

Dear Mayor Gordo and members of the city council.
As a resident, mother, and community advocate I strongly oppose the recommended ordinance.
This legislation will pave the way for additional potential sites for cannabis retailer use.

The increase will allow for up to three sites per council district - **increasing our limit from 1 per district to 3, or 7 to 28** in the city. I understand you plan to maintain the cap at 6, but it was also originally planned to cap the districts at one – so things seem to change pretty quickly.

A high number of our highest risk youth and families live in district 1,3,5.
We've worked so hard to decrease nuisance liquor stores and smoke shops in these neighborhoods.
The last thing we need is to replace them with marijuana dispensaries.

This is systemic racism, Look at the map below. Interesting that Sierra Madre, La Canada, South Pasadena, and San Marino aren't swamped with marijuana delivery or dispensaries.

Public health is not for sale. Please don't prioritize economics over people.

Christy Zamani,
Pasadena Resident, Parent, and Community Activist

New zoning ordinances do not attempt to replicate redlining or other types of segregation policies, yet they are problematic because they build off the underlying cityscape that was racist by design. Thus, new facially-neutral zoning actions that concentrate dispensaries in neighborhoods adjacent to industrial corridors compound historical inequalities. Those neighborhoods, overwhelmingly poor and diverse, must deal with the influx of anything deemed "undesirable." Recall this argument in opposition to legalization: "Proposition 64 is an all-out assault on underprivileged neighborhoods already reeling from alcohol and drug addiction problems." Patrick McGreevy, Kennedy Group Puts \$2 Million into Fight Against Pot-Legalization Measures, L.A. TIMES (Aug. 1, 2016), <https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-patrick-kennedymarijuana-legalization-opposition-20160801-snap-story.html>.

*The screenshot below is from weedmaps <https://weedmaps.com/deliveries> identifies 24 stores who serve Pasadena.



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