

Item 10

Reese, Latasha

From: cityclerk
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 2:04 PM
To: Flores, Valerie; Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Martinez, Ruben; Novelo, Lilia; Reese, Latasha; Robles, Sandra
Subject: FW: CUP # 6759 Cannabis Store 908 E Colorado Blvd

From: James Abisor
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 2:04:20 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: cityclerk; Mermell, Steve; Tornek, Terry; Gordo, Victor
Subject: CUP # 6759 Cannabis Store 908 E Colorado Blvd

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Good day all,

I am writing to ask that you all oppose CUP # 6759 to allow a Cannabis store at 908 E Colorado Blvd. I own a condominium located within 600 ft. and another within 1,000 ft of this location and I think such a store; even a fancy one, would be detrimental to the condominium values all around the South Lake Ave shopping area. In addition the area surrounding the hotel for the proposed shop is basically Pasadena's financial district with high end rent paying clients. Having such a cannabis shop in such proximity could lead to commercial vacancies.

Further the hotel is located off Mentor Ave which is a small two lane one way street heading south. Traffic at the intersection of Colorado and Mentor Ave is heavy and since the hotel has Valet parking on the Mentor side close to Colorado, there are frequently cars in the way of the one of the two lanes on mentor causing traffic. Having a cannabis store there would increase traffic and possible accidents since people sometime go down one land to find parking and quickly cut across to the other side for parking spots which are very limited on that street.

I smoke weed and love it...but there are certain locations that make sense and others that do not. I do not think having a cannabis store at the proposed location will add any value. The weed store I go to in Pasadena is located in a lower income neighborhood of Pasadena where it belongs. Those areas need more business investment and jobs and a cannabis store is perfect to bring those neighborhoods tax dollars up.

Thank you for your consideration.



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January 22, 2020

Mayor Terry Tornek and City Council, City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109
VIA EMAIL

Dear Mayor Tornek and Pasadena City Council,

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce is in full support of the application for Conditional Use Permit # 6759 by our member in good standing Integral Associates Dena, LLC.

We know the business owners and are familiar with their operations in Nevada. This is a very reputable company that has been successful at operating appropriately in Nevada, to the point where they have been awarded additional locations there.

Essence Pasadena will be a first-rate operation. I have reviewed their plans and am very impressed with the proposed interior build. The store will be contemporary, attractive and a very positive addition to the local retail environment. The exterior of the store will be respectful of the historic building it occupies and complement the neighborhood. In addition, their security plans and even odor mitigation are comprehensive and will ensure the business is a positive addition to the area.

I am also familiar with the owners of the property where Essence Pasadena would be located. I can assure you they would not be leasing to Integral Associates Dena, LLC, and Essence Pasadena were they not completely confident the new store will be a positive addition to their property.

At 44 North Mentor Avenue, we are also neighbors of the project. We have no concerns about potential negative impacts from Essence Pasadena. It is quite possible there will be considerable positive impacts for neighboring businesses, especially restaurants, retailers, hair salons and others as customers of Essence Pasadena seek amenities nearby.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support Integral Associates Dena, LLC, in their application for CUP #6759.

Thank you for your hard work on these issues. We appreciate your consideration of the position of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,


Paul Little
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: M. Jomsky, S. Mermell, D. Reyes

Martinez, Ruben

Subject: FW: Proposed cannabis dispensary at 907 E. Colorado Blvd

From: Michael Rodgers

Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 5:59:48 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: cityclerk

Subject: Proposed cannabis dispensary at 907 E. Colorado Blvd

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Dear Mr. Jomsky,

As a residential property owner in the neighborhood of 908 East Colorado Blvd, it has come to my attention that a cannabis dispensary is being proposed at this address, in spite of the fact that it does not, as I understand it, comply with a requirement of a minimum 600 foot clearance limit to the nearest residential property. I understand that the planning commission rejected the proposal, but that it is being appealed. I am writing to urge the City to stand firm on its regulations and not make an exception for this business.

Respectfully,

Michael Rodgers

Owner in the 147 S. Catalina townhome complex

Pasadena, CA

December 13, 2019

City Clerk, Mark Jomsky

City Manager, Steve Mermell

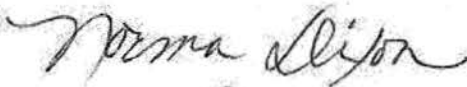
Pasadena Mayor, Terri Tornek

CD5 Councilmember, Victor Gordo

Re: City Council Meeting, Dec. 16, 2019. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) #6759, Cannabis Store, 908 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena

Please deny the CUP appeal regarding the above referenced business location. Initially the City Staff approved the CUP based on flawed information. One of the requirements for a cannabis store is that it be a minimum of 600 feet away from residential properties. Measured correctly, the proposed cannabis location is 588 feet away from residential properties. The CUP should not have been approved in the first place. Thankfully, the Planning Commission recognized the distance error and rejected the CUP.

It is the responsibility of the City leaders to ensure that cannabis stores comply with all of the City's rules and regulations. Do the right thing and vote against this CUP appeal.



Norma Dixon *for*

Catalina Villas HOA

147 S. Catalina Ave

Pasadena, CA 91106

