

From: [Sheikhali, Monet](#)
To: [Erik Abernethy](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Public Hearing Project Flora Terra
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 12:19:00 PM

Hello Erik,

Thank you for your email and stating your objections to the proposed dispensary at 4575 Highway 12. I will include a copy of this email conversation in the public record and will provide a copy to the Planning Commission before any action is taken.

On December 19, 2017, the City Council enacted comprehensive regulations for commercial cannabis after the State of California approved the sale of cannabis for adult use. The cannabis ordinance does not regulate setbacks to residential land uses. The only setbacks regulated by the cannabis ordinance are the distance from schools and the distance from other cannabis dispensaries. The proposed dispensary is more than 600 feet from the schools in this area and 600 feet from the approved and proposed dispensaries and is consistent with the required regulations. Also, pursuant to State requirements, the applicant will have security personnel onsite during the hours of operation to monitor the activities on the premises. The applicant will also install security cameras that will monitor the site 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The project plans have been referred to the police department for review, and no concerns have been raised.

Regards,

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From: Erik Abernethy <erikabernethy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Sheikhali, Monet <msheikhali@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Hearing Project Flora Terra

Hello,

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming hearing and proposed Project Flora Terra. As a homeowner, health care provider and parent very near to this location, this proposal raises great concern. This intersection and businesses in close proximity has an increasing growth of

individuals suffering from homelessness, drug abuse and psychiatric illness. In the five years we have lived here, I have seen an increase in this population and creeping over to the surrounding neighborhoods and community. A business selling drugs will only propagate this behavior and draw more individuals to this location. Already within a mile down highway 12 is a smoke shop and dispensary. I cannot understand why this would be considered and strongly oppose approval of this business. I have spoken to many neighbors who also appose and I hope they speak up as well. Why are we not working towards building a stronger and enriched community and local small business instead of supplying poison to reap financial gain?

Thank you

~Erik

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From: [Sheikhali, Monet](#)
To: [Katharina Abernethy](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Flora Terra Cannabis store
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:29:00 PM

Hello Katherina,

Thank you for your email and stating your objections to the proposed Flora Terra dispensary. I have included a copy of this email conversation in the public record and will provide a copy to the Planning Commission before any action is taken.

On December 19, 2017, the City Council enacted comprehensive regulations for commercial cannabis after the State of California approved the sale of cannabis for adult use. The cannabis ordinance does not regulate setbacks to residential uses. The only setbacks regulated by the cannabis ordinance are the distance from schools and the distance from other cannabis dispensaries, which is 600 ft. The proposed dispensary is more than 600 feet from the schools in this area and 600 feet from the other dispensaries and is consistent with the required regulations.

Pursuant to State requirements, the applicant will have security personnel onsite during the hours of operation to monitor the activities on the premises. The applicant will also install security cameras that will monitor the site 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The project plans have been referred to the police department for review, and no concerns have been raised.

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From: Katharina Abernethy <kathab2019@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 1:18 PM
To: Sheikhali, Monet <msheikhali@srcity.org>; Katharina Abernethy <kathab2019@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Flora Terra Cannabis store

To whom this may concern,

I want to express my wholehearted opposition to the proposed Flora Terra dispensary in the former Starbucks location.

I am a resident living in the neighborhood behind the proposed business. My family and I moved to Rincon valley in order to raise a family. The Rincon valley district has attracted families for the location and best schools in Santa Rosa for generations. It is and has always been a safe family neighborhood.

Cannabis maintains a drug whether it is legalized or not and I am appalled that drug dealers are setting up their shop in an area where families are trying to safely raise their children! Cannabis is used mostly recreationally and side effects are becoming more apparent to the medical community (which I am part of). These side effects are especially pronounced in children. These parents are working hard to educate their kids about drug use. We should not promote drug use by allowing another dispensary to be set up in this area.

Two cannabis dispensaries already exist within a 4 mile radius.

Lastly, the area is close to the creek and as a problem with homeless folks loitering in the neighborhood and sleeping in the plaza (Former Starbucks location). Occasional instances of unstable behavior either due to street drug use or Psychosis have been observed, but have not led to significant problems.

I fear that the proposed cannabis store (next to a liquor store that already exist there) would a different crowd to the area and cause the neighborhood to be less safe.

I hope for my concerns are considered and that this proposal will be rejected.

Sincerely,

Katharina Abernethy