

Reese, Latasha

From: Elizabeth Boyajian –
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:48 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Dispensaries

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I am a long time resident of Pasadena and support the Zoning Code Amendment to the city's existing Cannabis Businesses regulations.

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Yours,

Regards,
Elizabeth Boyajian

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From: Nora Zerouniar >
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:01 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Zoning Code Amendment Support

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To Whom it May Concern,

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Yours,

Nora Zerounian

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From: Leanna Tatikian
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:55 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Letter of Support

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Yours,

Leanna Tatikian

Pasadena, CA 91107

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From: Antreas Hindoyan
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 6:46 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Zoning Code Amendment

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Yours,

Antreas Hindoyan

Iraheta, Alba

From: Gn
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:02 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support
Attachments: letter.pdf

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April 5, 2021

City of Pasadena

Members of the City Council

Re: Support of Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Regulation

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Please vote in favor of staff's recommendation to amend the Zoning Code on April 12, 2021 to decrease the distance between cannabis retailers from 1,000 feet to 450 feet and allow up to three dispensaries per council district. This will serve the best interest of the City and residents with tax revenue, community benefits and healthy competition between retailers. Two retailers is not healthy or in the best interest of Pasadena consumers.

Sincerely,

George Najarian

Pasadena, CA 91101

Be Well,

George Najarian

Najarian Furniture

1 Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101



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From: Next Door
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:25 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for Sweet Flower

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April 7, 2021

Dear City Council Members,

Re: Support for Sweet Flower with the amendment of Zoning Code to Cannabis Regs

My family has resided in Pasadena District 4 for close to five decades—with residential and business interests in the area. Our current residence is I place my trust and hope in your capable hands to advocate for the successful passing of the Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Businesses Regulations on Monday, April 12, 2021.

I am in support of the modification to location requirements to allow up to three dispensaries per council district and decrease the distance between cannabis retailers from 1,000 feet to 450 feet. Specifically, I want to see Sweet Flower proceed with its CUP application for the Lake and Colorado location.

Staff's recommendation is a fair solution for the applicants and best scenario to generate more tax revenue for the City of Pasadena. Please do NOT consider any changes to the Staff Recommendation as bias individuals may be advocating for selfish gain.

Support the staff recommendation and vote in favor of amending the current ordinance. I look forward to Sweet Flower opening its doors in the months ahead.

Sincerely

Sahag and Siroun Kasparian

Reese, Latasha

From: talen tarkhanian
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:57 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Attachments: cid3296BDD7A7E2824DB098469E57802161@cefcu.org

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Yours,

Lucine Talen Tarkhanian

Pasadena ca 91107

Reese, Latasha

From: Berj Beramian <berjamian@pasadena.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:01 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support of Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Regulation

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Sincerely,

Bérj Beramian
Pasadena, CA 91106

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From: Nigol Parseghian
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:04 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support of Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Regulation

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Sincerely,

Nigol Parseghian

Pasadena, Ca 91004

Sent from my iPhone

Iraheta, Alba

Subject: FW: Public Hearing

From: Alexandra Hindson <ahindson@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:05 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <mailto:publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Public Hearing

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My husband and I are proud residents of Pasadena and support Sweet Flower's application approval with the amendment of the Zoning Code to the city's existing Cannabis Businesses regulations.

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Yours,

Alexandra Carlin

Pasadena CA 91107

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Alexandra Carlin PT, DPT

Aspire Physical Therapy
Physical Therapist

La Canada CA, 91011

Reese, Latasha

Subject: FW: Letter of Support

From: Annie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:03 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Letter of Support

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Yours,
Jack Berberian

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Reese, Latasha

From: Sebouh Hagopian
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:31 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support letter

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Yours,

SEBASTIEN HAGOPIAN

PASADENA, CA 91104

Reese, Latasha

From: Alin Matossian <.....>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:39 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support Sweet Flower and Zoning Code Change

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The Lake and Colorado location is a suitable location for a retail store. Please vote in favor of staff's recommendation to amend the Zoning Code on April 12, 2021 to decrease the distance between cannabis retailers from 1,000 feet to 450 feet and allow up to three dispensaries per council district. I would like to see Sweet Flower open its doors in Pasadena in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Alin Matossian

Pasadena CA

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: Letter of Support

From: Christine Akopian <>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:27 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Letter of Support

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Re: Support of Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Regulation

Please allow this email to serve as a position of support for the upcoming Public Hearing related to the Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Businesses. In specific, I support the opening of Sweet Flower in CD 3.

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Sincerely,
Christine Akopian

Pasadena 91107

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From: Anouche Najarian
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 7:32 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: support city ordinance change/Sweet Flower

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Anoush Najarian

Pasadena CA 91107

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Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:46 AM
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Gary Atachian

Pasadena ca 91104

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From: Greg Sagherian
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:10 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Sincerely,

Greg Sagherian
Pasadena CA

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From: Alan Sagherian <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:15 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Alan Sagherian

Pasadena CA

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From: Thomas Atamian <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:38 AM
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Subject: Zoning Code Amendment

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Yours,

Thomas Atamian

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Subject: FW: Support of Zoning Code Amendment

From: Armine Ani <a.
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:06 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>
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Sincerely,

Raffi and Ani Yaz

Pasadena Ca 91107

Martinez, Ruben

From: Sevan Jansezian <
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 11:18 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Support of Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Regulation

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April 8, 2021

City of Pasadena

Members of the City Council

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Sincerely,

Sevan Jansezian

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Pasadena CA

Martinez, Ruben

From: Kevin Hajjar <kevin.hajjar@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 9:52 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Pasadena CA

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From: BAYDSAR THOMASIAN <----->
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:24 PM
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Arsho Diramarian

Pasadena CA 91104



April 7, 2021

Dear Mayor Gordo and Council Members:

Our Academy urges the Council to approve the proposed Zoning Code Amendment permitting up to three dispensaries per district and reducing the distance requirement between cannabis dispensaries from 1000 to 450 feet (while leaving distance buffers to all sensitive uses, such as schools, parks, etc., the same). Doing so promotes the functioning cannabis program that Pasadena residents desired and approved, and the jobs, tax revenues and community benefits that were long promised but, to date, are under-delivered.

The current location restrictions allow at most four dispensaries. "Up to four" is not "Up to six." The voters wisely gave the city council the power to amend the ordinance to achieve the desired goal; **it is time now to do so.**

Our Academy is a 501(c)(3) volunteer-run workshop, mentorship, and resource group of individuals and companies in the cannabis industry that are open to knowledge sharing and supporting social equity qualified applicants, partners, and other disproportionately impacted and targeted communities of the war on drugs (i.e. refugees, immigrants, and the LGBTQ+ community). Sweet Flower has supported our organization by leading workshops to assist impacted individuals entering the cannabis space as entrepreneurs, provided mentorship, and have carved out shelf space for social equity brands to support them through sales.

We understand that Sweet Flower, a top six applicant, stands ready to establish its store in the Playhouse District near the corner of Lake and Colorado. From our work together, we know that Sweet flower, an independently owned local business, is a best-in-class operator that employs locally and gives back to the communities it serves, and specifically the Black and Brown communities that have been most negatively impacted by the war on drugs. For example, Sweet Flower's management serve on the Boards of Cannabis for Black Lives and the Black Cooperative Investment Fund, among other non-profits focusing on issues of minority impact and empowerment.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Yu'.

Hilary L. Yu

Co-founder of Our Academy

Reese, Latasha

From: Mona Karaguoizian <...>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:46 PM
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