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Fwd: Argument against Marijuana Lounges

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Michelle Fournier <fournierm@reno.gov> Tue, Oct 18, 2022 at 4:30 PM
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From: **Mary Edwards** <kennethkdean123@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Oct 9, 2022 at 4:33 PM

Subject: Argument against Marijuana Lounges

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Attn: Reno City Council Members

Concerning Marijuana Lounges

Hello,

My name Mary Edwards

I'm writing to you to express my concerns concerning marijuana lounges here in Reno, NV. and the surrounding whole of Washoe County.

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My boyfriend of 26 years was addicted to marijuana, I and my family was able to get him away from it.

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effects of the marijuana to reduce enough to be able drive coherently enough to drive safely.
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What we don't want this to happen here.

The problem is that we will be in the same situation as San Bernardino. Needles, urine, and fecal matter around our city on the sidewalks and parks.

<https://graphics.latimes.com/san-bernardino/>

These lounges will not reduce the crimes of illegal cannabis farms, it will increase it.

I hope this argument Against Marijuana Lounges is taken seriously.

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Michelle Fournier <fournierm@reno.gov> Tue, Oct 18, 2022 at 4:30 PM
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From: **Allen Price** <allenprice1825@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Oct 9, 2022 at 7:16 PM

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How could you regulate these like let's say a bar? In my opinion you can't.

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Public Comment on Agenda Item F.2--Title 18 Text Amendments, 10/26/22

1 message

Patricia Lynch <patricia@nvlawyers.com> Sun, Oct 23, 2022 at 12:15 AM
To: "weberb@reno.gov" <weberb@reno.gov>, "publiccomment@reno.gov" <publiccomment@reno.gov>
Cc: Keith Capurro <keith@deeprootsharvest.com>, Ryan Breeden <ryan@deeprootsharvest.com>, Rich Williamson <rich@nvlawyers.com>

Dear Council Member Weber,

Attached please find a letter I am forwarding to you on behalf of my client, Deep Roots Harvest, which was submitted in support of this ordinance at the first reading on October 12, 2022. My client is hopeful that you will continue to support this ordinance particularly as it reinstates the 2500 foot restriction between cannabis dispensaries. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my client if you have any questions regarding their support of this agenda item. Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Lynch

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October 7, 2022

Via Electronic Mail

Honorable Bonnie Weber
weberb@reno.gov
public comment @reno.gov

Re: Restoring Spacing Requirements for Cannabis Establishments

Dear Councilmember Weber,

We are contacting you as one of the licensed cannabis dispensaries in the City of Reno to provide our comments on the consideration of agenda item which addresses the locational requirements for cannabis uses in Title 18 of the Reno Municipal Code. Deep Roots Harvest is in favor restoring the 2500 foot spacing requirement between cannabis establishments and is pleased that the Reno City Planning Commission and the City's professional planning staff recommend a restoration of that spacing requirement.

It appears that the removal of the spacing requirement may have been an oversight as it was recommended by outside consultants in an effort to streamline the code in the zoning code rewrite and have it mirror the spacing requirements currently in state law. However, the City of Reno looked at this issue when it originally adopted the spacing requirement and had its reasons for adopting such a requirement which are still valid today. The City was concerned about an overconcentration of cannabis establishments in one area, most notably, the Downtown area, and the potential negative effects of allowing an overconcentration of such establishments. Those concerns of creating a vibrant mix of uses in the Downtown area still have merit as the City expands its downtown to reach out to the University and provide more than nighttime and entertainment uses in the core of the City. Likewise, it is a legitimate goal to prevent an overconcentration of such establishments in any part of the City.

We were pleased to hear positive comments about restoring the 2500 feet spacing requirement during the City Council's recent meeting discussing cannabis lounges, pickup and drive-throughs, and expanded hours for dispensaries. It appears that Council remains aware of the reasons for the adoption of the 2500 feet spacing requirement in the first place and the desire to prevent an overconcentration of cannabis establishments in any part of the City.

Lastly, when all of the currently licensed cannabis dispensaries applied for their business licenses, they had to adhere to the 2,500 feet spacing requirement between cannabis establishments. It is a basic fairness issue to have all cannabis establishments meet the same criteria that has been applied to the existing licensees.

Thank you for considering our comments and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Keith Capurro', written in a cursive style.

Keith Capurro
Chief Executive Officer



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