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Subject: Comment for Admin Record of Cannabis Ordinance Update and Sunshine-Holistic's pending application
Attachments: Sacramento Police Investigate Burglaries Targeting Cannabis Distributors.pdf
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Sarah,

Please send this to the Planning Commission for their consideration as they work on the cannabis ordinances but also add it to the administrative record for Sunshine-Holistic's pending third permit application for the former Floor Store location. I know that third application is on hold while the cannabis retail moratorium remains in effect but you can still accept comments for when it moves forward through the review process. This article is also relevant to the Planning Commission's discussion of the cannabis ordinance update project as they determine where and how to permit these kinds of businesses. I think it is relevant to understand that retail and delivery-only dispensaries, which is the kind of business discussed in the attached article, do have significant safety concerns that could impact the surrounding neighborhood. That issue was dismissed by some during the prior hearings but here is further evidence that it is a legitimate concern. Please note the extent of the activities of what some might try to classify as merely accessory to the dispensary operations.

Thanks,

--Jacob

<https://gooddaysacramento.cbslocal.com/2021/12/20/sacramento-cannabis-distributors-burglaries/>

Sacramento Police Investigate Burglaries Targeting Cannabis Distributors December 20, 2021 at 10:31 pm

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The city requires all cannabis production facilities to have cameras, alarms, and other security in place, but police are urging owners to take even more measures to protect their pot.

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Subject: Pot dispensaries and crime
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How are you not putting a number on dispensaries in our industrial business district? How are you allowing these business right up against our residential neighborhood? How many police do we have on duty from 10:00pm to 6:00 am? What gives you the right to put our police force and the people of this town in harms way? These types of business are a huge target for criminal activity, why do you not see and understand that? If criminals are brave enough to rob these businesses in the big city where they have huge police forces what makes you think it can't happen here? What makes you believe we are immune to this type of criminal activity? You are rolling the dice with lives of the police force and people of this town for tax dollars. I imagine our police department is already spread very thin during the night time while people should be home and sleeping comfortably in their beds. All you you are going to be doing buy having no limit and allowing these business wherever they want to be in this town is inviting unwanted criminal activity, our town should not have to put itself in harms way for a few tax dollars. You, our city council is wearing blinders to a business types that is going to invite unwanted criminal activity. I don't understand how you can't see this, it is on the news daily. It's not a matter of will this type of crime happen if we allow as many of these business as we want in town with no limits, it's when will it happen, what will happen, will lives be lost? What are you going to do, do you think the tax dollars generated from these business will be enough to put a bunch of extra policeman on duty 24 hours a day to protect those tax dollars? I don't think the extra tax money will be there, you will just be chasing your own tails. Please I ask you to reconsider the new pot zoning regulations you are trying to impose on the people of this town. Just because you're an elected official it does not give you the right to put our police force and the people of this town in harm's way for tax dollars. I think you all may need to backtrack your thinking on this and put more emphasis on safety of the people and not tax dollars. If something terrible happens in this town because of this type of business allowed based on your zoning regulations by your administration you will be the ones responsible wether you think so or not because it was you who allowed them. We our a small town with a small police force please consider this when making your final decisions on these matters.

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So you the council really believe that these businesses are safe for the people of Fort Bragg?I think you need to give this another thought before putting these business within feet of the people of our town. You have all been defending how safe they are compared to other businesses since the beginning of all of this.I don't think so.

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