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From: Antoinette Mongelli <agmongelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 8:13 AM
To: Hampton, Tyron
Cc: Bell, Cushon; Pollard, Jon; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Re: Medical Marijuana

Dear Tyron,

Good morning, as I mentioned in my June email to you, we use cannabis oil to treat my husband who has glioblastoma. This article (<http://www.pasadenanow.com/main/city-council-to-vote-on-officially-banning-local-marijuana-sales/#.WfyBOhNSy8U>) represents my biggest fear. As you're aware this is the same brain tumor that Senator McCain has and what finally killed Senator Kennedy. There are not a whole lot of medical options for folks with this awful disease but cannabis in oil form is suppose to help, to the point that my husband's UCLA neuro-oncologist recommended a doctor who could help us with method and dosage.

This law now forces people like me to find another way to purchase the needed cannabis oils to help their loved ones. Which mean the taxes go to that city and not to Pasadena.

I had always thought Pasadena was more progressive and certainly had a history of being a health sanctuary, now I see it is the city of "no".

Very sad indeed,

Antoinette Mongelli
333 East Howard Street
Pasadena

On Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 8:26 AM, Hampton, Tyron <THampton@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:
Antoinnette

Thank you so much for the email. This issue will be coming back to economic and technology committee (I don't have a date yet) and then ultimately to the full city Council for actions. I would encourage you to please continue to show up all the community meetings about dispensaries and state your opinion.

Thanks so much

Tyron Hampton
City of Pasadena
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Please excuse any typos this email was sent by mobile device using voice to text.

From: Antoinette Mongelli <agmongelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:18 AM
Subject: Fwd: Medical Marijuana
To: Hampton, Tyron <thampton@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: Bell, Cushon <cbell@cityofpasadena.net>

Dear Councilmember Hampton,

As a member of your district and someone who voted for you, I thought I would share an email I sent to John Pollard this morning regarding medical marijuana dispensaries.

I hope you would lend your support to this very important issue and help keep much-needed dispensaries in our city.

Thank you,

Antoinette Mongelli
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From: **Antoinette Mongelli** <agmongelli@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 7:56 AM
Subject: Medical Marijuana
To: John Pollard <jpollard@ci.pasadena.ca.us>

Dear John,

I understand, among you many responsibilities that you're overseeing the regulations for Medical Marijuana dispensaries.

If you'll recall, I live on Howard & Garfield and we have spoken in the past about stop signs and other neighborhood issues.

Regarding this issue, and for a little background; my husband Greg was diagnosed with glioblastoma in May 2015, an inoperable brain tumor. This is the same disease that killed Steve Julian from KPCC. Greg has been taking tincture/oil of cannabis, medical marijuana almost since diagnosis, and we believe it has helped keep his tumor at bay. As my husband's caregiver, it is important that I have easy access to high-quality product. I hate having to drive to Eagle Rock and paying the various city taxes when I would rather keep the money local.

I don't understand, as California is on the cusp of becoming a medical marijuana sanctuary state "<http://money.cnn.com/2017/06/09/news/california-sanctuary-marijuana/index.html> why not make it easier for Pasadena citizens to access safe reliable products?

I do hope I'm wrong about Pasadena trying to remove all the brick/mortar dispensaries. I need a place that is a close, reliable and safe. Yes, I could grow my own, but we don't want to smoke it, we need the tincture/oil derived from the plant. Much, too much work for me to do.

If it helps, a little info about us, I'll be 60 yrs old in two weeks. I was an Assistant Chancellor/chief-of-staff at UCLA

My husband was a NY Times best-selling author on health issues.

We are pretty typical as the

fastest growing group of people using medical marijuana is

now

55+ age group.

Let me know what I can do to help keep good safe dispensaries open, in Pasadena. We need more options, not

fewer

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rohibition to this industry. Pasadena can be a model city to provide a safe way to regulate an important industry

and to increase much needed tax dollars.

Th

ank you,

Antoinette Mongelli

Martinez, Ruben

Subject: FW: City Council Meeting 11/6/2017 -- Agenda Item 6; Marijuana Regulations

From: Nina Chomsky <nrchomsky@aol.com>

Date: November 6, 2017 at 1:22:43 PM PST

To: <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: City Council Meeting 11/6/2017 -- Agenda Item 6; Marijuana Regulations

Please deliver to the Council for tonight's meeting -- Thank you.

Linda Vista-Annandale Association

Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers,
c/o City Clerk Mark Jomsky

Re: City Council Meeting 11/6/2017 -- Agenda Item 6; Marijuana Regulations

Representatives of the Linda Vista-Annandale Association (LVAA) have attended or participated in all public meetings on this matter, including, most importantly, the recent EdTech Council Committee meeting.

As we have said often, the LVAA Board is very concerned about this issue, particularly outdoor cultivation in our neighborhood, and all other Pasadena single-family neighborhoods, and all commercial growing/sales activities in Pasadena.

We are very pleased with Staff's recommendations concerning outdoor cultivation and commercial growing/sales in Pasadena, and LVAA is pleased to support Staff's recommendations as detailed in the Staff Report. We urge you to resist all lobbying efforts otherwise, and we further urge you to approve Staff's recommendations.

We do have several ongoing concerns with Marijuana regulation, and ask that you consider the following matters.

1. Enforcement/Golf Courses. LVAA has ongoing concerns about enforcement and City resources for enforcement. For example, we continue to be very concerned about public marijuana usage, i.e. smoking and edibles/products) at events at the Rose Bowl (primarily concerts) and the Music Festival on the Golf Courses. Although apparently illegal under the new state law and even under the promoter's rules, Marijuana smoking and use of edibles/products on the Golf Courses (where ordinary tobacco smoking/use is permitted under Pasadena law) during the recent Music Festival (supposedly a "family" event) was common at the live music performance venues. There was no enforcement. How does Pasadena plan to enforce the new law and this Ordinance in particular? Further, please consider clarifying that Marijuana usage (smoking and use of edibles/products) is illegal on the Golf Courses.

2. Delivery Vehicles. is it possible to regulate signage/advertising/branding on Marijuana delivery vehicles in neighborhoods? We are concerned about visible

signage/advertising/branding materials on vehicles continuously driving around Pasadena's neighborhoods -- clearly constituting a form of attractive nuisance or worse. Perhaps some level of limitation would be legal. We would appreciate your considering this issue.

Thank you for your attention to our comments and concerns.

Sincerely,

Nina Chomsky, LVAA President

Martinez, Ruben

Subject: FW: For tonight's agenda--Marijuana Regulations

Importance: High

From: Morales, Margo

Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 4:24 PM

To: City_Clerk <City_Clerk@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: For tonight's agenda--Marijuana Regulations

Importance: High

I was asked to submit this by one of our residents who wishes to remain anonymous.

Thank you so VERY MUCH for PROHIBITING citywide outdoor personal cultivation of marijuana and commercial activities (retail sales & cultivation for commercial purposes) As was said in the 8-23-17 Pasadena EdTech meeting on same subject, the current strategy is not working. Pasadena hasn't even been able to manage the illegal shops [see Notes 1, 2 & 3 below] so I don't see how you are going to manage more shops if and when they become legal!!!

I have a concern with Pasadena allowing marijuana deliveries thru Pasadena. I realize they cannot stop outside companies from entering Pasadena to make deliveries However, in my neighborhood we had an illegal marijuana delivery business going on for quite a while (until they were reported & moved out) The deliveries were always made via motorcycles, not cars (probably for easier movement between traffic, like couriers use) and deliveries were being made ALL HOURS of the night disturbing neighbors, causing noise and was a nuisance Is it possible that we state in the regulations to limit marijuana deliveries between certain hours, say 8am to 8pm?? Or 8am to 9pm? I hope this suggestion is feasible .

There should also be concern if ever we re-consider having marijuana manufacturing facilities in the future It should be stipulated that NO marijuana oil production or anything that requires the use of butane cannisters be allowed This would be taking too many chances for having fires and is far too dangerous for surrounding businesses and homes PLEASE never allow this in our City! The stipulated "600 ft. separation" is just not enough space if there were an explosion near all those butane tanks!

Since the marijuana regulation meetings started, you have been inconsistent in identifying "sensitive use areas" Forgive me for being so technical on this, but if you're not precise when addressing sensitive use areas, the marijuana unions et al WILL take advantage of the situation When all these marijuana regulations started your lists comprised of schools, day care centers, youth centers, libraries, parks, other retail establishments & recently added substance abuse centers You also said can also include nightclubs, tobacco shops, bars, mental health housing, hospitals Churches always have youth groups & youth meetings, so they should be listed too! In the last few meetings on this same subject only two or three of these "sensitive use areas" were listed (not sure what "etc." comprises of). Please be sure that SOMEWHERE there is a full list so the MJ shops don't get near these sensitive areas because of a loop-hole on the issue!

For previous meetings, a marijuana regulation PowerPoint handout was on display on the screen On this handout, where the box titled "Retail Sales" and under "zoning" you stipulate 600 ft. from sensitive use areas and a whopping 1,000 ft separation from other retailers! Sounds to me it should be the other way around... or BOTH of them be 1,000 ft.! It's incongruent... you're inferring the retailers are more important than the sensitive use areas!

I hope the City Council will agree to, and vote, to PROHIBIT marijuana shops, delivery shops and commercial cultivation in Pasadena [I know outside deliveries are allowed.] And I thank you for doing this! After all, in November 2016 they voted to be able to smoke marijuana; this doesn't mean we should have to subject our City, homes, and lives to all the crime, being unsafe (in cars too), health issues, and all the nuisances that comes with it!

I hope Pasadena will continue to PROHIBIT this now and will continue to do so in the future if and when it is ever reconsidered.

Name & address kept ANONYMOUS for my safety
40 year resident
worked in Pasadena 34 years

Note 1 Illegal shop on Lake Ave was broken into Sept-2017 (already!) by someone going through the roof.

Note 2 On 4-4-17 an illegal drug lab in back end of apartment complex and behind single residential homes, was making marijuana oil in a temporary shed; they had an explosion & fire. Thanks to quick response from neighbor, Pasadena Fire dept got the fire out before it spread to the "hundreds of butane tanks present" This was a dangerous threat to our homes & neighborhood!

Note 3. Finally, of the seven illegal shops in M. McAustin's District (district 7?) four shops are still in business even though you have tried to shut them down! And even though Pasadena voted for an ordinance to turn off water and electricity to force shutdown of these illegal marijuana shops, the deceitful & conniving marijuana shops went out and got a petition signed by local neighbors [not telling people they were tied to marijuana shops] stating it was unfair for Pasadena to turn off the water of nail shops, markets, or other types of small businesses; and got the ordinance repealed! The ordinance wasn't specific enough mentioning 'marijuana shops'; they found a loop-hole and took advantage of it!



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