

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Cathy Morfopoulos <cmorfopoulos@pfmd.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2018 12:36 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** pot shops in Pasadena

Dear Mark,

I heavily recommend that Pasadena open no pot shops in Pasadena. The idea that they will do this without actually seeing how the city of LA is affected is beyond belief. The TCH levels are so high they are inherently dangerous. Please pass on my strong belief that no shops should open at all and if you truly can't wait to rush to a bad decision...at least give yourself maximum distance of 1,000.

Best regards,  
cathy



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**From:** Erika Foy <protectpasadenakids@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2018 11:09 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Protect Pasadena Kids

Good morning Mark. I was very upset to see our city staff recommending only 600ft distance from sensitive use areas for our potential ordinance change in regards to the sale of marijuana in our city. I will be submitting a petition signed by over 400 people within our city requesting the distance to be 1000ft. I organized a petition on Change.org which I will present Monday night.

Protect Pasadena Kids is a community group I started and I have been very successful in letting our community know about this less than satisfactory distance for the safety of our kids. Can you please make this email an official correspondence to let our Mayor and City Council aware that I will be sharing the names of those who signed the petition on Monday night? I would appreciate it. There are many people who do not want retail marijuana shops to be near where children congregate such as Lake Ave and California Blvd. Thank you, Erika Foy

Sent from Erika's iPhone

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**From:** Mary Ann Smith <maryannsmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2018 3:25 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Marijuana

Please do not allow marijuana shops in Pasadena. From personal experience, it is a gateway drug and it has ruined many people whom I love. We don't need any shops less than 1000 feet of sensitive areas if at all. It is going to ruin our society and our beautiful city.

Thank you.

Mary Ann Smith  
Pasadena, CA

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**From:** Nina Chomsky <nrchomsky@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 12:20 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting 2/26/2018; Agenda Item 24 - Commercial Marijuana Regulation

Please Deliver to the Council for Tonight's Meeting -- Thank you.

### Linda Vista-Annandale Association

Mayor Tornek and Council Members  
c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

Re: City Council Meeting 2/26/2018; Agenda Item 24 - Commercial Marijuana Regulation

Mayor Tornek and Council Members,

The Linda Vista-Annandale Association (LVAA) has reviewed this Agenda item and has the following comments.

LVAA has continuously participated in the public process concerning Marijuana regulation, and we remain very concerned about the possibility of commercial activities and sales in Pasadena.

**LVAA continues to support the ban on commercial Marijuana activities in the City**, particularly since it appears that the challenge of an industry-backed Ordinance has failed, and another effort is not imminent. However, we would appreciate clarification if the Industry is attempting again to place its own Ordinance on the ballot.

If in fact there is no imminent Industry ballot measure, LVAA urges the Council not to make the decision to allow commercial Marijuana activities based on an imagined windfall from taxation of such commercial Marijuana activities. This is the time for a "public balance sheet" approach: i.e., will the costs and expenses of administration and enforcement exceed projected taxation revenues? Has this been analyzed?

LVAA opposes the suggested requirement that Retail and Cultivation businesses cannot be located within 300 feet of any residential zone. This is simply too small a distance. What City analysis supports the 300 feet proposal? We understand that Commercial and other zones in Pasadena often exist adjacent to residential zones, and issues of feasibility may arise, but in the absence of any analysis to review, **LVAA suggests that a Retail and Cultivation businesses be limited to not being located within 1,000 feet of any residential zone.**

Further, what is the basis for 6 retailers within the City at any one time with no more than one within any Council District? Why not 3 or 4? Why does only 1 council district get to "escape" the burden?

Finally, the Staff Report indicates that the process of obtaining a commercial cannabis permit would require evaluation by an "independent panel" (see Page 4), yet the draft Ordinance does not require that the Selection committee appointed by the City Manager be "independent". What scope of independence is intended? Will the selection committee be composed of staff or others who might be subject to lobbying by the industry? Should the panel include one or more members of the Pasadena public, including persons qualified to evaluate and judge negative impacts of drug sales and use on communities?

Thank you for considering our comments.

Nina Chomsky, LVAA President