

Manis, Dina

From: Leslye Charlesworth <leslyecharlesworth@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 9:30 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: SRFACS

To Santa Rosa City Counsel Members,

I am writing about tomorrow's discussion on whether or not to permit the BKind cannabis dispensary to be opened at 1128 Sonoma Avenue. My two children, ages 6 & 9 attend school at the Santa Rosa French American Charter School, a school in Santa Rosa City Schools and I would ask you not to allow this business to be open less than 1000 feet of an elementary school. It just does not feel like a fitting location & a good thing for children to be exposed to.

Thank you for your consideration of these young children.

Many thanks,

Leslye Charlesworth

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From: Briana Seely-Clark <seelyclark@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 6:54 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: Cannabis Dispensary

Dear City Council Members,

I'm writing this email to urge you against allowing a dispensary so close to our schools. 1128 Sonoma Ave is just too close to our elementary school campus. We have an elementary, middle and high school all within close range, all of which are impressionable youth that don't need to see marijuana normalized. I am not against medical uses, but I don't feel having a dispensary so close to our schools and exposing children to it is responsible. I am seriously concerned about safety and exposure. Several of the current dispensaries have been targeted and robbed, we do not need that sort of activity near our schools. Please look at the safety of our children, they are the future of Sonoma County. Please vote No.

Sincerely,
Briana Seely-Clark
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sarah Drlikova <sdrlikova@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:11 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Cc: MGervais@srfacs.org
Subject: Cannabis dispensary

Dear Santa Rosa City Council Members.

We are writing concerning the proposed cannabis dispensary near the Santa Rosa French American Charter School, which our children attend (second and fifth grade). We have carefully reviewed data regarding cannabis and dispensary safety. We think that fears regarding a cannabis dispensary are wholly unfounded and not based in any sort of fact.

We have no objections to a legal business in close proximity to where are children go to school. We have far more concerns about needles we find on campus, from the homeless population that traffic through our school to Doyle Park. Of similar concern are the numerous pharmacies in the area that dispense opioids, the addiction of which have become epidemic across America and Sonoma County. Cannabis of course, can reside in the realm of addiction, but the stigma that surround it is not proportionate to the harm it can do.

It is our understanding that the California Law pertaining to drugs within a thousand feet of a school under the health and safety code, have to do with unlawful possession of a narcotic. When Californians passed the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, they gave adults over 21 the right to lawful possession of cannabis. Arguably, the 1000 foot rule does not apply to this proposed dispensary. While we realize there may be arguments on Federal Restrictions about cannabis, Californians have been exercising their state rights concerning cannabis for some time.

In closing, we so no valid reason to interfere with a valid and legal business that will generate tax income for our city and school. We would prefer to see the current illegal drug problems that are occurring in very close proximity to our school receive the time and energy that has been put forth trying to stop a legal, non threatening entity from fulfilling their business plan.

Sincerely,

Sarah Drlik and Daren Treinen



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