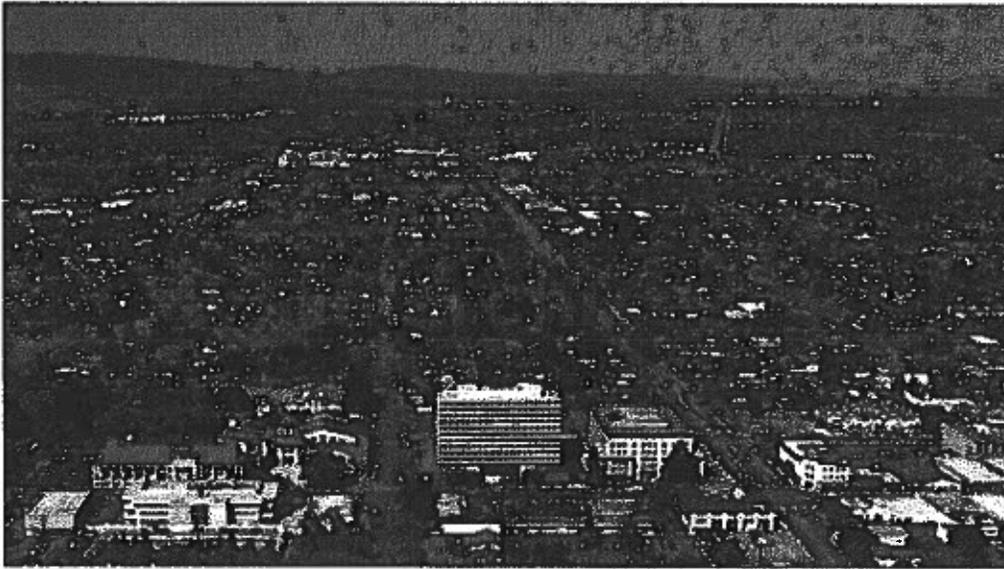
Learn about the petition and its supporters. You will receive updates as new supporters sign the petition so you can see who is signing and why.

##### 2. Respond to the petition

Post a response to let the petition supporters know you're listening, say whether you agree with their call to action, or ask them for more information.

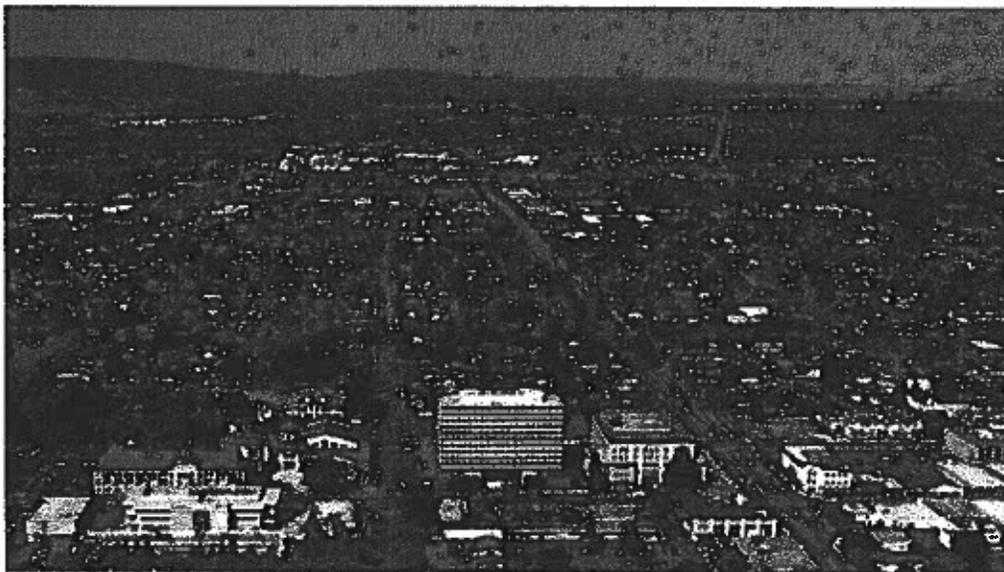
##### 3. Continue the dialogue

Read the comments posted by petition supporters and continue the dialogue so that others can see you're an engaged leader who is willing to participate in open discussion.



**Respect Our VOTE and the LAW!**

**MV City Council- Respect Our Vote & the Law for Safe, Legal Cannabis and Tax Revenue**



**Respect Our VOTE and the LAW!**

47 have signed. Let's get to 100!



**MV United started this petition to Mountain View City Council and 8 others**

We are Mountain View residents, businesses and neighbors who voted overwhelmingly not ONCE (64.6% in favor of Prop. 215 in 1996 to legalize medical cannabis), not TWICE (68% in favor of Prop. 64 in 2016 to legalize recreational cannabis), but THREE times (81% in favor of Measure Q in 2018 to tax legal cannabis) to legalize, raise revenue, and to support safe access to legal cannabis in our City.

Nearly two years after 68% of us voted to approve the legalization of recreational cannabis in Mountain View, the City Council voted 5-2 in October 2018, to conservatively allow for two legal cannabis retail stores and two dispensaries to serve our diverse city of over 81,000 residents, within specified areas and under strict regulations. Ten reputable businesses have since filed applications with the city vying for one of four available permits.

But now, the City Council is considering thwarting the will of Mountain View voters at their upcoming March 5th meeting by rolling back the permit rules and regulations they approved just a few months ago.

Not only will this likely result in litigation against the City (with Mountain View taxpayers paying the bill) from the ten businesses that have presumably expended thousands of dollars on the application process based on the good faith that the City and voters meant what they said when they approved the legalization of cannabis and the four permits, but it also sets a dangerous precedent that the City Council can simply rollback and revise rules, regulations and projects that they have already approved in the past. Such a precedent would not only harm the reputation of our City and make businesses think twice before considering joining or expanding in our community, but it would also generate distrust, confusion and unpredictable laws and policies that can apparently be changed every time a new city council member is elected.

Furthermore, over 81% of Mountain View voters loudly declared in November 2018, that they want to tax and realize the community benefits from the millions in tax revenues that would be generated by legal cannabis sales; tax revenues that are currently going to San Jose and Santa Cruz or to support the dangerous and illegal black market. That's millions in tax revenues that the City Council could be putting towards our schools, police, fire fighters and aging infrastructure.

Enough is enough. Please join us in demanding that our representatives do what they are supposed to do, REPRESENT us! The overwhelming majority of Mountain View residents that voted THREE times to approve safe access to legal cannabis and to generate much needed tax revenue for our community, should not be ignored at the expense of a very small but vocal minority of NIMBYs that oppose any and all change and progress.

Please join with your friends and neighbors in SIGNING this petition to let the Mountain View City Council know that they need to RESPECT our vote on this issue and should not set a dangerous precedent by changing already approved and settled rules and regulations.

For more information or to get involved, email [MVRespectOurVote@gmail.com](mailto:MVRespectOurVote@gmail.com). Please also consider emailing the city council at [citycouncil@mountainview.gov](mailto:citycouncil@mountainview.gov) AND attending the City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers (500 Castro Street in Mountain View); the Council will be voting on this important issue.

### **Start a petition of your own**

This petition starter stood up and took action. Will you do the same?

[Start a petition](#)

[Start a petition of your own](#)

[This petition starter stood up and took action. Will you do the same?](#)

## **Updates**

1. 11 hours ago

25 supporters

2. MV Council seeks to revise approved Cannabis permit rules mid-stream

At their March 5th public meeting, the MV City Council is considering changing rules passed in October allowing 4 legal cannabis businesses to...

MV Council seeks to revise approved Cannabis permit rules mid-stream

At their March 5th public meeting, the MV City Council is considering changing rules passed in October allowing 4 legal cannabis businesses to operate in the City. 10 businesses have already filed applications vying for one of the four permitted opportunities. The city will likely subject themselves ( and taxpayers) to legal challenges for trying to change the permitting process in midstream, and our schools, police, fire fighters and aging infrastructure, will continue to miss out on millions of dollars in potential tax revenue.



[ce.com/news/2019/02/14/council-seeks-to-revise-pot-shop-rules#.XG-2tq\\_-](https://www.fox30.com/news/2019/02/14/council-seeks-to-revise-pot-shop-rules#.XG-2tq_-)

MV United

1 day ago

3. 1 day ago

MV United started this petition

**Reasons for signing**



1 hour ago

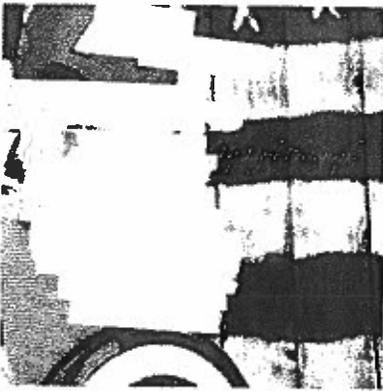
I'm sick of local city council members that think they know best. If 81% passes this law then 81% need to vote them out next election.

•  
• 0

Share

Tweet

Report



z.2 hours ago

I truly believe that it has 100% health benefits that we all could benefit from and not give it consistently to the big pharma"

- 
- 0

Share

Tweet

Report

**View all reasons for signing**

Report a policy violation

### Complete your signature

47 have signed. Let's get to 100!

First name

Last name

Email

Mountain View, 94041

United States

United States ▼

Mountain View

CA ▼

94041

Please share my name and email address with MV United, so that I can receive updates on this campaign and others.

Display my name and comment on this petition

Sign this petition

By signing, you accept Change.org's [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#), and agree to receive occasional emails about campaigns on Change.org. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Sign this petition

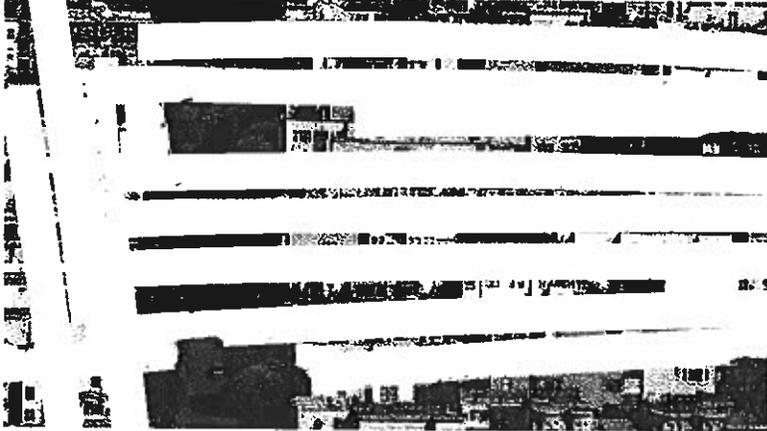
**Today: MV United is counting on you**

MV United needs your help with "Mountain View City Council : Respect Our Vote and the Law on Legal Cannabis". Join MV United and 46 supporters today.

[Sign this petition](#)

**Petitions promoted by other Change.org users**

**Promoted by 106 supporters**

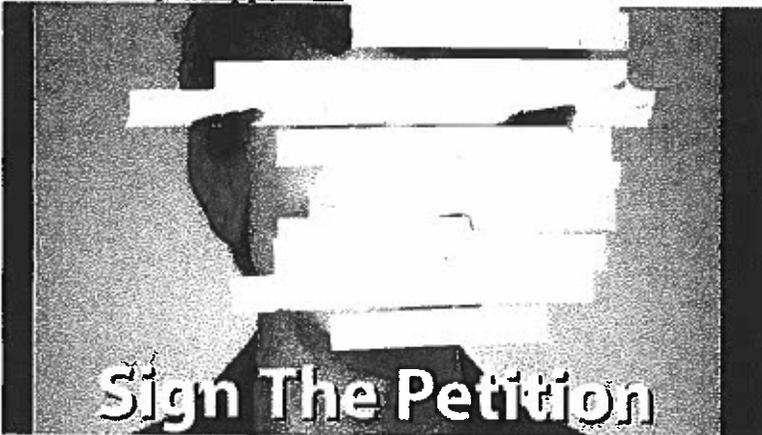


**Opinion on Supervisor Peskin's Home Demolition Legislation**

Supervisor Aaron Peskin's Housing Demolition Legislation (No. 181216) will stop middle-class families in San Francisco from... [Read more](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

**Promoted by 5 supporters**



**Open Letter to...**

We, the SJSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as community members, ask you, President Pa... [to... Read more](#)

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:** Rich, Dan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 12:05 PM  
**To:** Natusch, Lisa  
**Cc:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** FW: Upcoming Study Session on Cannabis regulations in Mountain View

FYI



**Dan Rich, City Manager**  
City of Mountain View  
Phone: 650-903-6301  
eFax: 650-963-3095  
[www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)



**From:** :  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 9:10 AM  
**To:** McAlister, John; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Clark, Chris; Hicks, Alison  
**Cc:** Rich, Dan; Quinn, Jannie  
**Subject:** re: Upcoming Study Session on Cannabis regulations in Mountain View

Dear Mountain View City Council:

I understand that you will have a study session next week on possible revisions of Mountain View's Cannabis regulations. Given that the permitting process for 2 cannabis retail and 2 cannabis distribution businesses has already started, I would like the City to research and clarify the following BEFORE the study session:

- Possible Conflict of Interests and need for recusals: Given that the 10 contenders (8 for store fronts and 2 for distribution sites) and their locations have been publicly identified, it seems all but certain that any late change to the ordinance could affect which council member will have or not a cannabis business in or near their neighborhood (as an example, if "downtown" were excluded a posteriori from the list of places where Cannabis businesses can operate).
- Possible liabilities for the City: The permitting process adopted last Fall is very stringent and no doubt onerous; yet 10 applicants played by the rules at an already significant financial cost. What is the City exposure should the City change or suspend the rules that late in the process?
- a better scope of the changes that can be considered at this point. For example, can the City revisit allowing personal outdoor cultivation?

Sincerely,

## Brooks, Linda

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 11:42 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas  
**Subject:** No on cannabis store

Ms...

Council Members

City of Mountain View

500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Dear Council Members,

Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.

Furthermore, it is erroneous that delivering pot into city banning commercial marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city needs to legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.

It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not deleterious to children and adults, we need to proceed with real caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. You certainly should give priority to local citizens but not profit-oriented pot companies.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

## **Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:** r  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:33 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas  
**Subject:** No on commercial marijuana

Mountain View, CA 94040

Feb. 24, 2019

Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Dear Council Members,

Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.

Furthermore, it is erroneous that delivering pot into city banning commercial marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city needs to legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.

It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not deleterious to children and adults, we need to proceed with real caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. You certainly should give priority to local citizens but not profit-oriented pot companies.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 5:07 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** No pot in Mountain View

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

We don't want pot in Mountain View. Please consider families and children. This will destroy beautiful MV.

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 4:18 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** No Pot Shop!

Hi Clarissa,

Pot shops bring a lot of money for the city, but it's going to create social problems.

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:** .  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:16 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas  
**Subject:** No Recreational Marijuana  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Mountain View Council Members,

I am a South Bay resident live close to Mountain View City.

I heard that Mountain View City is considering allow commercial marijuana open pot shops inside the city and really concern that it may affect our living environment since marijuana is a forbidden drug by federal law and has a very bad effect to young kids.

The commercial marijuana has gone beyond pot recent years that has created many kinds of candy, cake, ice cream, chocolate, cookies, chips, even soda and various drinks. These products post great threat to our childchildren due to mistaking them or got lured to use them.

Some of my colleagues tried this kind of products in Europe and got severe allergy for several days. Also according medical studies, young people who take marijuana will change their brain structure forever even with only one try.

Due to the natural of marijuana's drug effects that do no good to healthy people, I am strongly urging you to ban all commeral marijuana in Mountain View except medical use. So our children can benefit from a clean and safe environment to live and grow.

Very thankfully,

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas  
**Subject:** Objection to open pot shop in MTV

Dear Project Planner and Council Members,

We are residents from MTV and we bought house here last year since we love the neighborhood. However I learnt that MTV may open pot shops, and we do object it!

We have small kids so we really want them to be far away from it, the farther the better. we also have concern about the smell, potential crime and all social problem it may cause.

Please consider our voice and thank you!

Best,

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:** -  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 5:59 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Oppose Marijuana Stores in Mtn View

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi Clarissa,

**I oppose Marijuana Stores in Mtn View**

Please help us to stop opening Marijuana Stores in Mtn View, which will cause increasing criminal, traffic, DUL, drug exposure to our young and kids.

Thank you

Sincerely,

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:07 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Oppose Pot Shops in Mountain View

Hi Clarissa,

I'm strongly against opening marijuana stores in Mountain View.  
I do not want to see more traffic due to people rush into the City to buy the drugs.  
I do not want to see more crimes in our city.  
I do not want my kids easily to reach marijuana.

I'd like my peaceful city Mountain View as it is now.

Thank you

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 9:21 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas  
**Subject:** Please ban commercial ma  
  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

2/26/2019

Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View

Dear Council Members,

Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.

Furthermore, it is wrong that delivering pot into city banning commercial marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city should legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.

It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not harmful to children and adults, we need to proceed with extreme caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. As representatives, you certainly should give priority to local citizens rather than profit-seeking pot companies.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please try everything you can to ban commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:** .  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:19 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas  
**Subject:** Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Dear Council Members,

Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.

Furthermore, it is erroneous that delivering pot into city banning commercial marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city needs to legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.

It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not deleterious to children and adults, we need to proceed with real caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. You certainly should give priority to local citizens but not profit-oriented pot companies.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

2/26/19

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 10:22 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Council Members,

Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.

Furthermore, it is erroneous that delivering pot into city banning commercial marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city needs to legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.

It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not deleterious to children and adults, we need to proceed with real caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. You certainly should give priority to local citizens but not profit-oriented pot companies.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 12:15 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Please do not allow any recreational marijuana shops in Mountain View

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear officer and council members,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ am a long time resident in Mountain View. I am writing this email to ask you please do not open any marijuana shops in Mountain View.

Mountain View is a family-oriented, kids-friendly city, marijuana shops are incompatible with our city. Marijuana is harmful to kids and marijuana shops will have negative impact on youth and kids.

Many people argued that they have pain and they really need marijuana. But the fact is, if you have pain and need medicine, you should buy it from a drug store. Actually Mountain View already has a medical marijuana delivery. For those who want recreational marijuana, they can easily buy it from San Jose or get delivery service, 1 hour delivery guaranteed. I do not see any necessity to open a recreational marijuana shop in MV.

Some people said the city can make money from marijuana shops. Yes, the city can get some tax revenue, but how about the cost? The costs spent on crime increase, public health, DUIs, education, etc will all increase and be much higher than the revenue.

In conclusion, it's not necessary to have a marijuana shop in MV and we cannot make money from it. That's why I am against pot shops in MV. Thank you city council to reconsider the regulation, please do not allow pot shops in MV.

Sincerely,

02/26/2019

**Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041**

**Re: Please prohibit recreational marijuana in Mountain View**

**Dear Council Members,**

**I am a former Mountain View and Sunnyvale resident as recent as the summer of 2018. Thank you very much for approving a re-vote on recreational marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.**

**According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.**

**Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.**

**Furthermore, it is erroneous that delivering pot into city banning recreational marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city needs to legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.**

**It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not deleterious to children and adults, we need to proceed with real caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved recreational marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. You certainly should give priority to local citizens but not profit-oriented pot companies.**

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

---

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 10:54 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Re: No Marijuana shops in Mountain View

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Ms. Burke,

Thanks for your time reading my email. I was at the public hearing last year for the cannabis shop proposal. I think it is pretty clear that the opponents are MV local residents and the supporters are those people in Cannabis business. Thanks for your time and efforts to revisit the topic. Please listen to the voice of local voters and stop the cannabis shops in Mountain View.

Yours

On Sep 29, 2018, at 10:31 PM,

Dear Ms. Burke,

We are citizens of Mountain View who are very concerned with the proposal to open up to five recreational marijuana outlets in our city and with inadequate regulations. This is worrisome and can be disastrous for our city! Please certainly reject it. We love the city for its diversity and vibrancy, but not for Marijuana. Please, we have kids to raise. There is a saying in English. It takes a village to raise a child. Certainly, no one wants his kids to be raised in a Marijuana village. Please, no Marijuana stores in Mountain View.

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 marijuana outlets and thus the drug addicts and criminals will flock to our city. Please respect the wills of your constituents and disapprove it.

The most insurmountable problem is recreational marijuana dispensary allows on-site consumption and thus is very risky 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.

Another big problem of marijuana operations is the incoming of organized criminal gangs. This is the most serious concern of California District Attorneys Association. 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 now.

Marijuana is certainly deleterious to our youngsters and can even cause permanent brain damage to them. In the Bay Area, marijuana cookies can be readily available to children, based on parents' testimonies. The situation is so pernicious and out of control already! 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.

To conclude, please definitely reject the proposal to open up to five outlets for the sale of marijuana in Mountain View, and certainly not with inadequate control and restrictions. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPad

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:** -----  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:12 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Subject:** Say No to Pot Shops in Mountain View

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

*Date: Feb.26, 2019  
Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041*

*Re: Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View*

*Dear Project Planner,*

*Thank you very much for approving to re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society. There is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.*

*According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. The number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado. It is consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage and various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.*

*Moreover, black market sale of marijuana has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.*

*No city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana except San Jose. As compared to San Jose, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses.*

*Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue.*

*Many of the residents of the neighbouring cities are loyal consumers of Mtn View downtown. If there is a recreational marijuana shop there, these consumers (including my own family) will worry that their children would be affected. Then they will go to other cities to shop and spend money/time instead of Mountain View City.*

*Please prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.*

*Sincerely,*

-----

Sent from my iPad

## Brooks, Linda

---

**From:**

**Sent:**

**To:**

Saturday, February 23, 2019 8:18 PM

Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison;  
chris.clark@mountainview.org; McAlister, John; Lucas.Ramires@mountainview.gov

Dear Council Members,

Thank you to bring commercial marijuana onto the table for reconsidering -- although this is the first time I acknowledge this issue from a third party - for the first time as a resident living in 94040 area.

Being a former MD and soon-to-be acupuncturist, I strongly reject commercial marijuana being sold at any place other than drug stores (yet they rejected to do so for reason). From my view, the reasons are:

1. Other than it's medical usage which is far not first - line medicine for its indications, people use it a lot solely to get high and soon or later develop psychological dependence. Doctors always have deep concerns about this kind of side effects, but store-front selling is misleading, making it look like harmless as other OPTs.
2. Although it's being proved for medical use, those indications are mostly subjective. You don't need solid lab tests to give diagnoses--which means you can easily exaggerate or even fake symptoms to get prescription. Thus the requirement of 'medical use'(and this requirement is there for reason) is actually none-exist. Again storefront selling is encouraging curious ones to try it for no legal medical reason.
3. Compare with alcohol? It's much easier to inhale marijuana. While people are overdrinking less and less, why do we give them another alternation to prove its wrong using?
4. The black market is a false proposition to me. It's not what they trade that bothers communities, its who are trading in the darkness and what they are going to do. More wrong usage in our neighborhood, more problems made, no matter how they bought it. We don't want to encourage people in anyways - especially storefront.
5. Base on these reasons, I will never take a walk with my children near those areas, even we do it now every weekend. I will never go to farmers marked again since we have to pass by those stores. I will never consider opening my practice in those areas and I know many small business owners have the same fear.

Thank you for reading and please listen to my concern.

Sincerely,

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 6:13 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa

2/25/2019  
Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View

Dear Council Members,

Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved storefront and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.

Furthermore, it is erroneous that delivering pot into city banning commercial marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city needs to legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.

It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not deleterious to children and adults, we need to proceed with real caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. You certainly should give priority to local citizens but not profit-oriented pot companies.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

2/27/2019

Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
100 California  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Please Ban Commercial Marijuana in Mountain View

Dear Council Members,

My name is [REDACTED] a real estate agent in San Francisco Bay Area. I am writing to request Mountain View City Council ban commercial marijuana. When I heard the City Council approved to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View, I think I should announce myself.

It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

As a real estate agent, I help my clients to buy/sell homes in bay area, from south bay to peninsula, from san Francisco city to east bay. I found majority of my clients, especially families with small kids, would choose drug free area. Mountain View is obviously a great city with booming economics. More and more well-educated employees with high tech companies are moving into this city. If commercial marijuana is allowed in the city, I am afraid they would re-consider to live in Mountain View. Long termly, this would bring negative effects to the city.

Please certainly BAN commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:51 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Concerns about 660 W, Dana St for Cannabis business

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

I live at [redacted] and I have Big Concerns about 660 W. Dana St being considered for Cannabis business. 660 W. Dana St is a few steps from the residential area and right across my home.

I am not sure if you are the right person to address it, if not please forward it to whoever is and let me know what is the proper avenue to bring these concerns up.

Sincerely,

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:** . .  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:12 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Clark, Chris; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Ramirez, Lucas; McAlister, John  
**Subject:** Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

2/26/19  
Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Dear Council Members,

Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.

Furthermore, it is erroneous that delivering pot into city banning commercial marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city needs to legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.

It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not deleterious to children and adults, we need to proceed with real caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. You certainly should give priority to local citizens but not profit-oriented pot companies.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of

local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

## Brooks, Linda

---

**From:** ...  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:33 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas  
**Subject:** Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Council Members,

Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.

Furthermore, it is erroneous that delivering pot into city banning commercial marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city needs to legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.

It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not deleterious to children and adults, we need to proceed with real caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. You certainly should give priority to local citizens but not profit-oriented pot companies.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of

local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

--

**Brooks, Linda**

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 11:58 PM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas  
**Subject:** Say no to commercial Marijuana in Mountain View

Feb 24, 2019

Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View

Dear Council Members,  
Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

We are mountain view residents and owner of our house. We do not want to see marijuana shops in our neighborhood. We believe it will cause more violence and more drug abuse in the future, which is definitely something we do not want to see.

It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

## Brooks, Linda

---

**From:** Burke, Clarissa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 11:55 AM  
**To:** Brooks, Linda  
**Subject:** please add to public comments

**From:** Noah (\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** Burke, Clarissa; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Clark, Chris; McAlister, John; Ramirez, Lucas  
**Subject:** Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View

Dear Council Members,

Thank you very much for approving to have a re-vote on commercial marijuana in Mountain View. It is proven that marijuana has caused pernicious consequences to society and there is no city in the vicinity with both approved store-front and delivery marijuana businesses, with the exception of San Jose. Please definitely reject commercial marijuana in Mountain View.

According to Bob Troyer, U.S. Attorney in Colorado, marijuana has given rise to disastrous consequences to the state. To begin with, the number of related traffic accidents has hiked 150% in Colorado, consistent with the 100% increase in Washington State. Youngsters' consumption of marijuana of Colorado becomes the highest in the country, 85% more than the national average. It is evident that long term consumption of pot by youngsters can cause permanent brain damage, not to mention various health problems. Related crime rate has also hiked in different marijuana states with 44% increase in Colorado.

Because of the difference in price, moreover, black market sale has actually skyrocketed 99% in Colorado. Marijuana tax revenue has accounted for less than 1% of the total tax revenue in Colorado while bringing in no net income.

Furthermore, it is erroneous that delivering pot into city banning commercial marijuana is allowed based on California law. An attempt to legalize this, SB1302, was defeated overwhelmingly in California legislature last year. Thus, no city needs to legalize businesses for pot delivery which will cause problems in different aspects.

It is sagacious that before we have conclusive evidence substantiating that marijuana is not deleterious to children and adults, we need to proceed with real caution in connection with laws/regulations in this aspect. Thus, other than San Jose, no city in the vicinity has approved commercial marijuana. Even based on San Jose's example, Mountain View is too small to accommodate four marijuana businesses. You certainly should give priority to local citizens but not profit-oriented pot companies.

Mountain View citizens adamantly oppose to commercial marijuana, as reflected by the last public hearing on this issue. We will hold anybody accountable for acting against the wills of

local residents and support marijuana businesses. Please certainly prohibit commercial marijuana in Mountain View. Your understanding and help are greatly appreciated.