

From: [Ross, Adam](#)
To: [Manis, Dina](#)
Subject: July 13, 2021, Council Agenda Public Hearing Item 15.2 - Additional Public Correspondence
Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:27:39 AM

Hi Dina,

Please include this email to as part of the July 13, 2021, City Council Agenda item 15.2, Alternatives East (Dispensary) Appeal.

Let me know if you need this in a different format.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ron Dodge [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] July 4, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Ross, Adam <ARoss@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CUP19-117 2300 Bethards proposed marijuana dispensary

July 4, 2021

Adam Ross
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Via e mail

RE: CUP19-117

2300 Bethards Dr., Santa Rosa
Proposed Marijuana Dispensary
Dear Mr. Ross:

My family and I are Sonoma County residents and I am contacting you to communicate opposition to the proposed marijuana dispensary adjacent to a shopping center where my family shops and located on a street we frequent on an almost daily basis. We often patronize many of the Bennett Valley Shopping Center merchants including but not limited to CVS, Safeway, Starbucks, Chase Bank and a number of restaurants, but are concerned enough about the behavior of those who deal and use narcotic drugs as well as those who rob them that we will alter our travel pattern to avoid passing 2300 Bethards Dr. and select alternate locations to shop.

The proposed dispensary location is surrounded by residential areas and there are several nearby schools and churches which result in regular pedestrian and vehicle traffic, especially past the Yulupa Ave. side of the proposed dispensary building. (located at the corner of Bethards Dr. and Yulupa Ave).

Impaired driving, difficult to detect for marijuana intoxication, is always a concern for any location catering to drug users and immediate consumption is impossible to control once a customer walks out the door.

The sixth amendment of the U.S. Constitution clarifies that federal law is the supreme law of the land, and while enforcement by our Federal Government may be inconsistent or lax in some areas, such as marijuana prohibition, any action by a state, by either by legislation, initiative or effectively by failure to prosecute, is without legal effect.

The proposed conditional use permit should be unconditionally denied!

Very Truly Yours,
(signed)
Ron Dodge

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