



*Calvary Chapel Fort Bragg*

2/13/18

To The City of Fort Bragg, the Planning Commission and Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in order to object to the use permit for cannabis manufacturing.

I was initially approached some time ago by Mr. Jon McColley, regarding his business endeavor. He informed me that he would be manufacturing cannabis products (Marijuana). I was clear with him that I could never approve of such a business, based on my personal convictions and past personal experience with marijuana. But I also believe that if someone runs a business that is an affront to my morality, unfortunately, he may have a right to do it anyway. I told him to "Go ahead, but I do not support you".

I did ask him, "What do you want from me?" His answer was, "Oh, nothing. Just want to be a good neighbor."

I have since done some research and learned some facts. Facts that my good neighbor forgot to mention.

1. Producing oils and "dabs" is dangerous, and it is documented that there have been numerous explosions during the course of production of such things.
2. The chemicals used in production are harmful.
3. There is a stench from production that will hang in the air of our neighborhood.
4. Zoning regulations prevent anyone from conducting such a business within 200 feet of a church.

(I wonder why he forgot to share this with me.)

The following is a paragraph copied from tonight's agenda, found on page 7:

*The City mailed notices of the Public Hearing to property owners within 300 feet of the property. At the time of writing this staff report, the City has not received any feedback from the public, including the church. Based on the project's compliance with the ILUDC and the specific requirements for cannabis manufacturing uses, and the lack of objections from neighboring uses, staff recommends the Planning Commission find the proposed cannabis manufacturing facility compatible with the existing and future land uses in the vicinity, and specifically Calvary Chapel at 900 North Main Street.*

Calvary Chapel did not initially object because 1. **We were ill-informed.** 2. I thought that this public hearing is where objections were to be presented.

So THIS is my feedback: **I do NOT approve in any form or fashion.**

**Zoning regulations are clear. No cannabis manufacturing within 200 feet of a church.**

I wish the best for Mr. McColley, but I am first and foremost responsible for what is best for my congregation.

Sincerely,

Kevin Green  
Senior Pastor, President  
Calvary Chapel Fort Bragg

## McCormick, Sarah

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**From:** Jean Goodall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 2:42 PM  
**To:** McCormick, Sarah  
**Subject:** Notes read at 2/14/18 Planning Commission meeting Opposiiton to Cannibus Manufacturing

I object to cannabis manufacturing and cannabis retail sales in Fort Bragg, CA

1) The rules have changed, as indicated by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. We know the Cole memo is no longer in effect, but even if it were, all 8 conditions that could precipitate federal law enforcement have been violated. If the federal government now decides to enforce the law, as they should, additional investment in cultivating, manufacturing and distribution could come to an abrupt halt. It is a high risk investment for the Mr. Connelly and the city. Best wait until the new rules are established.

2) Federal law is supreme vs state law. Even though for the last 9 years the federal government has simply refused to enforce the law, in violation of their most important responsibility which is to protect the people, that could change and individuals and local government could be help accountable.

*Federal law criminalizes aiding and abetting another in committing a federal crime, conspiring to commit a federal crime, assisting in the commission of a federal crime, concealing knowledge of a felony from the United States, and laundering the proceeds of CSA offenses. 18 U.S.C. 2-4, 371, 1956.*

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-marijuana-surplus-export-20171001-story.html>

3) Concentrates made from marijuana are very high in THC content, and normally used in edibles, dabbing and vaping. The impacts on humans include brain damage and loss of IQ by up to 8 points, psychotic breaks that can lead to violent acts, 7 times greater chance of suicide, 5 times greater chance of developing mental illness including schizophrenia and paranoia and bi-polar disease, birth defects, physical harms and impairment leading to traffic deaths. All of the above lead to more crime, homelessness, academic failure, lost productivity and a burden on literally all aspects of public service. (see [www.casacolumbia.org/](http://www.casacolumbia.org/)

4) Actual lab sampling has shown that 80 to 93% of marijuana products being sold in California are tainted with toxic chemicals <http://abc7news.com/health/labs-warn-of-dangerous-contaminated-pot-at-dispensaries/2965470/>

5) Currently California produces 8x more pot than is consumed within our state boundaries and we supply over 60% of the US market .... more than all cartels combined. It is likely that the federal government will finally put a stop to this. <http://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-ca-essential-politics-updates-california-producing-pot-surplus-1501101923-htmlstory.html>

6) As per the Cultivating Disaster study from Calaveras County, ([www.silentpoison.com](http://www.silentpoison.com)) the environmental destruction to our land and wildlife, streams being diverted and polluted, and watersheds being contaminated by poisons seeping into the ground could cost over \$1 million per site to clean up. In Calaveras County, that could amount to \$2 billion alone for 1200 grow sites. If the environment matters, we shouldn't do anything more to exacerbate this problem. <https://www.motherjones.com/environment/2014/03/marijuana-weed-pot-farming-environmental-impacts/>