

Reese, Latasha

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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Dear City Officials

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Yours,

Anoush Najarian

Pasadena CA 91107

Reese, Latasha

From: Gary Atachian < >
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:46 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pasadena dispensaries

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Yours,

Gary Atachian

Pasadena ca 91104

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From: Greg Sagherian
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:10 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support Sweet Flower and Zoning Code Change

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City of Pasadena

Members of the City Council

Re: Support of Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Regulation

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Sincerely,

Greg Sagherian
Pasadena CA

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From: Alan Sagherian <>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:15 AM
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Sincerely,

Alan Sagherian

Pasadena CA

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From: Thomas Atamian
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:38 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Zoning Code Amendment

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Yours,

Thomas Atamian

Reese, Latasha

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>
Subject: Support of Zoning Code Amendment

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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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Sincerely,

Sevan Jansezian

Pasadena CA

Martinez, Ruben

From: Kevin Hajjar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 9:52 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support Sweet Flower and Zoning Code Change

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April 9, 2021

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Re: Support of Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Regulation

Thank you for the opportunity to convey my support for the upcoming Public Hearing related to the Amendment to Cannabis Businesses. As a long time Pasadena resident, I support amending the ordinance to decrease the distance between cannabis retailers from 450 feet to 250 feet. By amending the regulation, we do not change the limit of more than six cannabis retailers citywide. We allow for the top scoring applicants to proceed with the CUP process, opening up more retail locations and generating more tax revenue for the City of Pasadena.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Hajjar

Pasadena CA

Martinez, Ruben

From: BAYDSAR THOMASIAN <----->
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:24 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support of Zoning Code Amendment and Sweet Flower

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Sincerely,

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.

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.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Yu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hilary L. Yu

Co-founder of Our Academy

Reese, Latasha

From: Mona Karaguoizian <mona.karaguoizian@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:46 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for Zoning Amendment and Sweet Flower

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Sincerely,

Anait Oganessian

Pasadena CA 91104

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From: SOSEH THOMASIAN
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:01 PM
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Sincerely,

Annie Boyadjian

Pasadena CA 91107

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From: Hazel Carrasco < >
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 7:12 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support of Zoning Code Amendment and Sweet Flower

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Sincerely,

Hazel Carrasco

Pasadena CA 91106

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From: Christine Noriega <
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 7:48 PM
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Anait Oganessian

Pasadena CA 91104

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From: Sira Rose
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:19 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: letter of support for Sweet Flower and amending Zoning Code

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April 14, 2021

Dear City of Pasadena,

My name is Suzy Youssefian, long time resident of Pasadena and I advocate for the successful passing of the Zoning Code Amendment to C Businesses Regulations on Monday, April 12, 2021 in support of Sweet Flower.

I am in support of the modification to location requirements to allow up to three di per council district and decrease the distance between cs retailers from 1,000 feet in order to allow two of the size applicants to locate at their preferred locations. 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 support the staff recommendation and vote in favor of amending the current ordinance.

Sincerely,

Suzy Youssefian

Pasadena CA 91107

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From: John Kasparian
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:52 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Public Hearing Letter of Support

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is John Kasparian, owner of Round the Clock Cleaners on 36 N Lake Ave and property owner of 827 E. Colorado Blvd.

I have been a Pasadena resident for more than 38 years -- first with my parents and now with my wife and children. Pasadena is not only my home but my place of worship, business and social adventures. I love Pasadena and want the very best for its residents, businesses and community.

I 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 decreased distance between retailers.

This will generate tax revenue for the city, help develop community benefits and employ more Pasadena residents.

I have personally visited Sweet Flower's Downtown LA Arts District, Studio City and Melrose locations. Sweet Flower is locally owned with multiple Southern California locations. They are a reputable small business with great support staff, management and culture.

Please support the staff recommendation and vote in favor of amending the current ordinance.

Sincerely,

John Kasparian

Pasadena CA 91101

Reese, Latasha

From: Gary Topalian
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:21 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support letter

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April 13 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 in many years with residential and business interests in the area. I place my trust and hope in your hands to advocate for the successful passing of the Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Businesses Regulations on Monday, April 12, 2021 in support of Sweet Flower.

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Mairanoush Keshishian

Pasadena CA 91104

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April 5, 2021

City of Pasadena
Members of the City Council
100 North Garfield Ave
Pasadena, CA 91101

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Sincerely,



Garo Kazandjian

Pasadena, CA 91107

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CITY OF PASADENA

April 5, 2021

Hon. Mayor Victor Gordo
Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena

Re: Support of Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Regulation

As a Pasadena resident, I write in support to amending the City's existing Cannabis Zoning Code to modify location requirements. This will allow for the winning applicants like Sweet Flower to proceed with their CUP.

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Sincerely,

Sam Sassounian

Pasadena CA 91107

Sam Sassounian
S. K. Sassounian

Reese, Latasha

From: Tamar Norikian
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:36 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Tamar Sarkissian

Pasadena, CA 91107

Martinez, Ruben

From: Sareen Kasparian <om>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Sweet Flower Support

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April 15, 2021

Dear City of Pasadena

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For the above reasons, **please vote in favor** to approve the proposed Zoning Code Amendment, allowing Sweet Flower to open for business at the Colorado and Lake location.

Yours,

04/19/2021
Item 7

Anna Gueuzubeuyukian

Pasadena CA 91107

Reese, Latasha

From: Kathy phb
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:40 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Fwd: From patty1

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Staff's recommendation is a fair solution for the applicants and best scenario to generate more tax revenue for the City of Pasadena.

Please support the staff recommendation and vote in favor of amending the current ordinance. I'm excited to see Sweet Flower as a retailer in Pasadena.

Thank You,

Asdvid Kevjalian

Pasadena CA 91104

Martinez, Ruben

From: Aida Mosses <aidamosses@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 5:59 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Sincerely,

aida mosses

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Martinez, Ruben

From: nairi karkoudrian <
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Martinez, Ruben
Subject: letter of support for zoning

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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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The original measure CC adopted by the City with majority support by Pasadena residents **allowed up to six dispensaries** in Pasadena, and the City selected six applicants. However, the implementation by the City **permitted only up to four dispensaries** to open, and presently only two are open for business. Of the remaining two, one applicant has been disqualified, and the other, in Old Pasadena, has shown no signs of progress towards opening.

The City is losing jobs, tax revenues, and community benefits.

Changing the ordinance to permit three dispensaries per district and lessen the distance requirement between dispensaries will NOT place an undue burden on Pasadena's residents or community. These changes affect ONLY commercial zones in Pasadena, and do not have any impact on required distances from residential areas, churches, schools, etc.

For the above reasons, **please vote in favor** to approve the proposed Zoning Code Amendment, permitting up to three dispensaries per council district, allowing remaining operators to open, and reducing the distance requirement between cannabis dispensaries from 1000 to 450 feet, so that each of the approved applicants can promptly open their store in their proposed location.

Sincerely,

Nayri Tabakian

Pasadena, CA 91107

Martinez, Ruben

From: Mireille Hamparian <
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 9:36 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for Sweet flower with the amendment of zoning code to cannabis regs

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Dear City Council Members,

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

My name is Mireille Hamparian, a resident of Pasadena and I advocate for the successful passing of the Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Businesses Regulations on Monday, April 19 2021 in support of Sweet Flower.

Staff's recommendation is a fair solution for the applicants and best scenario to generate more tax revenue for the City of Pasadena.

Please support the staff recommendation and vote in favor of amending the current ordinance. I'm excited to see Sweet Flower as a retailer in Pasadena.

Thank You,

Mireille Hamparian

Pasadena, CA 91106

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Aleen Aposhian <aleen@aleen.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 1:51 PM
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Subject: Support for Sweet Flower with the amendment of Zoning Code to Cannabis Regs

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Aleen Guldjian and I am a long time resident of Pasadena.

As a resident of our beautiful city of Pasadena, I believe it is our responsibility to support local businesses, which is why I advocate for the passing of the Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Regulations on Monday, April 19, 2021 in support of Sweet Flower.

In my opinion, the staff's recommendation is a fair solution for the applicants and the city as a whole, as this would allow the city to generate more tax revenue.

Please support the staff recommendation and vote in favor of amending the current ordinance.

I hope to see Sweet Flower as a retailer in Pasadena.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Aleen Guldjian

Pasadena, Ca 91107

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Savannah George <
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:16 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public hearing- cannabis ordinance

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Dear City Leadership,

After reading the staff report, corresponding documents and many article in Pasadena Now, I am confident that the staff report is the most realistic, FAIR and all around beneficial proposal for the City of Pasadena and its residents.

We need to move forward with issuing the permits for the remaining winning applicants for the following reasons:

Start generating tax revenue and community benefits.

Promote HEALTHY competition. It's disappointing to see that the existing dispensaries are speaking against this change. Why? So they charge more and provide minimal service? They want a monopoly to control the entire city?

More jobs for Pasadena residents

We know where every retailer wants to go. With 450 ft separation, there will be no over concentration. This is a moot point.

Do what is right and support this ordinance and thank you for your service to our community.

Sylva Manoukian

Pasadena CA 91104

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Arnel Lumagui <
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:50 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Fwd: Zoning Code Amendment

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Dear City of Pasadena,

Please allow this letter to convey my support to APPROVE the Staff Recommendation to the zoning code amendment to Cannabis businesses.

This is a reasonable solution that serves the betterment of Pasadena.

Very transparent that the over concentration in one distract and unfair advantage to change ordinance comments are submitted by corporate attorneys on behalf of the mega large cannabis companies. From all six winners, the Sweet Flower application posted on the city website is my top pick. Value driven, strong culture, reputable company.

Pasadena supports and promotes small businesses. Let's show our support by passing this ordinance change tonight.

In Appreciation,

Yester Karakhanian

Pasadena CA 91104

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Lory Nadia
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:13 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for Sweet Flower

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Dear City Council Members.

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

My name is Lory Nadia, long time resident of Pasadena and I advocate for the successful passing of the Zoning Code Amendment to Cannabis Businesses Regulations on Monday, April 19 2021 in support of Sweet Flower.

Staff's recommendation is a fair solution for the applicants and best scenario to generate more tax revenue for the City of Pasadena.

Please support the staff recommendation and vote in favor of amending the current ordinance. I'm excited to see Sweet Flower as a retailer in Pasadena.

Thank You.

Lory Nadia

Pasadena, CA 91104

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Rethinking Alcohol & Other Drugs

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September 13, 2021

Re: AMENDING CHAPTER 17.50 OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE POTENTIAL CANNABIS RETAIL SITES, AND TO CORRECT DISTANCE SEPARATION BETWEEN CANNABIS LABS AND OTHER CANNABIS USES

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND
DRUG DEPENDENCE, INC.

Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council,

Rethinking Alcohol and Other Drugs (RAD) is a coalition of community-based agencies, stakeholders and residents working together to improve the health and safety of communities across the San Gabriel Valley by reducing alcohol, cannabis, and other drug related harms through education, youth empowerment, and policy development.

RAD respectfully opposes any action taken to reduce the distance between cannabis retailers in the City of Pasadena from 1,000 feet to 450 feet. RAD also opposes increasing the maximum number of cannabis retailers allowed in each city district from one to three. Amending the current cannabis retail regulations would drastically increase the access and availability of cannabis in our community which has been linked with an increase in cannabis consumption.

Additionally, reducing the distance between retail sites and increasing the number of sites will have to the potential to result in an overconcentration of cannabis retail sites which will not only expand access but also increase the exposure and visibility of cannabis in our community. Youth are especially vulnerable to this type of exposure and influence. By increasing the number of cannabis sites in our community we are essentially permissive attitudes about cannabis.

We respectfully ask that you oppose any action to amend the municipal code to increase the potential number of cannabis retail sites and decrease the distance between those sites in order to protect the public health and safety of our community.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

The Rethinking Alcohol and Other Drugs Coalition

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