

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** tami mcgovern <tamimcgovern@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2019 8:16 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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Dear Mr. Jomsky,

I do NOT support allowing marijuana to be sold at the gateway to Old Pasadena. As a mother of teenagers, I am very concerned about the proposed location of the pot shop at 169 West Colorado. Not only is this a main entrance to shops and restaurants, it's close to Maranatha High School and right at the beginning of where the Rose Parade begins, a family friendly event.

Pasadena must remain accessible, neighborly, have a strong sense of place, have a strong community spirit and be family-oriented. Allowing dispensaries in Old Pasadena along Colorado Blvd. is completely against the integrity of Pasadena.

Please consider changing the location to a non mixed use or commercial area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tami McGovern  
983 Old Mill Road  
Pasadena

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**From:** Tom McGovern <4mcgovern@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2019 9:09 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark; Wilson, Andy; Thyret, Pam; Tornek, Terry  
**Subject:** Skunking Old Town: Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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*Dear Pasadena City Council, Mr. Mermell and Mr. Jomsky:*

*As a long-time resident and an individual who works approximately 50 feet from the 169 West Colorado location, I want to express my dismay that this property is being proposed as a cannabis dispensary. As we all know, Old Town Pasadena is the heart of our city and its wonderful shopping and dining offerings. Moreover, that specific location is the defacto west entrance to the district. CUP approval of the location is in my opinion inconsistent with the General Plan for the area. Also, it also should be considered that the site is a mere 400 feet from the hundreds of residents of the West Gate apartments and that it is on a block frequented by minors patronizing the adjacent businesses. It has taken decades of careful and sometimes difficult decisions to revive Old Town. This is one of those moments where the Residents and the City Council needs to show backbone and not cow the lawyers representing the cannabis industry's interests.*

*Finally, as I work so close to the location, I am worried about the smell. This corner of Old Town will start to reek like LA with its stinky dispensaries. If you Google "cannabis dispensary smell complaints" you will find many such problems where legalization has occurred. I think that environmental impact also warrants analysis and consideration.*

*In summary, this type of business belongs in a more appropriate location not on "main street" Pasadena.*

*Thank you for your consideration,*

*Tom McGovern  
Pasadena Resident and Managing Director, Idealab (130 West Union)*

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**From:** John Quinn <jhq1085@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2019 9:23 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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John Quinn  
1085 Old Mill Road  
Pasadena, CA 91108  
626-584-5774

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**From:** Wolfgang Kupka <wolfgangkupka@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2019 11:11 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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Do not put the pot shop in old town, if you're going to put it anywhere put it up on walnut. What are you people thinking?..

Wolfgang Kupka  
965 Old Mill Road

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**From:** Wolfgang Kupka <wolfgangkupka@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2019 11:13 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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**Subject Line:**

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*Gari KUPKA  
965 Old Mill Road*

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**From:** Amy Morris <4morrisfamily@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark; Amy Morris  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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City Clerk Mark Jomsky,

I do not support allowing marijuana to be sold at the gateway to Old Pasadena.

I also do not agree dispensaries should be in Old Pasadena where kids and teens can be unsupervised and enjoy independence. Pasadena must remain accessible, neighborly, have a strong sense of place, have a strong community spirit, family-oriented and interactive. Allowing dispensaries in Old Pasadena along Colorado Blvd. is completely against this narrative.

This is a HUGE disappoint. I would think you all would have better judgment than this. Stop allowing GREED to drive this. Preserve our neighborhood from this. DO THE RIGHT THING. As if we don't have enough of these pathetic shops already, putting it on the Rodeo Drive of Pasadena is just simply asinine. AGAIN, do the right thing!!!!

I can't even believe this was up for discussion. Pathetic.

Regards,

Amy Morris

2352 Cumberland Rd

San Marino, CA 91108

626-833-4481

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**From:** Juliette B Quinn <bestcook67@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2019 9:40 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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Sincerely, Juliette B Quinn

1085 Old Mill Rd., Pasadena, 91108-1839

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**From:** Debbie Chen <debsterchen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2019 2:03 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark; Tornek, Terry; smermmel@cityofpasadena.net  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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Dear Pasadena City Council, Mr. Mermell and Mr. Jomsky:

I do not support allowing marijuana to be sold at the gateway to Old Pasadena. I am a long-time resident of Pasadena and I work around the corner from the 169 West Colorado location. My young teens spend time in Old Town Pasadena unsupervised and enjoy independence shopping and eating with their friends in Old Town. The idea that this type of business would be in Old Town takes away from the strong sense of community and family-oriented feel of the area. I see several retailers leaving the Old Town area (e.g. Forever 21, Gap) and I believe that adding a pot shop to the neighborhood in such a prominent location will detract from the desirability of family-friendly businesses to operate in the area. Of course, there is the issue of the smell which is a very typical complaint from neighbors of marijuana dispensaries. I don't want to have to smell marijuana from my office or on the streets nearby when I walk out to have lunch. There are so many residents, shoppers and office workers nearby who should not have to deal with legitimate public safety and health concerns of having a marijuana dispensary in Old Town Pasadena. There is also the potential risk to our young people, including students from Maranatha High School who are nearby to this location, who you and I know, may be tempted to try to purchase marijuana from a mainstream looking store so conveniently located to them.

In summary, this type of business does not belong on "main street" Pasadena.

Thank you for your consideration,

Debbie Chen  
Pasadena Resident

1943 Rose Villa Street  
Pasadena, CA 91107

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1390 South Marengo Avenue  
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CITY OF PASADENA

December 14, 2019

Dear Pasadena City Council,

In anticipation of the December 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, I am writing to express my strong opposition for the approval of a cannabis dispensary at 169 West Colorado Blvd. As a lifelong Pasadenan and former Executive Director of the Pasadena Museum of History, I believe it would be a tragedy to allow a cannabis dispensary at the entrance of our beautiful historic Old Pasadena district, a main entrance/gateway to our city, where adults, families with children and teens can enjoy dining and shopping. It is a wholesome and safe place that attracts residents and people beyond Pasadena. We need to honor and protect this district to maintain its integrity.

I have some concerns regarding information in the attachments regarding the Conditional Use Permit #6757:

- It states that "the proposed location was approved by the voters of Pasadena Measure CC." This is FALSE. No specific locations were approved in Measure CC – only the number of dispensaries allowed overall and one per district – as well as distance restrictions to sensitive areas. No one voted for a cannabis dispensary at the entrance to Old Pasadena, our premier shopping district and gateway/entrance to the city.
- Shockingly, the cannabis dispensaries are being classified as "retail" stores but of course, we all know they aren't comparable to regular retail stores such as a bagel store or Pottery Barn. This store can be dressed up to look like a fancy shop, but it is still selling marijuana, a psychoactive mind-altering drug. Unlike the other retail stores, it is not a store that families with children or teens can shop at. It is only for ages 21 and above – adults only. Not regular retail.
- It states that adding a cannabis dispensary adds positively to the area by bringing "diversity of goods". We already have diversification of goods in Old Pasadena from iphones, clothing and jewelry to food items. A Cannabis dispensary is in no way going to improve Old Pasadena or add anything that is positive. Having cannabis goods for sale in Old Pasadena next to other fine retailers will not be something most residents will feel pride in or that the other merchants will appreciate. Trying to twist the words of the general plan's desire for diversification of land use to mean that a cannabis store adds the benefit of diversification is a fantasy. Just because it is a new use does not mean it is acceptable. Are we going to add a gun store to improve diversification?
- It states that this proposed location is not a designated "gateway" in the General Plan. I don't agree. A gateway is an important entrance and its appearance is crucial to a city.

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This is the main entrance to our historic commercial district of beautifully preserved architecturally interesting buildings. This was Pasadena's original "Main Street" and it was brought back to its original glory thanks to the hard work of the city. This is something Pasadena is known for – this is who we are. Our heritage is significant. It's why Pasadena is known as the Crown of the Valley. This entrance is important – it sets the tone for this area as it is entered. It is incongruous to have a cannabis dispensary at this prime entrance/gateway area of our great city.

- It says that this dispensary "would not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood." This is an unknown in my mind and they cannot guarantee this. I have great concerns regarding security (safety, and under 21 issues) and the horrible odor. Although extra security and ventilation and packaging systems are proposed, I believe these issues will affect the people who work in stores and offices nearby, the people who shop, and also the many people who live in the condos/apartments in Old Pasadena.
- They are proposing hours different than almost all of the other "retail" operations except those that serve coffee/breakfast items. Most retailers in Old Pasadena open at 10am. The dispensary is proposing opening at 8am and starting deliveries at 6am. It sounds like they are planning an operation that will become anything but inconspicuous – and not align themselves with the other retailers.
- It states that "the proposed use of this property as a cannabis dispensary is consistent with the character of Old Pasadena's historic district". I can't figure this one out. Old Pasadena is a grand example of a city's preserved old commercial district with an amazing past to respect and celebrate. A cannabis store is completely irrelevant and would add nothing positive to our character or heritage.
- The cannabis dispensary is proposing an art installation in the store in "keeping with Pasadena's commitment to arts and culture". Really? This is a desperate attempt to try to hide what the store really is – a store selling marijuana, behind Pasadena's amazing heritage of arts and culture – that somehow the art will make it ok and appropriate for Pasadena.

Lastly, my opposition to this site location does not mean I am opposed to other proposed cannabis locations that have been designated at this point. The majority of those locations are not in main shopping/walking districts and would not have the negative impact that the 169 Colorado Blvd. would have. The other location in Old Pasadena on Union is still of concern to me because it is still near other retailers and the ipic theater location but at least it is more hidden and not at the entrance of Old Pasadena.

I think you for your service to Pasadena and ask the City Council to please stand up for Pasadena and the pride we all have in our Old Pasadena District. Please oppose Conditional Use Permit #6757.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

Jane Laudeman

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**From:** Renee Rose <RMeckler@da.lacounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2019 2:29 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Re: Replacement email to remove my home address due to safety concerns

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Dear Mr. Jomsky,

My name is Renee Rose and I have been a Deputy District Attorney for the past 25 years in LA County. I live in Pasadena in District 4 and I adamantly oppose allowing marijuana to be sold at the gateway to Old Pasadena and so should you.

I also do not agree dispensaries should be in Old Pasadena where kids and teens can be unsupervised and enjoy independence. Pasadena must remain accessible, neighborly, have a strong sense of place, have a strong community spirit, family-oriented and interactive. Allowing dispensaries in Old Pasadena along Colorado Blvd. is completely against this narrative.

I have seen firsthand the dangerous people who inhabit the world of marijuana dispensaries. They choose profit and greed over the safety and well-being of the rest of us. Adults who choose to use marijuana can certainly walk a few extra blocks off the main strip on Colorado Blvd. to do their bidding. The long lines of people that stream out of the door and into the sidewalk at stores like Med Men should give you ample reason to reconsider this as an appropriate location for a marijuana dispensary. Many children frequent the nearby shops like Apple and Starbucks along that same part of Colorado Blvd. and their safety should be your greatest concern. Will our children have to walk through the throngs of adults waiting in line to get high? Is that what you want our city to become?

It's reckless decisions like allowing marijuana to be sold at this location that can lead to disastrous results for our community. Why even risk it? Move the marijuana dispensary to a more appropriate location off of Colorado Blvd. and away from the direct path of our children.

Please deny this marijuana dispensary's permit request!

Renee Rose

**Jomsky, Mark**

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**From:** Eileen Williamson <eileenwilliamson@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2019 1:42 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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I do not support opening a pot shop on colorado ave in Old pasadena on the corner of Pasadena Ave. this is a terrible idea and location.

Eileen Williamson  
310-351-1313

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Juan Gutierrez <jcg966@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 5:51 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado

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Hello Mr Jomsky,

I am a Pasadena, District 7 resident, and I would like my voice heard on the hearing to allow retail sales cannabis.

First I would like to say that I am appalled and disappointed that the voters voted and passed the city measures that allowed the cannabis industry into our city. I don't believe the voters understand that the revenues will never be worth the headaches and the damage this industry will cause the city and its residents. But If voters want this fine, but it does not mean that we should not try to protect our kids from this just as we protect them from alcohol and other harmful things.

That location where this business wants to open is so close to Maranatha High School that I stood at the corner of Colorado and Pasadena Avenue and I could see Maranatha High School. This is unacceptable! I don't care if the argument is that the location meets the legal distance required. It is still too close. And why does it have to be in beautiful old town Pasadena anyway? It took decades to create this amazing shopping zone. Also, just pick a cannabis store anywhere and sit there for just one hour and observe. Is this what we want? In front of True Food, nearby residents, on that end of old town, and so close to Maranatha High school?

I absolutely do not want this business to open at this location. They can look for a location further east, away from this high school & hopefully away from any other school, and off of the Colorado corridor. Maybe Green or Walnut Streets? This is not okay for so many other reasons, but I will leave it at this for now. Thank you for accepting my concern and please include this for the record.

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## **Jomsky, Mark**

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**From:** Celeste and Jon <jcsnwood@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2019 3:19 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
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**Dear Mark Jomsky:**

**Please let the Pasadena City Council know that I do not support allowing marijuana to be sold at the gateway to Old Pasadena.**

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**I have lived in Pasadena for 60 years. Pasadena has always been a safe city and I believe if a marijuana shop is located at 169 West Colorado Boulevard, it will attract the type of people that will cause crime and danger to our family friendly shopping and restaurant district.**

**PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW A MARIJUANA SHOP TO GO IN THE LOCATION AT 169 WEST COLORADO BOULEVARD FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY!!**

**Sincerely,  
Celeste Wood  
462 S. Roosevelt Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91107**

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okay for so many other reasons, but I will leave it at this for now. Thank you for accepting my concern and please include this for the record.

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## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Heather Whyley <heatherwhyley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2019 8:23 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit #6757: Request to allow retail sales of cannabis at 169 West Colorado"

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Dear City Clerk,

My children go to Maranatha High School and we are very concerned about the retail sales of cannabis on 169 Colorado. Please help protect Pasadena kids and do not allow this shop to open so close to a school.

Heather Whyley  
3443 Sierra Vista Ave  
Glendale, CA 91208



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**From:** Yeran Melelian <yeranm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2019 9:17 AM  
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*Dear Pasadena City Council, Mr. Mermell and Mr. Jomsky:*

*I work very close to the 169 W Colorado Blvd, the proposed location of the new cannabis dispensary, I am very worried about the smell and the potential dangers it will create in Old Town Pasadena. I think that environmental and safety impact warrants analysis and consideration.*

*This type of business belongs in a more appropriate location not on "main street" Pasadena.*

*Thank you for your consideration.*

*Conserved citizen of Pasadena*